



Membership / Supporter Policy

PURPOSE

The aim of this policy is to clarify the content of Great Lakes FM Constitution by making explicit the underlying principles of Members and to document how Membership is managed within the organisation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY FRAMEWORK

- Incorporated Associations Act 2009 (IAA 2009) and Regulations

Membership Policy

Membership qualifications

A person is qualified to be a Member of the Association if,

The applicant is a resident of the Great Lakes Shire as defined in Rule 4(1).of the Constitution (Great Lakes Shire is the same as Forster RA1 as defined by ACMA)

Has applied for membership of the Association

Has been approved for membership of the Association by the Management Committee

The person agrees to abide by the Constitution of the Association.

Membership shall be open to statutory authorities, community and similar organisations who subscribe to the Constitution of the Association.

Membership is not open to political parties.

Membership is not open organisations operating existing broadcasting licences.

Application for membership

An application for membership of the Association

Shall be made by the applicant in writing using the Great lakes FM Membership application form and returned to the station to be lodged with the Secretary of the Association.

Membership applications will be reviewed at the next management committee meeting after the form is lodged with the Secretary of the Association



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Membership's refusal will not be taken lightly and will be as a last resort if the committee believes the applicant does not or cannot abide by the Great Lakes FM rules and policies.

To reject an application for membership, the secretary shall, within 14 days of the Management Committee meeting notify the applicant in Writing

Cessation of membership

A person ceases to be a member of the Association if the person:

- (a) Dies;
- (b) Resigns from membership
- (c) Is expelled from the Association;
- (d) Fails to pay outstanding membership fees within one month of the due date.

Membership entitlements not transferable

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the Association:

- (a) May not be transferred or transmitted to another person;
- (b) Terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

Resignation of membership

A member of the Association may resign from membership by written notice to the secretary stating the date of termination of membership.

Register of members

The Secretary of the Association will establish and maintain a register of members of the Association specifying the name and address of each member together with the date on which the person became a member.



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Fees and subscriptions

A member of the Association must pay to the Association an annual membership fee as determined by the Committee from time to time. Membership fees are renewable on 30 June each year and if not paid within 30 days of that date, membership will lapse and a new membership application will be required.

Members' liabilities

The liability of a member of the Association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association is limited to the amount of \$10.00 in addition to any other amount unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the Association as required by rule 10.

Resolution of internal disputes

Disputes between members (in their capacity as members) of the Association, and disputes between members and the Association, are to be handled in accordance with this Constitution, the Association's Conflict Resolution Policy and the Community Broadcasting Code of Practice.

Disciplining of members

A complaint may be made to the Committee by any member of the Association that another member:

Has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of this Constitution or

has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association.

On receiving such a complaint, the Committee must:

(a) Within 10 days, cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned and

(b) Allow that member at least 14 days from the time the notice is served in which to make

Submissions to the Committee in connection with the complaint.

The management Committee will review the response from the member and decide what action will be taken in accordance with the Constitution and Association policy



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Right of reply of rejected applicant or disciplined member

An applicant who is rejected or a member who is suspended/expelled from membership of the Association shall be notified and given 14 days to reply.

Right of appeal of rejected applicant or disciplined member

An applicant who is rejected or a member who is suspended/expelled from membership of the Association shall, if he or she wishes to appeal against that rejection or expulsion, give notice to the Secretary of his or her intention to do so within a period of 14 days.



Supporters

Supporter Qualifications

A person / Organisation is qualified to be a Supporter of the Association if,

They do not qualify to be a member because of not residing in the Great Lakes Shire (I.E. Forster RA1 Broadcast Area)

Dose not wish to be a Member of the Association

Or just wishes to provide Support to Great Lakes FM

Has applied to be a Supporter of Great Lakes FM

Supporters status shall be open to persons, statutory authorities, community and similar organisations who subscribe to the Aims of Great lakes FM and wish to show support

Supporters Status is not open to political parties.

Supporters Status is not open organisations operating existing broadcasting licences.

Application to be a Supporter

An application for membership of the Association

Shall be made by the applicant in writing using the Great lakes FM Supporter application form and returned to the station to be lodged with the Secretary of the Association.

Supporter status is granted once the form and fees have been received.

Support status doesn't require the approval of the committee to be granted but can be revoked by the committee if the person or organisation does not uphold the aims and objectives of Great Lakes FM.

Revoking Supporter status will not be taken lightly and will be as a last resort if the committee believes the applicant does not or cannot abide by the Great Lakes FM rules and policies.



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Cessation of Supporter Status

A person ceases to be a Supporter of the Association if the person:

- (e) Dies;
- (f) Resigns from Supporter Status
- (g) Is expelled from the Supporter status
- (h) Fails to pay outstanding Supporter fees within one month of the due date.

Supporter Entitlements

Supporters are not entitled to vote at any meetings of Great Lakes Area FM Community Radio Association Inc or hold any position on the committee, unless they are also a member of the Association.

Supporters are entitled to attend social and community events as offered to members/Supporters

Supporters are entitled to any discounts as offered to members/Supporters

Supporter Entitlements not transferable

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a Supporter of the Great Lakes FM

- (b) May not be transferred or transmitted to another person;

Resignation of Supporter Status

A supporter of the Great Lakes FM may resign from Supporter Status by written notice to the secretary stating the date of termination of Supporter Status.

Register of Supporter

The Secretary of the Association will establish and maintain a register of Supporters

Fees and subscriptions

A Supporter of the Association must pay to the Association an annual fee as determined by the Committee from time to time. fees are renewable on 30 June each year and if not paid within 30 days of that date, supporter Status will laps

Supporter' liabilities

Supporter do not have any liability's to the Association other than a annual fee as determined by the committee to maintain Supporter status.

This Membership policy does not supersede any other policy or the Constitution of the Association.

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