



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 3(1).of the Constitution
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

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



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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.

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

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.