

**Date: 27 November 2021**

**Number: 001**

**Subject: Changes to the Rules of the Australian Wildlife Protection Council (Victoria) Incorporated**

By special resolution the following rule changes are proposed:

**Rule 9 Application for Membership**

(1) To apply to become a member of the Association, a person must submit a written application to a committee member stating that the person-

- (a) wishes to become a member of the Association; and
- (b) supports the purposes of the Association; and
- (c) agrees to comply with these rules.

(2) The application -

- (a) must be signed by the applicant; and
- (b) may be accompanied by the joining fee.

*Under the changes, the rule will state:*

- (1) To apply to become a member of the Association, a person can join through the organisation's website or other digital platform.**
- (2) Written applications are still accepted and will be processed by the office administration.**

**(a), (b) and (c) - REMOVE**

**Approved.**

**(3) (a) and (b) - REMOVE.**

**Approved.**

**Rule 10 Consideration of application**

- (1) As soon as practicable after an application for membership is received, the Committee must decide by resolution whether to accept or reject the application.
- (2) The Committee must notify the applicant in writing of its decision as soon as practicable after the decision is made.
- (3) If the Committee rejects the application, it must return any money accompanying the application to the applicant.
- (4) No reason needs to be given for the rejection of an application.

*Under the changes:*

Heading will now read: **Consideration of new membership** and ‘**application**’ in (3) and (4) changed to ‘**new membership**’.

Rules 10 (3) and (4) will revert to (1) and (2) with the removal of (1) and (2) as per below:

Rule 10 (1), (2) – **REMOVE.**

**Approved**

### **Rule 11 New membership**

1. Of an application for membership is approved by the Committee –
  - (a) The resolution to accept the membership must be recorded in the minutes of the committee meeting; and
  - (b) The Secretary must, as soon as practicable, enter the name and address of the new member, in the register of members.

*Under the changes:*

Rule 11, 1a and 1b – **REMOVE.**

**Approved**

2. A person becomes a member of the Association and, subject to rule 13 (2), is entitled to exercise his or her rights of membership from the date, whichever is the later, on which –
  - (a) the Committee approves the person’s membership; or
  - (b) the person pays the joining fee.

*Under the changes, the Rule will state:*

2. A person becomes a member of the Association and subject to rule 13(2), is entitled to exercise his or her rights of membership from the date the person pays the joining fee.

**NB. With the removal of Rule 11 (1) the revised rule (2) will become (1).**

Rule 11, 2a and 2b – **REMOVE**

**Approved**

### **Rule 34 Proxies**

- (1) A member may not vote by proxy at any meeting.

*Under the change, the Rule will state:*

**A member can choose to vote by proxy at any meeting.**

**Approved**

### **Rule 35 Use of Technology**

- (1) A member not physically present may not be permitted to participate by technology at any meeting.

*Under the change, the Rule will state:*

**A member may attend meetings by using technology. Approved**

**Rule 57 Meeting of Committee**

- (1) The Committee must meet at last 4 times each year at the dates, times and places determined by the Committee.

*Under the change, the Rule will state:*

**(1) The Committee must meet at least three times each year at the dates, times and places determined by the Committee with the option of a combined Ordinary and AGM meeting.**

**(2) All meetings have the option of utilising digital platforms. NEW**

**Approved**

**Rule 62 Voting**

- (5) Voting by proxy is not permitted.

*Under the change, the Rule will state:*

**Voting by proxy is permitted. Approved**

Name	Title	Signature	Date
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