



MEMBERSHIP POLICY

91.5FM Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc.

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COOLOOLA CHRISTIAN RADIO ASSOCIATION INC.

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RATIONALE

Cooloola Christian Radio Association 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

Ordinary Member: Ordinary members must sign and acknowledge and also accept the Statement of Faith contained in the Constitution (available upon request).

Each member is entitled to a vote at Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings, they may accept nominations to the Board, also receive 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, may accept nomination to the Board, receives a quarterly newsletter and may be trained as a presenter.

Life Member: Life Member. An ordinary member may be admitted as a life member upon payment of a membership fee equivalent to twenty times the annual ordinary membership fee, or other such sum as the members may from time to time at any general meeting so determine or upon having paid ordinary membership fees continuously for a period of twenty years or *longer*, or such other period of time as the members may from time to time at any general meeting so determine. The number of life members shall be limited to three per year.

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

Honorary Life Member: An ordinary member may be admitted as an honorary life member upon the resolution of any general meeting of members in recognition of outstanding service by any means to the Association, The number of honorary life members shall be limited to three per year.

Corporate: A business or community organisation may become a member, and nominate a person to represent and vote on behalf of the organisation. 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.

A company, firm or organisation (whether incorporated or not) may be admitted as a corporate member. Each financial corporate member may appoint one delegate from amongst its own members' to represent it within the Association; the delegate shall have all the privileges of ordinary membership. Each corporate member shall notify the Secretary in writing of the appointment of its delegate and may from time to time revoke any such appointment and Substitute another delegate.

EXPECTATIONS:

1. It is expected that all members will agree to abide by the Rules, Policies and Procedures of 91.5fm Cooloola Christian Radio Association 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 Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. 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. Such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the Secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect.

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 of Management for approval, and will only be rejected under the following clause of the Constitution:

“(7) 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.

TERMINATION/DISMISSAL

Membership may/will be terminated or dismissed if:

- a) A member is convicted of an indictable offence;
- b) Fails to comply with any of the provisions of the Rules;
- c) Has membership fees in arrears for a period of two months or more;

- d) Conducts himself or herself in a manner injurious or prejudicial to the character or interest of the Association

RECORDS OF MEMBERSHIP:

Upon entry and exit from Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. 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.

HISTORY:

Constitution, Adopted (20th November 2001)

This document is available upon request

Mission statement January 2016

DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THIS POLICY:

Community Broadcasting Codes of Practice Codes 1 and 2

Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. Constitution

Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc. Volunteer Policy

COMPLIANCE:

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 Constitution Section 9

Members who do not comply with the responsibilities defined by this policy are subject to disciplinary action as defined in the Constitution, adopted on the 20th of November 2001.

This document is available upon request.