



## MEMBERSHIP POLICY

### INTRODUCTION

The role of a community broadcaster like Rose City FM is to offer opportunities for the community to be involved in their own local radio station. The Rose City FM does encourage members of the Darling Downs community to become involved through membership of the Association which holds the broadcasting licence. Membership is the foundation on which Rose City FM is built. Members of the Association participate in the management of our community radio station by having a say in how the Association is structured, operated and managed. Rose City FM's membership policy complies with Code 1 'Our responsibilities in broadcasting to meet our community interest' described in the CBA Codes of Practice.

### Application Process

1. Applicants are to fill out an application form which can be obtained from the station at any time, online, at any Outside Broadcast or from any station presenter.
2. Send or deliver the completed application to the management committee at Wallace Street Studios with membership fee enclosed.
3. At the next meeting of the Management Committee, after the receipt of any application and the fee applicable for any class of membership, such application shall be considered by the Management Committee and determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant.
4. Any applicant who received a majority of the votes from the members of the Management Committee present at the meeting shall be accepted as a member to the class of membership applied for.

### If your application is successful

You will be notified by a member of the Management Committee and will receive your appropriate member package. The secretary will add the applicants name in the register of members and on the name being so entered, the applicant becomes a member of the association.

### If you application is unsuccessful

You will receive your payment back and a letter stating the reasons your application has been rejected. If you feel you have been wrongly rejected, please contact the Management Committee and arrange a meeting with them in person to discuss a review of your application.



## MEMBERSHIP TIERS

There are four membership tiers for prospective members to choose from.

### **Associate membership**

*As an associate member you will receive:*

- a member pack containing info about the station.
- a station sticker.
- regular updates and information with regards to the station happenings.
- able to attend AGM or general meetings.

*You will not:*

- be entitled to vote at our AGM or general meetings.

### **Full membership**

*As an associate member you will receive:*

- a member pack containing info about the station.
- a station sticker.
- additional forms to be completed.
- regular updates and information with regards to the station happenings.
- encouraged to attend all and vote at AGM or general meetings.

*Expectations:*

*A full member agrees to and is expected to attend at least three general meetings throughout the year and attend the yearly AGM.*

### **Life membership**

*As determined by the Association at a General Meeting, a Life Membership will comprise of paying a multiple of Annual Subscription. All Life Members are entitled to all Association privileges and shall be unlimited in number.*

### **Junior membership**

*As a Junior Member, you:*

- must be under the age of 18 at the beginning of the Association's financial year.
- shall not be entitled to hold any Office of the Association
- will not be entitled to take part in nor vote at meetings and shall be unlimited in number.

The number of ordinary members shall be unlimited.



### **Reasons an application may be rejected are as follows:**

1. Has previously shown disregard to or has caused defamation to Rose City FM.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant would not abide by the rules and objectives of the association.
3. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant would not abide by the community broadcasting code of practice.
4. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant would pose a security risk to the members or premises of the association.
5. Required by law or been convicted of an indictable offence.

### **Resignation of membership**

A member may resign from the Association at any time by giving notice in writing to the secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received unless a later date is specified in the notice.

### **Termination of a membership**

Membership may be terminated if a member:

- (a) is convicted of an indictable offence; or
- (b) fails to comply with any of the provisions of these rules,
- (c) if a member shows disregard to the station, rules, policies and constitution,
- (d) if a member has defamed or negatively represented the station in any way,
- (e) has membership fees in arrears for a period of two months or more;
- (f) conducts him/herself in a manner considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the Association, the Management Committee shall consider whether his membership shall be terminated.

The member concerned shall be given a full and fair opportunity of presenting his/her case. If the Management Committee resolves to terminate his/her membership, it shall instruct the secretary to advise the member in writing.

### **Appeal against rejection or termination of membership**

A person whose application for membership has been rejected or terminated may:



- Lodge with the secretary written notice of the intention to appeal against the decision of the Management Committee. An appeal must be lodged within one month of receiving written notification of the rejection or termination.
- Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against the rejection or termination of the membership, the secretary shall convene a general meeting to determine the appeal. This meeting must take within three months since the formal appeal was lodged.
- At the general meeting where the appeal is being heard, the applicant shall be given the opportunity to fully present his/her case to the Management Committee or member who rejected or terminated the membership. Subsequently the Membership Committee will likewise have the opportunity of presenting their case.
- The appeal shall be determined by a vote of the members present at the end of such meeting.
- Where a person whose application is rejected or terminated does not appeal against the decision of the Management Committee within the time prescribed by the rules or where the appeal is unsuccessful, the secretary shall forthwith refund the amount of any fee paid.

### **Membership fees**

The applicant agrees to pay the membership fees at the fixed payment time each year. Late payments are not accepted.

If the applicant is in hardship and finding it difficult to pay fees by the due date, it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Management Committee prior to the payment due date to discuss payment options.



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