



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION POLICY

91.5FM Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc.

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RATIONALE

The mission of Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. is to establish and operate radio and production studios for the presentation of material of a Christian nature for the furtherance of Christian knowledge, understanding and entertainment, as the Management Committee sees fit: and for the promotion of well-being amongst people of the Cooloola Region. The stations does this through building community spirit with the promotion of community organisations and their activities on Cooloola Christian Radio. This involves making the studio open to participation by members of the community both as representatives of community organisations, artists and individuals.

ENTERTAINMENT

BASIC PRINCIPLES:

Programming content and programs must be consistent with the station's vision, mission and values.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. sees itself as an active part of the community it serves. The participation is two-way.

1. Through Open Days and invitations, members of the community are welcome to visit the studio at any time, and observe programs going to air, have a guided tour of the studios, and become volunteers in whatever role is appropriate to their skills and interests.
2. Membership is open to all who apply except as provided in Rules 4 of constitution and forwarded to the Management Committee at monthly meeting for acceptance.
3. Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. will only refuse membership applications on the basis of specific, transparent and reasonable criteria, and provide adequate grievance or review mechanisms for rejected applicants.
4. Promotion of membership to Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. through on-air announcements, membership drives, website / social media, distributing brochures at outdoor broadcasts and community events, notices on community bulletin boards, advertisements or articles in the local press.
5. Actively market the benefits of Associate Membership for community groups and general membership for listeners in the community to Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc.
6. Training is offered to volunteers for a variety of roles in Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc., and is provided free of charge.
7. Members of Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. have been trained in Community Building, so initiate and complete projects in Community Building where appropriate.
8. Not-for-profit organisations will have access to free programming, whether community service announcements, interviews or regular programs on Cooloola Christian Radio.
9. Form relationships with Volunteer Coordinating Services to attract volunteers from within our community.
10. Members, volunteers and listeners to Cooloola Christian Radio will have the right to query policy, comment upon program quality and content and receive feedback.

11. Inclusion of members, volunteers and listeners on the Programming Committee of Cooloola Christian Radio.
12. Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. will take an active part in local events such as Festivals and Expos.
13. Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. will join local groups such as Business Groups, and use their contacts within other not-for-profit organisations to expand membership, participation and service provision.
14. Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. will provide volunteers, where possible, for local events.
15. Cooloola Christian Radio will make our broadcast accessible to all through online methods.
16. Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. will continue to use a variety of ways to encourage community participation in the wider operations of the organisation.
17. Provide statistics on membership, volunteer involvement by members and non-members by category, as part of the Management Report at the Annual General Meeting of Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc.

HISTORY

Constitution, Adopted (20th November 2001)

This document is available upon request.

Mission statement January 2016

DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THIS POLICY

COMMUNITY RADIO CODE OF PRACTICE

Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. Constitution

Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. Programming Policy

Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. External Communications Policy

COMPLIANCE

91.5fm Cooloola Christian Radio Association 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 9. Members who do not comply with the responsibilities defined by this policy are subject to disciplinary action as defined in the rules 7 and 8 of Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. Constitution adopted on the 20th of November 2001.

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