

Membership Policy

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OUTLINE

In accordance with Code 1.4 of the Community Broadcasting Codes of Practice, this document provides the policy of the Association of Radio East Gippsland Inc. in relation to (a) the principles of Financial Membership, (b) the rights and responsibilities of Financial Members within Radio East Gippsland Inc. and (c) the rights and responsibilities of Radio East Gippsland Inc. to Financial Members.

THE POLICY

a) Principles

A “Financial Member” is a member of the Association who has paid the required membership fee for the financial year. Participation in the management of Radio East Gippsland Inc. is restricted to Financial Members. An on-air Presenter must be a Financial Member. Only Financial Members may vote at General Meetings of the Association. Only Financial Members may vote for candidates seeking election to the Committee of Management. Only Financial Members may seek election to the Committee of Management and only a Financial Member may be appointed to fill a casual vacancy on the Committee of Management and, in either situation, provided they have also met the requirements of Part 5, Division 3 of the Constitution. A Financial member may seek to join a sub-committee of the Association.

b) Rights & Responsibilities of Financial Members

Twenty five percent of Financial Members personally present at a General Meeting are required to constitute a quorum. Only Financial Members are entitled to receive Notice of Annual General Meetings or Special Meetings. They may resolve that the Association be wound up and determine what is to become of the assets of the Association. Financial Members alone are entitled to vote at Special Meetings or at Annual General Meetings of Radio East Gippsland Inc. They are required to abide by the Rules of the Association and the Community Codes of Practice. Financial Members are required to pay the annual subscription. They may resign on delivering written notice. If a person is expelled from membership, they have rights of reply and appeal as provided by the Constitution and the relevant Policy Document of the Station.

c) Rights & Responsibilities of the Stations

Rule 4 of the Constitution provides that the property or income of the Station will not be transferred to Members except in good faith in promoting the objects of the Station. The Station is required to maintain a Register of Members which contains the details of Financial Members (Part 3, Division 1 (18)). A member who fails to pay the annual subscription within 12 months is no longer a Financial Member (Part 3, Division 1 (17)) and shall be removed from the Register. If a member’s conduct is detrimental to the interests of the Association, they shall be expelled (Part 3, Division 2 (22 (2)(b)(iii))) but the Association must follow the procedures set out in the Constitution and the relevant Policy & Procedure Documents. A Financial Member is entitled to reasonable access to the documents of the Association.