



**Constitution
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1. Name

The name of the Association is the Carlton Football Club Member Network WA hereinafter referred to as the “Association” and commonly known as the “WA Blues”

2. Objects

The objects of the Association are:

- 2.1 To promote the Carlton Football Club within Perth.
- 2.2 To provide Carlton Football Club supporters in Western Australia with a home base venue to watch games with fellow supporters.
- 2.3 To promote and encourage membership of the Carlton Football Club.
- 2.4 To raise funds to be donated to the Carlton Football Club by way of player sponsorships, associated charities or cash donations.

3. Attaining Objects

The Association shall be empowered to do all things necessary which are incidental to and necessary for the attainment of the objects of the Association.

4. Property of the Association

The Association must apply all property and income of the Association towards the promotion of the objects or purposes of the Association. No part of that property or income to be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to members of the Association, except in good faith in the promotion of those objects or purposes.

5. Powers of the Association (as conferred by Section 13 of The Act)

- 5.1 To acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of any real or personal property;
- 5.2 To open and operate bank accounts;
- 5.3 Accept donations and gifts in accordance with the objects of the Association;
- 5.4 Print and publish any information by any media including social networking sites, official website, newsletters, newspapers, articles or leaflets for promotion of the Association;
- 5.5 Provide gifts and prizes in accordance with the objects of the Association;
- 5.6 Organise social events for the promotion of the Association; and
- 5.7 To enter into any other contract the Association considers necessary or desirable.

6. **Membership**

- 6.1 Membership of the Association shall be for a period of three (3) years;
- 6.2 The Association shall consist of up to ten (10) members or, as per guidelines set by Tier One Network Supporter Group agreement between the Carlton Football Club and this Association;
- 6.3 Members must be current financial Carlton Football Club members and must remain so throughout their tenure;
- 6.4 Members must be prepared to devote considerable time to the role in a voluntary capacity, including but not limited to:
 - attending Committee meetings
 - involvement in planning of functions
 - attending Supporter Group functions at the ~~Odin Tavern~~ home base venue and/or alternative venues or events.
 - positively and actively promoting the Carlton Football Club and membership thereof at all times and when requested.
- 6.5 Members must be over the age of 18 and be able to provide a Federal Police Clearance and Working with Children's Check;
- 6.6 Membership shall be decided by a vote of Carlton Football Club members at a tri-annual general meeting;
- 6.7 Positions held by members shall be decided at the first meeting of each new Committee, if not agreed upon at the tri-annual general meeting.
- 6.8 The full membership of the Association forms the Management Committee of the Association.

Membership Positions:

Committee Member: Elected by Carlton Football Club members and entitled to hold any office and enjoy the privileges of the Association.

President: Chairman Chairs all formal meetings; addresses attendees at official functions; initial point of contact for external queries to the Association; liaises with the Carlton Football Club to achieve the objectives of the Association.

Vice President: Vice Chairman Assists the ~~President~~ Chairman in his/her role.

Events Coordinator: Plays a lead role in the planning of Supporter Group functions including providing direction in the attainment of prizes for raffles.

Treasurer: Deposits all monies received by the Association including through donations, raffle sales etc into the bank account; pays all invoices as received; provides a summary of the Association's financial position at regular meetings.

7. Subscriptions:

There is no subscription fee payable to the Association however members must be paid members of the Carlton Football Club.

8. Termination of Membership

8.1 Any person's membership may be terminated by the following events:

8.1.1 resignation

8.1.2 expulsion

8.1.3 a member's membership of the Carlton Football Club lapses

8.2 The Association shall have the power to suspend or expel any member of the Association for:

8.2.1 any of the events in 8.1

8.2.2 false or inaccurate statements made in the member's application for membership,

8.2.3 breach of any rule, regulation or by-law of the Association and,

8.2.4 by any act detrimental to the Association. After having undertaken due inquiry.

8.3 Any member who is expelled, suspended or has their membership terminated, shall have the right to appeal against their suspension or expulsion by presenting their case to a General Meeting called for such purpose, and the decision of the General Meeting shall be final.

9. Auditor

An auditor may be appointed to examine and audit the books of the Association as necessary.

10. The Committee

The Committee shall carry out the day-to-day running of the Association and shall have the power to:

10.1 Administer the finances, appoint bankers, and direct the opening of banking accounts for specific purposes and to transfer funds from one account to another, and to close any such account;

10.2 Fix the manner in which such banking accounts shall be operated upon, providing the Committee passes all payments;

10.3 Adjudicate on all matters brought before it which in any way affect the Association.

10.4 Cause minutes to be made of all proceedings at meetings of the Committee and General Meetings of members;

10.5 Make, amend and rescind rulings;

10.6 Have the power to form and appoint any sub committee/s as required for specific purposes;

10.7 May at their discretion employ a person or persons to carry out certain duties required by the Association, at salaries or remunerations for such period of time, as may be deemed necessary.

10.8 Should a vacancy occur on the Committee during the season, the Committee shall appoint a successor at the next Annual General Meeting.

- 10.9 Appoint an officer/s or agent of the Committee to have custody of the Association's records, documents and securities.

11. Meetings

11.1 Annual General Meetings:

- 11.1.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association must be held within four months of the end of the current term of the existing membership.
- 11.1.2 The Association shall give at least fourteen (14) days notice of the date of the Annual General Meeting, to members.
- 11.1.3 All Carlton Football Club members may attend the Annual General Meeting.
- 11.1.4 The quorum at the Annual General Meeting, shall be a minimum of ten members. If, at the end of 30 minutes after the time appointed in the notice for the opening of the Meeting, there be no quorum the meeting shall stand and adjourn for one week. If at such meeting there is no quorum those members present shall be competent to discharge the business of the meeting.
- 11.1.5 The agenda for an Annual General Meeting shall be:
- Opening of Meeting
 - President's **Chairmans** Report
 - Election of New Committee
 - Vote of Thanks to Outgoing Committee
 - Notice/s of Motion
 - Urgent General Business
 - Closure

11.2 General Meetings

- 11.2.1 General Meetings may be called by the ~~President~~ **Chairman** or at the request of a Committee Member.
- 11.2.2 The ~~President~~ **Chairman** shall give at least seven (7) days notice, in writing, of the date of the General Meeting to the members. Notice of General Meetings shall set out clearly the business for which the meeting has been called.
- 11.2.3 A quorum of the Committee shall consist of 50% of the membership plus 1. When a quorum is not present, a meeting may proceed but any major decisions must be agreed upon by the Committee out of session.

12. Voting

12.1 Voting powers at the Annual General Meeting and General Meetings:

- 12.1.1 The ~~President~~ **Chairman** shall be entitled to a deliberate vote and, in the event of a tied vote, the ~~President~~ **Chairman** shall exercise a casting vote.
- 12.1.2 Each individual member present shall have one (1) vote.

13. Finance

- 13.1 All funds of the Association shall be deposited into the Association's accounts at such bank or recognised financial institution as the Committee may determine.
- 13.2 All accounts due by the Association shall be paid by cheque or transfer by the due date.
- 13.3 Members shall approve all significant expenditure prior to any commitment being entered into.
- 13.4 A statement showing the financial position of the Association shall be tabled at each Committee Meeting by the Treasurer.
- 13.5 The financial year of the Association shall commence on 1 January each year.
- 13.6 The signatories to the Association's account/s will be the Treasurer, ~~President~~ **Chairman** and ~~Vice-President~~ **Chairman**.
- 13.7 All property and income of the Association will apply solely to the promotion of the objects of the Association and no part of that property or income shall be paid or otherwise distributed, directly, or indirectly, to members, except in good faith in the promotion of these objects.

14. Alterations to the Constitution:

- 15.1 No alteration, repeal or addition shall be made to the Constitution except at the Annual General Meeting, or General Meeting, called for that purpose and notice of all motions to alter, repeal or add to the Constitution shall be given to members fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, or seven (7) days prior to a General Meeting called for such purpose.
- 15.2 The Secretary shall forward such notices of motion to each Management Committee member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or seven (7) days prior to a General Meeting.
- 15.3 Within one month of the passing of a Special Resolution, the Secretary shall notify the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection of the amendment.

15. Dissolution:

If, on the winding up of the Association, any property of the Association remains after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of the Association and the costs, charges and expenses of that winding up, that property shall be distributed:

- (a) to another incorporated association having objects similar to those of the Association; or
- (b) for charitable purposes, which incorporated Association or purposes, as the case requires, shall be determined by resolution of the members.