



NOTICE OF MEETING

Lake Glenmaggie Community Representative Group Inc.

Special General meeting

A Meeting of the Committee of Management, members and visitors to be held on: -
Saturday 12th December 2009 at 3.00pm at the Glenmaggie Community Hall.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Proxy Votes.
4. Consider proposed changes to the LGCRG Constitution (Maximum of 5 minute's discussion per item allowed).
5. Close

The **Committee of Management does not support** the proposed alterations to the constitution and believe they may be detrimental to the viability and future productiveness of the association.

The proposed changes by the 5% of the membership appear in red. The numbers on the left side are the rule numbers as they appear in the constitution. The possible ramifications that may occur if these changes are passed by resolution are indicated in blue

The proposed changes, which are required to be noted on this notice of meeting, are as follows: -

Part 1 - Requested Changes from 5% of members in Red

1. Name and Purpose

The name of the incorporated association is **the LAKE GLENMAGGIE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE GROUP INCORPORATED** (in these Rules called "the Association").

4. Membership, entry fees and subscription

- (1) A person who applies and is approved for membership as provided in these Rules is eligible to be a member of the Association on payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription payable under these Rules.
- (2) A person who is not a member of the Association at the time of the incorporation of the Association (or who was a member at that time but has ceased to be a member must not be admitted to membership unless—
 - he or she applies for membership in accordance with sub rule (3); and
 - (b) he or she has attended at least 2 general meetings of the Association;**
 - (c) is a resident or has a financial interest in property located within a 10 km radius of the geographical centre of Lake Glenmaggie; and is**
 - (d) is over the age of eighteen [18] years; and**
 - (e) the admission as a member is approved by the committee.

These changes will limit stakeholders who use the lake and surrounds for recreational purposes. Second and third generations who holiday with family who wish to have a say. It is not a proactive approach in encouraging new members who live in or frequently visit the area. It does not allow caravan park residents and regular holidaymakers who do not have financial interest in the area to join as members. These changes affect people's privacy regarding financial interest and age.

3) A person who does not meet the, requirements of membership may join as an Associate Member subject to the following requirements -

- a) he or she has attended at least 2 general meetings of the Association; and**
- (b) he or she has an interest in the aims and objectives of the association**
- (c) on attainment of the age of eighteen 18 years their membership status will be elevated to Member**
- (d) the admission as an associate member is approved by the committee**

This does not support stakeholders, most of whom have had an active interest in the area for many years; members should have the right to attend meetings at their convenience. It would be time consuming for the committee to have to count every meeting that every member has attended.

9. Annual general meetings

(4) Voting at Annual General meetings/elections can only be undertaken by -

- (a)Members [Not Associate Members] who have attended, and recorded such attendance in the minutes at NO LESS than 6 general meetings in the previous 12 months; and**
- (b)proxy votes can only be accepted from those members who have attended and recorded such attendance in the minutes NO LESS than 6 general meetings in the previous 12 months; and**
- (c)Associate members shall have no vote or proxy rights at the annual general meeting.**

This is not a suitable criteria for all members. It will discourage new membership into the LGCRG Inc. Some members who are ratepayers are retired and holiday elsewhere for extended periods; other residents may have work commitments that preclude attendance for the required amount of meetings. It does not encourage new members to join.

Proxy voting is necessary for the above reasons. All members have the right to vote regardless of how many meetings they attend.

10 Special general meetings

1) The Secretary of the Association, shall prepare a roster of scheduled MONTHLY meeting dates as soon as possible after the annual general meeting, such schedule will cover the period of no less than 11 months/general meetings. Such register shall schedule no less than 50 % of meetings to be held on a weekday evening.

(2) No less than 21 days before a scheduled general meeting the Secretary of the Association shall call for agenda items, and 14 days prior to such meeting shall distribute an agenda

(2) In the event that, a special resolution has been proposed **notice of no less than** at least 21 days, before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Association, must cause to be sent to each member of the Association, a notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be conducted at the meeting.

With such short time frames between meetings it will not allow the committee to continue to represent the members' interests to the best of their ability. LGCRG Inc minutes of meetings are available within 2 weeks of meetings, to hold meetings each two weeks will put not only this committee but subsequent committees under duress to complete paperwork in a timely manner. The LGCRG Inc are all volunteers. Members can raise issues/concerns at meetings under other business if they miss the agenda.

Weekday evening meetings may also clash with member's other commitments, e.g. Rotary, Lions, work and may make it impossible to attend regularly.

16 Voting at general meetings

(3) Proxy votes will only be valid if the member has attended no less than 6 general meetings in the preceding 12 months prior to the vote

(6) An associate member is not entitled to vote.

The previous comment regarding proxy votes also applies to this proposed change.

19. Proxies

(2) A proxy vote can only be taken from a member who has attended at least 6 general meetings in the past 12 months.

Again, the previous comments apply.

22. Ordinary members of the committee

(1) Subject to these Rules, each ordinary member of the committee shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of election but is eligible for re-election.

(2) One of each shall represent the Eastern and Western zones of Lake Glenmaggie defined by a line running North South through the geographic Centre of the lake

(2) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of an ordinary member of the committee, the committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy, **with a member from the applicable zone in which the vacancy arose**, and the member appointed shall hold office, subject to these Rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

This restricts membership; the LGCRG Inc elections are not government elections but a volunteer community organization that accepts committee members who represent local and broader community issues and concerns. Committee members represent all people and not specific zoned areas.

23 Election of officers and ordinary committee members

(1) Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the Association or as ordinary members of the committee must be—

(a) made in writing, signed by two members of the Association, **who have attended no less than 6 general meetings in the preceding 12 months**, and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and

(2) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary members of the committee must be conducted at the annual general meeting in such manner as the **MEMBERS** may direct.

(7) An independent Returning Officer shall be appointed by the committee and confirmed by the membership at least 30 days prior to the annual general meeting/election

This is not suitable to all members and will limit their ability to nominate for a position.

26 Notice of committee meetings

(1) Written notice of each committee meeting must be given to **all members** at least 2 business days before the date of the meeting.

(2) Any member may attend a committee meeting as an observer but shall have no voting rights

It is an unrealistic expectation for any committee to notify all members in writing at least 2 business days prior to the date of the meeting.

'Committee only', meetings, are important to enable members concerns and requests from correspondence, or previous meetings, to be dealt with, or, organized in a timely manner without constant interruption.

If there is a confidential matter to discuss whether it be government business or a member complaint privacy should be adhered to at all times, 'committee only' meetings are beneficial in protecting the rights and concerns of others. It enables quick decisions to be made without long lengthy debates.

Part II

The Committee of Management proposes the following changes to the Constitution

5. Register of members

2) Names only on the register are available for inspection free of charge by any member upon request.

3) A member may make a copy of names only that appear on the register.

The Committee believes that it is a members right to have their personal details kept private and only used by the elected committee members.

10. Special General Meetings

The committee must, on the request in writing of members representing not less than 5 per cent of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the association.

The committee must on the request in writing, not less than 2 months notice, of members representing not less than 15 per cent of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the association.

As it stands 5 per cent of the membership is not significant enough to call an SGM - for example; rule changes in the constitution. SGM's are normally only called for this reason and should not be forced upon the association by a select few. The composition of our membership and their availability to attend such a meeting to make informed decisions may not always be practicable.

Delete sub rules 7 & 8, which state;

If the committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within one month after the date on which the request is sent to the secretary, the members making the request, or any of them, may convene a special general meeting to be held not less than 3 months after the date and;

If a special general meeting is convened by the members in accordance with this rule, it must be convened in such a manner so far as possible as a meeting of the committee and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the special general meeting must be refunded by the Association to the persons incurring the expense.

The committee is of the opinion that a small minority should not have the power to change rules or otherwise without the support of the majority of the association and be billed for it as well.

20. Committee of Management

(3) Subject to section 23 of the Act, the committee shall comprise of ;

(a) the officers of the association; and

(b) six ordinary members

Each of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association in each year.

The committee believes having more members will only benefit the local and broader community and enable more people to become involved in representing the broad interests of all members. More hands make light work!