

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMMUNITY RADIO INC (A0028524C)

### MEMBERSHIP POLICY

**RATIONALE:** West Gippsland Community Radio Inc. encourages applications for membership from the broadcast area and beyond, from people of all ages who enjoy community radio and wish to support the station.

#### **TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:**

**FULL:** For adults who do not have a Health Care Card. Each member is entitled to a vote at Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings after six months' membership, may accept nomination to the Board after 12 months' membership, receives a quarterly newsletter, and may be trained as a presenter.

**CONCESSION/STUDENT:** For adults who have a Health Care Card, and for students under 25, whether or not they are living at home. Each member is entitled to a vote at Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings after six months' membership, may accept nomination to the Board after 12 months' membership, receives a quarterly newsletter. and may be trained as a presenter.

**FAMILY:** Entitles the whole family to membership, with one members nominated to exercise a vote at Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings after six months' membership. The nominee may accept nomination to the Board after 12 months' membership, and any of the listed members may be trained as presenters. The family receives a quarterly newsletter.

**CORPORATE:** A business or community organisation may become a member, and nominate a person to represent and vote on behalf of the organisation. This vote may be exercised after the organisation has been a member for six months. One two-year term on the Board is reserved for a representative of Corporate members. A not-for-profit organisation that is a Corporate Member may have a person trained to present a program on behalf of the organisation, and each organisation receives a quarterly newsletter.

**FRIENDS :** Friends of 3BBR may be of any age, and may be a couple, a family group or an organisation. There is no entitlement to a vote, or to nomination to the Board, but the Friend receives a quarterly newsletter

#### **EXPECTATIONS:**

1. It is expected that all members will agree to abide by the Rules, Policies and Procedures of West Gippsland Community Radio Inc. and accept the provisions of the Dispute Policy and Grievance Procedure.
2. It is expected that all members will pay their subscription promptly when they are notified that the subscription is due.
3. It is expected that all members will promote the interests of West Gippsland Community Radio in the broadcast area.
4. It is expected that Members who are also volunteers will carry out their duties in a competent and professional manner.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Leave of absence for any reason, from presenting, administrative or Board duties, will be granted upon application.

### **RESIGNATION:**

A member may resign for any reason at any time, by giving one month's notice in writing to the Secretary.

In the case of a Presenter, withdrawal from a program for any reason should be subject to at least a fortnight's notice to the person responsible for programming.

### **LIMITATIONS ON MEMBERSHIP:**

Applications for membership are welcomed.

They are submitted to the Board for approval, and will only be rejected under the following clause of the Constitution:

“(5) The Board must determine whether to approve or reject the application.

An application may only be rejected if:

(a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Applicant would not abide by the Rules and objectives of the Association; or

(b) required by law; or

(c) the Applicant has been convicted of an indictable offence; or

(d) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Applicant would not abide by the Community Broadcasting Codes of Practice; or

(e) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Applicant would pose a security risk to the members or the premises of the Association.”

If the Applicant believes that the Board has made an error in applying this rule, the applicant may appeal on those grounds.

### **RECORDS OF MEMBERSHIP:**

Upon entry and exit from West Gippsland Community Radio, necessary entries will be made in the Register, maintained by the Secretary. A member may view the Membership Register at an agreed time and place, and may make copies of entries.

### **HISTORY:**

Drafted May 2013.

Adopted July 2013

### **Documents Related to This Policy:**

Community Broadcasting Codes of Practice Codes 1 and 2

West Gippsland Community Radio Inc. Rules

West Gippsland Community Radio Standing Orders

West Gippsland Community Radio Volunteer Policy

### **Compliance:**

West Gippsland Community Radio Inc. affirms the right of members to participate in discussions of policy, and the responsibility of members to accept and implement policy decisions.

Members who believe that their rights as defined by this policy have been infringed, have recourse by Complaint to the Board, and access to the Grievance Policy as specified in the Rules (Clause 7B; 1-6)

Members who do not comply with the responsibilities defined by this policy are subject to disciplinary action as defined in the Rules (Clause 7A; 1-10).

