

## **Code of Practice 1.4 - Membership Policy**

### **Membership of Coast FM Radio Wynyard**

Coast FM encourages applications for membership from people of all ages who are interested in supporting community radio and its activities. Memberships are open to all individuals, families, community organizations and businesses. This includes the acceptance of our policies and procedures and the support for our developing radio station

There will be no discrimination against persons on grounds of ethnicity, race, language, gender, sexuality, age, physical or mental ability, and occupation, religious, cultural or political beliefs.

There is a requested membership payment due once a year.

The membership is reviewed and approved by the board.

Coast FM Radio will maintain a database of members with their contact and payment details.

Coast FM keep all personal information locked up to ensure confidentiality.

Life Members are acknowledged with a certificate of gratitude, awarded at the AGM meetings.

Life members will be entitled to all benefits of financial membership.

Individual Membership: For any individual wishing to support the purposes of Coast FM Radio

**Community Organisation or Business:** A business or community organisation that supports the rules and regulations of community radio may become a member and nominate a person to represent it, and vote on behalf of that organisation.

### **Principles of Financial Membership**

All volunteers must be financial members, that is, they have paid their annual membership fees that are due for the current financial year.

#### **Financial Members have the right to:**

- know as much about Coast FM Radio as possible, its policies, people and programs
- become volunteers or presenters subject to Coast FM Radio Policies
- be heard, to feel free to make suggestions and to be given respect for honest and constructive opinion
- vote for new office bearers at the Annual General Meeting
- Speak to and vote on any special resolutions presented at Annual or Special General Meetings.

- be elected onto the Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting

**Financial Members have the responsibility to:**

- become aware of, accept and abide by the Rules of Coast FM Radio.
- pay their subscriptions fees promptly when they are notified that the subscription is due
- promote the interests of community radio in the Radio broadcast area
- when volunteering, carry out their duties in a competent and professional manner
- Immediately advise the management committee if a personal issue has the potential to impact on the reputation of Coast FM Radio.

**Coast FM Radio has the right to:**

- expect members to become aware of all rules and decisions that apply to members
- suspend or dismiss members in accordance with station policies and procedures.

Coast FM Radio has the responsibility to give members fourteen (14) days notice of an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting and any special resolution pertaining to those meetings

- carefully consider members’ suggestions and comments
- provide members with ready access to the Management Committee and welcome members to ordinary meetings of committees
- provide members with access to all Policies and Procedures and Rules through the Management Committee or via the Coast FM Radio office.

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