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Bellingen Community Communications Cooperative Limited MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Purpose

Bellingen Community Communications Cooperative Limited known as 2bbb FM 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 once nomination of membership after six months membership, may accept nomination to the Board after 12 months.

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.

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 a business or community organisation.

EXPECTATIONS:

1. It is expected that all members will agree to abide by the Rules, Policies and Procedures of 2bbb FM 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 2bbb FM 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 Organisation; 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 2bbb FM, 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.

Board Approval Date: ...6th February 2014