

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

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Introduction

Radio EMFM (**EMFM**) and its Board of Management encourages applications for membership from our broadcast area and beyond, from people of all ages who enjoy community radio and wish to support the station in it's activities.

Membership is open to all individuals and families from anywhere, and to our local area's community organisations and businesses providing they support the ethos of local community radio. There will be no discrimination against people on the grounds of ethnicity, race, language, gender, sexuality, age, physical or mental ability, occupation, religious, cultural or political beliefs.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline what types of membership there are, and the rights and responsibilities of the members and EMFM.

Policy

EMFM recognises it's moral and legal responsibilities to provide a transparent process for membership. Membership applications will be in writing on the form provided and will be presented for approval by the Board of Management at the next board meeting following receipt of the application. When an application is refused, all money will be returned promptly with a letter stating why the application was not successful (refer to Membership in the EMFM Constitution). If the Applicant believes that the Board has made an error in applying the rules set out in the Constitution the Applicant may appeal to the Board, in writing, on those grounds.

MEMBERSHIP OF EMFM 104.7 (3GGR)

Types of Membership

All members are entitled to receive emails and Newsletters from EMFM and are eligible to train as presenters.

Full Member: Each member is entitled to vote at Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings and accept nomination to the board after 12 month's membership. On-air presenters must be a full member to present a program.

Student: For students under 25 whether living at home or not. Each student member is entitled to a vote at Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings.

Family: Entitles the whole family to membership, with one of the family nominated to represent and vote at Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings on behalf of the family. The nominee may accept nomination to the board after 12 months membership.

Corporate: A business or community organisation may become a member, and nominate a person to represent and vote on behalf of the organisation. A non-for-profit organisation that is a Corporate Member may have a person trained to present a program on behalf of the organisation.

Principles of Financial Membership

Financial Members have the right to:

- know as much about EMFM as possible, it's policies, people and programs
- become volunteers or presenters subject to EMFM's Policies
- be heard, to feel free to make suggestions and to be given respect for honest and constructive opinion
- vote at Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings
- be elected onto the Committee of Management at the Annual General Meeting after 12 months membership

Financial Members have the responsibility to:

- become aware of, accept and abide by the rules and policies of EMFM
- pay their annual subscription fees promptly when notified
- promote the interests of EMFM in the broadcast area and beyond
- when volunteering, carry out their duties in a competent, professional and respectful manner
- treat other members with respect and understanding

EMFM has the right to:

- expect members to become aware of EMFM Rules that apply to members
- suspend or dismiss members in accordance with station policies and procedures

EMF has to responsibility to:

- invite members to attend the Annual General Meeting fourteen days in advance
 - carefully consider member's suggestions and comments
 - provide members with access to all Policies and Procedures and Rules through the Committee of Management or on the EMFM website
 - Grant Leave of Absence for any reason from presenters and Board Members upon application.
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APPENDIX 1.

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I, _____ (full name)

of _____ (address)

being a member of Echuca Moama Broadcast Service Inc.

I hereby appoint _____ (full name of proxy)

_____ (address)

being a member of that incorporated association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the general meeting of the association (annual general meeting or special general meeting, as the case may be) to be held on the

_____ day of _____ month 20____ and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Signature of member appointing proxy _____

Date _____

NOTE: A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the association.

My special instructions for my Proxy above are: _____
