

CONSTITUTION

OF

WAVERLEY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

1. The name of the club is WAVERLEY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY.

OBJECTS

2. The objects for which the club is established are:
 - (a) To promote the interests of the Amateur Radio Service and Licensed Amateur Radio Stations as well as the Science of Radio Communications and Electronics.
 - (b) To undertake such activities as will promote such interest.
 - (c) To associate with other organisations whose aims and interests are similar to those of this club.

For the purpose of carrying out the above objects:

- (d)
 - (i) to buy, hire, lease
 - (ii) to grant and accept options over
 - (iii) to sell, let on hire, let on lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property, rights and privileges of the club.
- (e) To invest any monies of the Club not immediately required upon securities and in such manner as may be deemed fit from time to time provided that any such investment shall be placed with a registered financial institution.
- (f) To borrow money and to furnish security for loans by mortgage over the club's assets.
- (g) To make, draw, give, accept, endorse, and discount cheques, promissory notes, and other negotiable instruments.
- (h) To guarantee and/or indemnify the contracts and liabilities of others and to give security therefor.
- (i) To erect, maintain, improve, or alter, any building or buildings, for the purposes of the club.
- (j) To give security over the club's assets by mortgage or other charge for any payment, liability, or indebtedness of the Club.
- (k) To receive money on deposit.
- (l) To grant pensions, retiring allowances, superannuation benefits, long service leave, and general benefits to the employees (past and present) of the club by (a) grants of money, insurance or other aid to them and their dependants and connections, (b) establishing

- and/or subsidising funds and trust, (o) medical housing, recreational and other amenities.
- (m) To indemnify any person or persons whether members of the club or not who may incur or have incurred any personal liability for the benefit of the Club and for the purpose to give such person or persons mortgages or charges or other security over the whole or any part of the real or personal property or future of the club.
- (n) To establish, support, or aid in the establishment or support of associations, funds, trusts, and conveniences, calculated to benefit the members of the club or the dependants or connections of such members, and to make payments towards insurance for any purpose, and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects, or for any exhibition, or for any public, general, or useful object.

In the interpretation of this clause, the meaning of any of the club's objects shall be construed in such a way as to widen and not restrict the powers of the club.

LIABILITY

3. The liability of the members is limited.

INCOME AND PROPERTY

4. The income and property of the club shall be applied solely toward the promotion of the objects of the club, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred to a member or any other person PROVIDED THAT this clause shall not prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the club, or to any other person, in return for any services actually rendered to the club, nor prevent the payment of interest on money borrowed from any member of the club or other person for any of the purposes of the club.
5. If any member of the club pays or receives any sum in contravention of the terms of clause 4 hereof, his liability shall be unlimited.
6. No member shall, by reason of his membership, have any transmissible or assignable interest in any property of the club. On any member ceasing to be such, all his interests shall survive and belong to the other members for the time being.

TRUSTEES

7. All the property, real or personal, (except cash which shall be under the control of the Committee) shall be vested in the Trustees of the club. There shall not be less than two nor more than five Trustees. They shall be elected by the members in general meeting. A Trustee shall hold office until his decease, resignation or removal by general meeting, and in the case of removal it shall not be necessary to state or assign any reason therefor. Any vacancy may be filled at a general meeting.
8. The trustees shall deal with the real property of the club as directed by a resolution passed by a majority of members voting at a general meeting, and they shall deal with the personal property of the club as directed by a resolution passed by a

majority of the Committee voting at a meeting of the Committee. An entry in the appropriate minute book of the passing of such a resolution shall be conclusive evidence that such resolution has been passed.

9. Upon any sale or mortgage of any of the property of the club, the receipt of the Trustees for the time being of the club shall be a good discharge for any money paid to them in respect of such sale or mortgage and shall exonerate the payer of such money from all responsibility with regard to the application, mis-application or non-application thereof; and it shall not be necessary for the payer (or for the Registrar General) to enquire into the necessity or propriety of any such dealing or whether such persons acting as Trustees were properly appointed as such, or had received the direction of the club or the Committee (as the case may be) to sell or mortgage.
10. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the club property.
11. The trustees shall execute a Declaration of Trust to the effect that they hold the property of the club upon trust for the members thereof in accordance with the Constitution of the club for the time being in force.

WINDING UP OR DISSOLUTION

12. Every member of the club undertakes to contribute to the assets of the club in the event of the club being wound up while he is a member, or within one year afterwards, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the club contracted before he ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required not exceeding the current annual membership fee as set from time to time.
13. If, upon winding up or dissolution of the club, there remains after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the club, but shall be given or transferred to some other organisation having objects similar to those of this club, such organisation to be determined by the members at or before the time of winding up or dissolution, or in default thereof by the President for the time being of the Wireless Institute of Australia, New South Wales Division.

MEMBERSHIP

14. The classes of membership of the club, and all matters pertaining thereto not herein provided for, shall be such as shall from time to time be prescribed by the general body of members.
15. Every candidate for membership of the club shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another member of the club, both of whom shall personally know him and shall be responsible for his eligibility.
16. Application for membership shall be in writing, in such a form as the Committee may from time to time prescribe, and shall be lodged with the Secretary.
17. The election of members shall be by the Committee who shall examine all nominations for membership. The Committee may

reject any application for membership without assigning any reason for such rejection.

18. Every person elected to membership shall pay within one month of election the entrance fees and/or annual subscription for the time being in force, and shall be deemed to agree to be bound by the terms of this Constitution.

LIFE MEMBERS AND HONORARY MEMBERS

19. Upon the recommendation of the Committee, a person who has given distinguished service to the club of special merit, may be elected at an Annual General Meeting to be a life member, and shall thereafter during his life be entitled to all the privileges and rights of a member free from liability for the payment of any subscription or fees of any kind. Such election shall be by secret ballot.
20. Visitors or prominent citizens may, at the discretion of the Committee, be admitted as honorary members of the club.
21. Honorary members shall not pay entrance fees or subscriptions or be entitled to vote at any meetings of the club.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

22. A member may resign his membership of the club at any time by giving written notice to the Secretary, but shall continue liable for any moneys payable pursuant to this constitution at the date of his resignation.
23. Any member who shall in the opinion of the Committee be guilty of any conduct unbecoming of a member or prejudicial to the interest of the club, may be expelled from the club, or suspended, by resolution passed by a majority of at least two thirds of the members of the Committee. Before any such resolution is passed the member affected shall have an opportunity of giving orally or in writing any explanation or defence he may think fit.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

24. The Secretary shall keep a register of members containing the name in full, address and occupation of each member, as well as the date of the latest payment by each member of his subscription.

ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

25. The entrance fees, annual subscriptions, and any other charges payable by members, the time and manner of payment thereof, and all matters pertaining thereto not herein provided for, shall be such as shall from time to time be prescribed by the general body of members.
26. The proportionate part of the annual subscription or fee payable by any new member shall be determined by the Committee at the time of his election.
27. Subscriptions shall become due on the first day of January in each year.

28. if any member shall fail to pay his subscription within one calendar month of the due date, he shall automatically cease to be a member of the club until such subscription shall have been paid.

GENERAL MEETINGS

29. the Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held in each year in the month of April (or as near thereto as possible as the Committee shall appoint).
30. The Committee may, at any time, call a Special General Meeting of the club.
31. The Committee shall call a Special general Meeting of the Club on the written requisition of five financial members entitled to vote.
32. A General Meeting may not transact any business unless a quorum of at least twenty percent of the financial members entitled to vote are present.
33. Twenty-one days notice of any General Meeting shall be given personally or by post to each member and shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the club premises.

ORDINARY MEETINGS

34. Ordinary meetings of the club may be held at any time upon reasonable notice to the members.
35. The purpose of such Ordinary Meetings may be for the conduct of business of the club, or for project activities, or for any other purpose whatsoever, as may be determined from time to time by the Committee or the members of the club.

VOTING

36. Voting shall be by show of hands, or, if required by any member entitled to vote, by secret ballot.
37. All questions (except as otherwise provided in this Constitution) shall be decided by the majority of votes.
38. Every member entitled to vote shall have one vote on a show of hands or in a ballot.
39. The Chairman shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in the case of equality of votes.
40. The Committee may at any time authorise proxy voting and prescribe the conditions to apply to such proxy voting.

COMMITTEE

41. The management of the club shall be vested in the Committee, consisting of the following: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Publicity Officer, two other members of the club.
42. At every Annual General Meeting the members of the Committee shall retire from office.

43. Nominations for membership of the Committee for election at the Annual General Meeting shall
- (a) Be in Writing.
 - (b) Be signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee.
 - (c) Be lodged with the Secretary at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting.
44. Any casual vacancy occurring on the Committee may be filled by the Committee and the Committee may continue to act notwithstanding any such vacancy.
45. Three members of the Committee shall form a quorum.
46. The Committee shall meet for the transaction of business at times convenient to the members of the Committee and whenever the business of the club dictates.
47. The Committee may establish sub-committees for any purpose and define their power and duties, and appoint the members thereof. The Committee may also appoint a delegate of the club to the Wireless Institute of Australia, New South Wales Division, or to any Conference of such Division PROVIDED THAT no member of the club who is not also an Ordinary Member of the said Division shall be eligible for election as such a delegate.
48. The Committee shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept, showing the financial transactions of the club, and shall present to the club in General Meeting such profit and loss accounts and balance sheets and reports as are required.

BY-LAWS

49. The Committee may make by-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

50. Alteration of the Constitution shall not be made unless the proposed alteration be displayed in the club premises and be notified to each member personally or by post at least twenty-one days immediately preceding a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, or at an Annual General Meeting, and not less than three-fourths of the members present, or by proxy if so authorised, and entitled to vote at the Meeting are in favour of such alteration.