

MURRUMBEENA PARK BOWLS CLUB INC.
(Reg No. 00A12008V)

CONSTITUTION

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Constitution of Murrumbeena Park Bowls Club Incorporated

Registration No. A0012008V

PART I – PURPOSES, POWERS AND INTERPRETATION

1. NAME

The name of the incorporated association is Murrumbeena Park Bowls Club Inc.

2. PURPOSES OF ASSOCIATION

The Club is established solely for these purposes. The purposes of the Club are to:

- (a) conduct, encourage, promote, advance and administer Bowls throughout its local area;
- (b) act, at all times, on behalf of and in the interest of the Members and Bowls;
- (c) affiliate and otherwise liase with Bowls Victoria (including, but not limited to, its Regions and Divisions), Bowls Australia and/or World Bowls and adopt their rule and policy frameworks to further these purposes;
- (d) abide by, promulgate, enforce and secure uniformity in the application of the rules of Bowls as may be determined from time to time by Bowls Victoria, Bowls Australia and/or World Bowls and as may be necessary for the management and control of Bowls and related activities in Victoria;
- (e) advance the operations and activities of the Club throughout the local area;
- (f) maintain and conduct a sporting and social Club and to build, maintain or otherwise provide facilities for the use and recreation of the Members;
- (g) raise and borrow any monies, and to buy, sell or otherwise deal with any real or personal property, required for the purposes of the Club upon such terms and conditions and/or on such securities as may be determined;
- (h) apply for, hold and renew any liquor licences;
- (i) have regard to the public interest in its operations; and
- (j) undertake and or do all such things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these purposes.

3. POWERS OF ASSOCIATION

Solely for furthering the purposes set out above, the Club has all the rights, powers and privileges conferred on it under the Act, in particular section 16.

4. INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

4.1 Definitions

In this Constitution, unless the contrary intention appears:

Act means the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*.

Affiliated Member means a natural person recognized by the Club as a Member under rule 5.2(e) from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, such members must meet and maintain any criteria set by Bowls Victoria from time to time for "Affiliated Members" (or equivalent) under its constitution.

Annual General Meeting means a meeting of Members convened in accordance with rule 10.

Annual Subscriptions means the annual fees payable by each category of Member as determined by the Committee under rule 6.

Committee means the body consisting of the Officers under rule 15.2.

Bowls means the sport and game of bowls as determined by World Bowls with such variations as may be recognised by Bowls Australia or Bowls Victoria from time to time.

Bowls Australia means Bowls Australia Incorporated, the governing body for Bowls in Australia, or its successors.

Bowls Victoria means Bowls Victoria Incorporated, the governing body for Bowls in Victoria, or its successors.

Club means Murrumbeena Park Bowls Club Inc..

Sub-Committee means any sub-committee of the Committee created under rule 20.4 from time to time.

Constitution means this constitution of the Club as amended from time to time.

Delegate means a person appointed by the Committee to represent the Club at Bowls Victoria, or other meetings.

Officer means a member of the Committee and includes an Elected Officer and an Appointed Officer.

Division means a cluster of Bowls clubs designated by Bowls Victoria from time to time, brought together for the purpose of organizing competition within its boundaries and to carry out any other functions defined by Bowls Victoria from time to time.

Elected Officer means a Officer elected under rule 16.

Financial Year means the year ending on 31 March.

General Meeting means an Annual General Meeting together with any meeting of Members convened in accordance with rule 11.

Life Member means an individual elected as such under rule 5.3(a).

Member means any person recognized as a member of the Club by the Committee under rule 5 from time to time.

President means the president of the Club appointed in accordance with rule 15.2(b) from time to time.

Region means an area of Victoria having boundaries as approved by Bowls Victoria from time to time. A reference to "Region" also includes the committee or other body appointed to administer an approved area.

Register means the register of Members kept in accordance with rule 7.1.

Regulations mean any regulations made by the Committee under rule 32.

Special Resolution has the same meaning as the Act.

World Bowls means World Bowls Limited, the international governing body for Bowls, or its successors.

4.2 Interpretation

In this Constitution:

- (a) a reference to a rule, regulation, schedule or annexure is to a rule, regulation, schedule or annexure of, or made under, this Constitution;
- (b) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (c) words importing any gender include the other genders;
- (d) headings are for convenience only and shall not be used for interpretation;
- (e) words or expressions shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Act as they vary from time to time;
- (f) references to persons include natural persons, corporations and bodies politic, and any legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns of that person;
- (g) a reference to a statute, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other statutory instruments under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them (whether of the same or any legislative authority having jurisdiction); and
- (h) expressions referring to "writing" shall unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, photography and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, including messages sent by electronic mail.

4.3 Enforceability

If any provision of this Constitution or any phrase contained in it is invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, the phrase or provision shall be read down for the purpose of that jurisdiction, if possible, so it is valid and enforceable. If it can not be

so read down the provision shall be severed to the extent of the invalidity or unenforceability. The remaining provisions of this Constitution and its validity or enforceability shall not be affected by the severance in any other jurisdiction.

PART II - MEMBERSHIP

5. MEMBERSHIP OF CLUB

5.1 Categories of Member

The Members shall be, and shall be divided into, the following categories:

- (a) Affiliated (Full) Members, who shall have the right to be present, debate and vote at General Meetings;
- (b) Life Members, who shall have the right to be present, debate and vote at General Meetings; and
- (c) such other category or categories of members as determined by the Committee from time to time. These categories are described in the Club Regulations.

5.2 Application for Membership – Affiliated Member

- (a) To be eligible for membership as an Affiliated Member, the applicant must be a natural person and meet any other criteria set by the Committee from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, such members also must meet and maintain any criteria set by Bowls Victoria from time to time for "Affiliated Members" (or equivalent) under its constitution.
- (b) Subject to this Constitution or any procedures set by the Committee from time to time, an application for membership as an Affiliated Member must be:
 - (i) in writing in the form prescribed by the Committee from time to time;
 - (ii) accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees, if any; and
 - (iii) lodged with the Committee or its nominee. (ie the Club Secretary)
- (c) The Committee may, in its discretion, determine whether to approve or decline the application.
- (d) If the Committee does not approve an application for membership, it shall, as soon as practicable, notify the applicant in writing that their application for membership is not approved. The Committee is not required to give reasons for its decision.
- (e) If a person satisfies the criteria set by this rule 5.2 and the Committee accepts the application for membership, the person shall be deemed an Affiliated Member, subject always to this Constitution and Club Regulations.

5.3 Life Members

- (a) Nominations for Life Membership should be lodged with the Committee or its nominee. The Committee may recommend to the annual general meeting that any natural person who has rendered distinguished service to the Club be appointed as a Life Member. Club Regulations describe the service criteria.
- (b) A resolution of the annual general meeting to confer life membership on the recommendation of the Committee must be a Special Resolution.
- (c) A person must accept or reject the Club's resolution to confer life membership in writing. Upon written acceptance, the person's details shall be entered upon the Register, and from the time of entry on the Register the person shall be a Life Member, but remain subject to this Constitution.

5.4 Renewal of membership

- (a) Affiliated Members must reapply for membership each Financial Year through the procedure set out in this Constitution or by the Committee from time to time.
- (b) Members other than Affiliated Members must reapply for membership as determined by the Committee from time to time.

5.5 Deemed Membership

All persons who are, prior to the approval of this Constitution under the Act, Members of the Club shall be deemed Members from the time of approval of this Constitution under the Act. Such membership shall continue subject to the terms of this Constitution.

5.6 Effect of Membership

- (a) Members acknowledge and agree that:
 - (i) this Constitution constitutes a contract between each of them and the Club and that they are bound by this Constitution and the Regulations;
 - (ii) they shall comply with and observe this Constitution and the Regulations;
 - (iii) by submitting to this Constitution and the Regulations they are subject to the jurisdiction of the Club;
 - (iv) this Constitution and Regulations are necessary and reasonable for promoting the purposes of the Club; and
 - (v) they are entitled to all benefits, advantages, privileges and services of their membership as determined by the Committee.

- (b) Members may by virtue of membership of the Club and subject to this Constitution:
 - (i) express in writing or otherwise their views and opinions in any meeting in respect of which they are entitled to participate in accordance with this Constitution;
 - (ii) make proposals or submissions to the Committee;
 - (iii) engage and participate in any activity approved, sponsored or recognised by the Club; and
 - (iv) conduct any activity approved by the Club.
- (c) A right, privilege or obligation of a person by reason of their membership of the Club:
 - (i) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
 - (ii) terminates upon the cessation of membership whether by death, resignation or otherwise.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

- (a) The Annual Subscriptions and any other fees payable by Members or categories of Members to the Club, the benefits which apply, the time for, and manner of payment, shall be determined by the Committee from time to time.
- (b) The Committee is empowered to prevent any Member whose Annual Subscription or any other fees are in arrears from exercising the whole or any of the rights or privileges of membership of the Club, including but not limited to the right to vote at General Meetings.
- (c) If any Member fails to pay the Annual Subscription within 60 days of the commencement of the Financial Year in any year his membership shall thenceforth cease but should a sufficient explanation be made to the Committee it shall have the power to restore his name to the register upon payment of the amount due.

7. REGISTERS

7.1 Club to Keep Register of Members

The Club shall keep and maintain a Register of Members in which shall be entered the full name, address, category of membership, date of entry of the name of each Member and whether the Member has been granted voting rights.

7.2 Inspection of Register

Inspection of the Register will only be available as required by the Act and provided that a written request is given.

8. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

8.1 Notice of Resignation

Any Member who has paid all monies due and payable to the Club may resign from the Club by giving thirty days notice in writing to the Club of such intention to resign. Upon the expiration of that period of notice, the Member shall cease to be a member.

8.2 Expiration of Notice Period

Upon the expiration of a notice given under rule 8.1, an entry, recording the date on which the Member who gave notice ceased to be a Member, shall be recorded in the Register.

8.3 Forfeiture of Rights

A Member who ceases to be a Member, for whatever reason, shall forfeit all right in and claim upon the Club and its property.

9. EXPULSION, SUSPENSION OR FINING OF MEMBERS

It is important that the Committee have a power to sanction Members who do not meet the standards expected by the Club. It is recommended that the Committee delegate the power to discipline Members to an unbiased committee or judicial panel set up for the purpose.

9.1 Establishing a Disciplinary Committee

- (a) Where the Committee considers that a Member has:
- (i) breached, failed, refused or neglected to comply with a provision of this Constitution or the Regulations;
 - (ii) acted in a manner unbecoming of a Member or prejudicial to the purposes and interests of the Club, or another Member; or
 - (iii) brought themselves, the Club, Bowls or another Member into disrepute,

the Committee may by resolution and in accordance with rule 20.4, establish a disciplinary committee to convene to hear a matter against any Member and to determine what action, if any, to take against that Member (**Disciplinary Hearing**), and that Member will be subject to, and submits unreservedly to the jurisdiction, disciplinary procedures and penalties and the appeal mechanisms (if any) in this Constitution.

- (b) The grounds listed at rule 9.1(a) do not constitute a grievance, and rule 22 does not apply.

9.2 Provisional Suspension

- (a) Upon establishing a disciplinary committee under rule 9.1(a) the Committee may by resolution provisionally suspend the Member subject to the Disciplinary Hearing until such time as the disciplinary committee makes a finding.

- (b) The disciplinary committee may lift a provisional suspension prior to making a finding at the Disciplinary Hearing.

9.3 Disciplinary Committee Members

The members of the disciplinary committee:

- (a) may be Members or anyone else; but
- (b) must not be biased against, or in favour of, the Member concerned; and
- (c) must not be an Officer.

9.4 Notice of Alleged Breach

Where a disciplinary committee is established the Club shall serve on the Member not earlier than 28 days and not later than 14 days before the Disciplinary Hearing is to be held, a notice in writing:

- (a) setting out the alleged breach of the Member and the grounds on which it is based;
- (b) stating that the Member may address the disciplinary committee at the Disciplinary Hearing. The Member is not entitled to be legally represented at the Disciplinary Hearing;
- (c) stating the date, place and time of that Disciplinary Hearing;
- (d) informing the Member that he, she or it may do one or more of the following:
 - (i) attend that Disciplinary Hearing;
 - (ii) give the disciplinary committee prior to or at that Disciplinary Hearing a written statement regarding the alleged breach.

9.5 Determination of Disciplinary Committee

- (a) At the Disciplinary Hearing the disciplinary committee shall:
 - (i) give the Member every opportunity to be heard;
 - (ii) give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the Member; and
 - (iii) determine whether the alleged breach occurred.
- (b) If the disciplinary committee determines there was a breach of rule 9.1(a), it will determine what penalty (if any) shall be given to the Member, and give notice of this to the Committee.
- (c) The penalties able to be given to the Member by the disciplinary committee include:
 - (i) expel a Member from the Club; or

- (ii) suspend a Member from membership of the Club or accessing certain privileges of membership for a specified period; or
- (iii) fine a Member; or
- (iv) impose such other penalty, action or educative process as the disciplinary committee sees fit.

There is no legal requirement to provide a Member with a right of appeal for breach of the rules set out above. However, we have included this clause below because, despite this, we have found that most sporting associations do prefer to give individuals that right of appeal.

9.6 Appeal to General Meeting

- (a) Where the disciplinary committee makes a determination under rule 9.5, the Member may appeal any part of that determination by providing the President with notice setting out that they wish to appeal the determination to the Club in a General Meeting. Such notice of appeal must be provided within 48 hours of the Member receiving the determination of the disciplinary committee.
- (b) Where the President receives a notice under rule 9.6(a), the Committee shall convene a General Meeting to be held within 21 days (or longer period if the Committee requires) of the date on which the President received the notice.
- (c) At a General Meeting of the Club convened under rule 9.6(b):
 - (i) no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted;
 - (ii) the disciplinary committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for its determination and the reasons for the passing of the determination;
 - (iii) the member shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and
 - (iv) the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (d) If at the General Meeting:
 - (i) two-thirds of the Members present and entitled to vote do vote in favour of the confirmation of the disciplinary committee's determination, that determination is confirmed; and
 - (ii) in any other case, the determination is revoked.

9.7 Procedures

Subject to this rule 9 and any other relevant provision of this Constitution, the Committee may regulate the procedures at a General Meeting convened under this rule 9 as it thinks fit.

PART III- GENERAL MEETINGS

10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

10.1 Annual General Meeting to be Held

The Club shall convene and hold an Annual General Meeting of its Members in accordance with the provisions of the Act and on a date and at a venue to be determined by the Committee.

10.2 Business

The Annual General Meeting will transact any business required by the Act and any other business of which notice is given in accordance with this Constitution.

10.3 Additional Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall be in addition to any other General Meetings that may be held in the same year.

11. GENERAL MEETINGS

11.1 General Meetings May be Held

The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit convene a General Meeting of the Club and, where but for this rule more than fifteen months would elapse between Annual General Meetings, it shall convene a General Meeting before the expiration of that period.

11.2 Request for General Meetings

- (a) The Committee shall convene a General Meeting upon receiving a request in writing from not less than 10% of Members who would be entitled to vote at such General Meeting. The Committee may also convene a General Meeting.
- (b) The request for a General Meeting shall state the object(s) of the meeting and shall be signed by the Members making the request and be sent to the Secretary. The request may consist of several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the Members making the requisition.
- (c) If the Committee does not cause a General Meeting to be held within thirty days after the date on which the request is sent to the Club, the Members making the request, or any of them, may convene a General Meeting to be held not later than sixty days after that date.
- (d) A General Meeting convened by Members under this Constitution shall be convened in the same manner, or as nearly as possible as that, in which General Meetings are convened by the Committee. All reasonable expenses incurred in convening the meeting shall be refunded by the Club to the persons incurring the expenses.

12. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

12.1 Notice to be Given for General Meetings

The Secretary shall, at least 21 days before the date fixed for holding a General Meeting, send to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting and each Officer a notice in writing stating the place, date and time and the nature of the proposed business to be transacted at the meeting. Notice may be given in any form permitted under rule 30.

12.2 Business of Meeting

- (a) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the General Meeting.
- (b) A Member desiring to bring any business before a meeting shall give at least 30 days notice in writing of that business to the Club which shall include that business in a notice calling the next General Meeting after the receipt of the notice.

13. PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

13.1 Quorum

No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A quorum for General Meetings of the Club shall be 30 Members, or 35% of Members, whichever is the lesser.

- (a) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a General Meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting:
 - (i) if convened upon the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved; and
 - (ii) in any other case, shall stand adjourned to:
 - (A) the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless Members are notified of an alternate venue) at the same place; or
 - (B) any date, time and place determined by the chairperson;
- and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall lapse.

13.2 President to Chair

The President shall chair each General Meeting of the Club. If the President is absent from a General Meeting or is unwilling to act, then the Officers present shall elect one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

13.3 Chairperson May Adjourn Meeting

- (a) The chairperson of a General Meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- (b) Where a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the General Meeting. Except as provided in this rule, it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

14. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

14.1 Voting Rights

Subject to any other provision of this Constitution, each Affiliated Member and Life Member shall be entitled to one vote at General Meetings.

14.2 Voting Procedure

- (a) Subject to this rule 14, votes at a General Meeting shall be given in person by those present and entitled to vote.
- (b) Subject to rule 14.4, all questions arising at a General Meeting shall be determined on a show of hands.
- (c) In the case of an equality of votes on a question, the motion shall fail. Neither the President nor the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

14.3 Recording of Determinations

When a declaration is made by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried, carried unanimously, carried by a particular majority or lost, then an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Club is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.

14.4 Poll at General Meetings

If a poll is demanded by the chairperson or any two Members, it shall be taken in such a manner and either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the chairperson directs. The result of the poll shall be the resolution of the meeting.

14.5 Proxy and Postal Voting

Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, there shall be no proxy or postal voting on any matter.

PART IV – COMMITTEE

15. COMMITTEE

15.1 Powers of Committee

- (a) The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Committee constituted under rule 15.2.
- (b) Subject to this Constitution and the Act, the Committee:
 - (i) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Club;
 - (ii) may exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Club other than those powers and functions that are required by this Constitution to be exercised by the Members in General Meeting; and
 - (iii) has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Club.

15.2 Composition of Committee

- (a) The Committee shall consist of:
 - (i) six Elected Officer Bearers who must all be Affiliated Members and who shall be elected in accordance with rule 16; plus the Immediate Past President.
 - (ii) Up to 2 (if any) ordinary members who must be Affiliated Members and may be elected in accordance with rule 16.
- (b) The Office Bearers shall be appointed by the Members annually at the AGM.

15.3 Elected Officers

- (a) Subject to rule 17 below, each Elected Officer shall take office from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected and shall hold office until the beginning of the Annual General Meeting following their election.
- (b) The positions to be filled by election at the Annual General Meeting are;
President,
Vice-President,
Secretary,
Assistant Secretary,
Treasurer,
Assistant Treasurer, and up to 2 (if any) ordinary members.
- (c) These positions are described in the Club Regulations.

15.4 Casual Vacancy

In the event of a casual vacancy in the office of any Elected Officer, the Committee may appoint an appropriate Affiliated Member to the vacant office and the person so

appointed may continue in office up to the end of the term of the Elected Officer they are replacing.

15.5 Transitional Arrangements

- (a) Notwithstanding any other Rule of this Constitution, the transitional arrangements set out in this rule 15.5 shall apply from the date of adoption of this Constitution.
- (b) Immediately upon this Constitution taking effect, the Interim Committee shall be appointed. Each member of the Interim Committee shall be considered an Officer under this Constitution.
- (c) The Interim Committee shall comprise of the members of the General Committee in existence immediately prior to the adoption of this Constitution.

The Interim Committee shall establish the processes for the election of the initial Elected Officers of the Club.

16. ELECTION OF ELECTED OFFICERS

- (a) The Secretary shall call for nominations at an appropriate time determined by the Committee. All Members shall be notified of the call for nominations in a manner determined by the Committee.
- (b) Nominations of candidates for election as Elected Officer shall be:
 - (i) made in writing on the form provided by the Club from time to time (if any), signed by two Affiliated Members as nominees and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee. The candidate must be an Affiliated Member; and
 - (ii) delivered to the Secretary or person nominated by the Committee by the date specified on the call for nominations.
- (c) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled or if there are insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, then those nominated shall be declared elected.
- (d) If there are insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies on the Committee the remaining positions will be deemed casual vacancies under clause 15.4.
- (e) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, voting papers shall be prepared containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order for each vacancy on the Committee.
- (f) Voting shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting in such a manner and by such a method as determined by the Committee from time to time.

17. VACANCY ON THE COMMITTEE

17.1 Grounds for Termination of Officer

For the purposes of this Constitution, the position of an Officer becomes vacant if the Officer:

- (a) in the case of an Elected Officer, ceases to be an Affiliated Member;
- (b) becomes bankrupt;
- (c) resigns their office by notice in writing given to the Club;
- (d) is subject to any sanction by the Committee, which sanction is confirmed by the Members, under rule 9;
- (e) is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Club and, in the opinion of the Committee, has deliberately, recklessly or negligently failed to declare the nature of his interest;
- (f) is removed from office in accordance with this Constitution;
- (g) dies or becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in anyway under the law relating to mental health;
- (h) would be prohibited from being an officer of a company under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*; or
- (i) fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee without having previously obtained leave of absence or provided reasonable excuse for such absence.

17.2 Removal of an Officer

- (a) The Club in a General Meeting may by Special Resolution remove any Officer, before the expiration of their term of office and appoint another Member in their place to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first mentioned Officer.
- (b) Where the Officer to whom a proposed resolution referred to in rule 17.2(a) makes representations in writing to the Secretary or the President and requests that such representations be notified to the Members, the Secretary or the President may send a copy of the representations to each Member or, if they are not so sent, the Officer may require that they be read out at the meeting, and the representations shall be so read.

18. QUORUM AND PROCEDURE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

18.1 Convening a Committee Meeting

- (a) The Committee shall meet as often as is deemed necessary for the dispatch of business. Subject to this Constitution, in particular this rule 18, the Committee may regulate its meetings as it thinks fit.

- (b) Unless all Officers agree to hold a meeting at shorter notice (which agreement shall be sufficiently evidenced in writing or by their presence) not less than two days written notice of Committee meeting shall be given to each Officer.
- (c) Written notice of each Committee meeting, specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted, shall be served on each Officer by:
 - (i) delivering it to that Officer personally;
 - (ii) sending it in writing, by facsimile or other means of electronic communication (subject to receiving appropriate confirmation that the notice has been effectively dispatched);

in accordance with the Officer's last notified contact details.

18.2 Quorum

- (a) Four Officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.
- (b) No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week, or any date, time and place determined by the President.
- (c) The Committee may act notwithstanding any casual vacancy. However, if there are casual vacancies such that the number of remaining Officers is not sufficient to constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Committee, those Officers may act only for the purpose of increasing the number of Officers to a number sufficient to constitute such a quorum.

18.3 Procedures at Committee meetings

- (a) At meetings of the Committee, the President shall chair the meeting. If the President is absent or unwilling to act, the Committee shall appoint one of its members to chair the meeting.
- (b) Questions arising at a meeting of the Committee shall be determined on a show of hands or, if demanded by an Officer, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at the meeting may determine.
- (c) Each Elected Officer present at a meeting of the Committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote. In the event of an equality of votes on any question, the motion shall fail; neither the President nor chair may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (d) A resolution in writing signed or assented to by facsimile or other form of electronic communication by all the voting Officers, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Committee duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Officers.
- (e) Without limiting the power of the Committee to regulate its meetings as it thinks fit, a meeting of the Officers may be held where one or more of the Officers is not physically present at the meeting, provided that:

- (i) all persons participating in the meeting are able to communicate with each other effectively, simultaneously and instantaneously whether by means of telephone or other form of communication;
- (ii) notice of the meeting is given to all the Officers entitled to notice in accordance with the usual procedures agreed upon or laid down from time to time by the Committee;
- (iii) in the event that a failure in communications prevents condition (i) from being satisfied by that number of Officers which constitutes a quorum, and none of such Officers are present at the place where the meeting is deemed by virtue of the further provisions of this rule to be held then the meeting shall be suspended until condition (i) is satisfied again. If such condition is not satisfied within fifteen minutes from the interruption the meeting shall be deemed to have terminated; and
- (iv) any meeting held where one or more of the Officers is not physically present shall be deemed to be held at the place specified in the notice of meeting provided an Officer is there present and if no Officer is there present the meeting shall be deemed to be held at the place where the chairperson of the meeting is located.

19. OFFICERS' INTERESTS

19.1 General Principle

An Officer is disqualified from:

- (a) holding any place of profit or position of employment in the Club, or in any company or incorporated association in which the Club is a shareholder or otherwise interested; or
- (b) contracting with the Club either as vendor, purchaser or otherwise,

except with express resolution of approval of the Committee. Any contract or arrangement in which any Officer is in any way interested which is entered into by or on behalf of the Club without the approval of the Committee, will be voided for such reason.

19.2 Disclosure of Interests

The nature of the interest of such Officer must be declared by the Officer at the meeting of the Committee at which the contract or arrangement is first taken into consideration if the interest then exists, or in any other case at the first meeting of the Committee after the acquisition of the interest.

19.3 General Disclosure

A general notice that an Officer is a member of any specified firm or company and is to be regarded as interested in all transactions with that firm or company is sufficient declaration under rule 19.2 for such Officer and the said transactions. After such general notice it is not necessary for such Officer to give a special notice relating to any particular transaction with that firm or company.

19.4 Recording Disclosures

It is the duty of the Secretary to record in the minutes any declaration made or any general notice as aforesaid given by an Officer in accordance with rules 19.2 and 19.3.

19.5 Conflicts

An Officer, notwithstanding the interest, may be counted in the quorum present at any meeting but cannot vote in respect of any contract or arrangement in which the Officer is interested. If the Officer votes, the vote shall not be counted.

20. DELEGATED POWERS AND DUTIES

20.1 Committee May Delegate Functions

- (a) The Committee may, by instrument in writing, create, establish or appoint special committees, individual officers and consultants to carry out specific duties and functions. In the establishing instrument, the Committee may delegate such functions as are specified in the instrument, other than:
 - (i) this power of delegation; and
 - (ii) a function imposed on the Committee or the Secretary by the Act, any other law, this Constitution, or by resolution of the Club in a General Meeting.
- (b) At any time the Committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation made under this clause. It may amend or repeal any decision made by a body or person under this clause.

20.2 Exercise of Delegated Functions

- (a) A function, the exercise of which has been delegated under this clause, may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time in accordance with the terms of the delegation.
- (b) A delegation under this clause may be made subject to certain conditions or limitations regarding the exercise of any function. These may be specified in the delegation.

20.3 Procedure of Delegated Entity

The procedures for any entity exercising delegated power shall, subject to this Constitution and with any necessary or incidental amendment, be the same as that applicable to meetings of the Committee under clause 18. The entity exercising delegated powers shall make decisions in accordance with the Objects, and it shall promptly provide the Committee with details of all material decisions. The entity shall also provide any other reports, minutes and information required by the Committee.

20.4 Sub-Committees

- (a) As set out in rule 20.1, the Committee may establish and delegate any of its functions, powers or duties (except this power to delegate) to such sub-

committees as it thinks fit. The Committee may recall or revoke any such delegation or appointment and may amend or repeal any decision made by such sub-committees.

- (b) The Committee shall determine in writing the duties and powers afforded to any sub-committees and the sub-committees shall, in the exercise of such delegated powers, conform to any directions or Regulations that may be prescribed by the Committee.
- (c) An Officer or the Secretary shall be ex-officio members of any sub-committees so appointed.

20.5 Delegates of Clubs

- (a) The Committee shall appoint Delegates to attend meetings and events on its behalf from time to time. This shall include, but not be limited to, Bowls Victoria meetings and Region and Division meetings.
- (b) The Club shall advise Bowls Victoria prior to a relevant meeting or event who its Delegates will be. If the Club does not provide notification to Bowls Victoria, the President and secretary of the Club shall be deemed to be the Delegates.

PART V - MISCELLANEOUS

21. LIQUOR LICENCE

21.1 Receipts for the supply of liquor

The Club must not pay any amount to an officer or servant of the Club by way of commission or allowance from the receipts of the Club for the supply of liquor.

21.2 Management of the Club

In accordance with rule 15, the Officers constitute the management committee of the Club and have responsibility for the affairs of the Club.

21.3 Guests

- (a) A visitor to the Club must not be supplied with liquor in the Club premises unless the visitor is a guest in the company of a Member.
- (b) A person can not:
 - (i) be admitted as an honorary member or temporary member of the Club; or
 - (ii) be exempted from the obligation to pay the ordinary subscription for membership of the Club,

unless the person is of a class specified in the rules and the admission or exemption is in accordance with the rules.

21.4 Register of guests

Where a guest in the company of a Member is admitted to any part of the licensed premises, the Secretary shall keep on the Club premises a register of such a guest and such register must contain the:

- (a) name and address of each guest; and
- (b) date on which each guest attended the premises.

22. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

- (a) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under this Constitution between:
 - (i) a Member and another Member; or
 - (ii) a Member and the Club.
- (b) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within fourteen days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.
- (c) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.
- (d) The mediator must be:
 - (i) a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
 - (ii) in the absence of agreement:
 - (A) in the case of a dispute between a Member and another Member, a person appointed by the Committee; or
 - (B) in the case of a dispute between a Member and the Club, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice).
- (e) A Member can be a mediator.
- (f) The mediator cannot be a Member who is a party to the dispute.
- (g) The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
- (h) The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must:
 - (i) give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
 - (ii) allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and

- (iii) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.
- (i) The mediator must not determine the dispute.
- (j) If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

23. SOURCES OF FUNDS

The funds of the Club shall be derived from Annual Subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the Committee determines.

24. APPLICATION OF INCOME

- (a) The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of the Club as set out in this Constitution.
- (b) No portion of the income or property of the Club shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to any Member, but this shall not preclude payment to a Member in good faith for expenses incurred or services rendered.

25. SIGNING OF NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS

All cheques and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by two Officers or in such other manner approved by the Committee from time to time.

26. COMMON SEAL

- (a) The Club may have a Seal upon which its corporate name shall appear in legible characters.
- (b) The Seal shall not be used without the express authorisation of the Committee. Every use of the Seal shall be recorded in the Club's minute book. Two Officers must witness every use of the Seal, unless the Committee determines otherwise.

27. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall not be altered except by Special Resolution in accordance with the Act.

28. DISSOLUTION

- (a) In the event of the Club being wound up, the liability of the Member shall be limited to any outstanding monies due and payable to the Club, including the amount of the Annual Subscription payable in respect of the current Financial Year. No other amount shall be payable by the Member.
- (b) If upon winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the Members, but shall be given or transferred to some other organisation having purposes similar to the purposes of the Club and

which prohibits the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members and which is also not carried on for the profit or gain to its members. Such body or bodies to be determined by the Members at or before the time of dissolution, and in default thereof by such judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

29. INDEMNITY

- (a) Every Officer and employee of the Club shall be indemnified out of the property and assets of the Club against any liability incurred by him/her in his/her capacity as Officer or employee in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his or her favour or in which he or she is acquitted or in connection with any application in relation to any such proceedings in which relief is granted to him or her by the Court.
- (b) The Club shall indemnify its Officers and employees against all damages and costs (including legal costs) for which any such Officers or employee may be or become liable to any third party in consequence of any act or omission except wilful misconduct:
 - (i) in the case of an Officer, performed or made whilst acting on behalf of and with the authority, express or implied of the Club; and
 - (ii) in the case of an employee, performed or made in the course of, and within the scope of his or her employment by the Club.

30. SERVICE OF NOTICES

- (a) Notices may be given to Members by sending the notice by post or facsimile transmission or where available, by electronic mail, to the Member's address or facsimile number or electronic mail address shown in the Register.
- (b) Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected at the time the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.
- (c) Where a notice is sent by facsimile transmission, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected upon receipt of a confirmation report confirming the facsimile was sent to the correct facsimile number.
- (d) Where a notice is sent by electronic mail, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing and upon receipt of a confirmation report confirming the electronic mail message was received at the electronic mail address to which it was sent.

31. CUSTODY OF BOOKS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, the Secretary shall keep in his or her custody or control all books, documents and securities of the Club.
- (b) The Secretary shall keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each General Meeting and Committee meeting in books provided for that purpose, together with a record of the names of persons present at all meetings.

- (c) Subject to the Act, no Member is entitled to inspect the accounts, books, securities and other Relevant Documents of the Club, unless authorised in writing by the Committee.

32. REGULATIONS

- (a) The Committee may add new Regulations and alter, amend or rescind existing Regulations as occasions may require, and enforce penalties for their breach. Such Regulations shall have the same force and effect as this Constitution, but shall not be in any way oppose or be in conflict with this Constitution. Such Regulations shall be available for inspection in the Club premises.

Amendments, alterations, interpretation or other changes to Regulations shall be advised to Members by means of notice approved by the Committee. Notices shall be binding upon all Members.



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"MURRUMBEENA PARK BOWLS CLUB INC.
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4 June 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

Rule Changes by Special Resolution

"MURRUMBEENA PARK BOWLS CLUB INC. – A0012008V

Thank you for the submission of the special resolution passed on **18 May 2014** for the above association incorporated under the *Association Incorporations Reform Act 2012* (the Act).

The special resolution has been approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

However, it is noted that the following rule(s) has not been included in the new rules of your association as required under the Act.

- **Schedule 1 – Matter 13**
Provision for members to have access to, and be able to obtain copies of, the records, securities and other relevant documents of the incorporated association

Model Rule 75(2) - Custody of inspection of books and records

The Committee may refuse to permit a member to inspect records of the Association that relate to confidential, personal, employment, commercial or legal matters or where to do so may be prejudicial to the interests of the Association.

Model Rule 75(3) - Custody of inspection of books and records

The Committee must on request make copies of these rules available to members and applicants for membership free of charge.

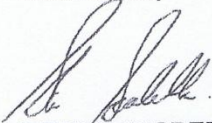
Therefore, in accordance with Section 48 (3) of the Act, model rule numbers listed above are deemed to be included in the rules of your association. A copy of the Model Rules is available on our website.

Please advise members that the association's rules are to be read in conjunction with this letter and the relevant model rules.



It is also noted that under Section 46 of the Act, the rules of an incorporated association constitute the terms of a contract between the incorporated association and its members. Therefore, matters concerning the rules are for the incorporated association and its members.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Scodella', written over a light blue horizontal line.

STEVEN SCODELLA
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