



# Willoughby Park Bowling Bocce & Recreation Club Ltd

ABN 78 000 089 172

## Notice of 2022 Annual General Meeting and General Meeting to Consider Special Resolutions

Under Clause 54 of the Club's constitution NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the members of the Club will be held in the clubhouse at 13 Robert Street Willoughby East on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 10:30 AM.

### Special Resolutions

The Club's Constitution requires some changes in keeping with changes in the Club's operations and the facilities it provides. At some point a major rewrite of the Constitution will be required but the Board recommends that this should not occur before the Club has certainty of a new lease.

A Special Resolution to modify the Club's Constitution can only be voted on by bowling, bocce, or life members of the Club.

#### Removal of Bocce Section

There are no bocce members and no prospects for anymore. The bocce courts have been repurposed into the alfresco outdoor area. The recommendation is to remove references to Bocce members and their facilities.

1. Remove references to Bocce members and their facilities from the Constitution. This impacts clauses 5(b), 6(b), 13(a), 21(a) (iii), 30, 32(a), 50, 79 (b) (iii), and 81 of the Constitution.
2. Change the name of the Club in the Constitution to "*Willoughby Park Bowling Club Limited*".

#### Define Objects of the Club

The Objects, or purpose, of the Club should be clearly outlined in its Constitution.

3. Add Clause 1A:  
*The Objects of the Club are:*
  - a. *To provide first class bowling facilities, in accordance with Bowls Australia's requirements, for playing and coaching the game of lawn bowls.*
  - b. *To provide a community facility where members and guests can congregate.*
  - c. *Provide a pathway for other local sporting clubs to engage with the Club's facilities.*

#### Update Eligibility to be a Director of the Club

The Corporations Act 2001 requires Directors of a company, including the Club, to have a Directors Identification number.

4. Add clause 31 (e):  
*A member shall not be entitled to be elected, or appointed to the Board unless that member holds a Director Identification Number on the proposed date of election or appointment to the board.*
5. Add clause 31 (f):  
*A member shall not be entitled to be nominated, elected, or appointed to the Board unless that member has been a Full Member for the previous 3 full years.*

#### Update Eligibility to Propose or Second the Nomination to be a Director of the Club

6. Change clause 32 (a) from:  
*"...and signed by two Bowling Members and/or Bocce Members and/or Life Members and by the nominee..."*  
to:  
*"...and signed by two Bowling Members and/or Bocce Members and/or Life Members each of whom have been a Member in any of those categories for the previous 3 full years, and by the nominee..."*

## **Update Minimum Frequency of Board Meetings**

The current Constitution requires a Board meeting to be held every month which reflected the requirements of the Registered Clubs Act in force at the time. The Registered Clubs Act has been amended to allow quarterly Board meetings and it is proposed that the Constitution be changed to reflect this new requirement. The Board can still meet whenever required but is not obliged to do so on a strictly monthly basis.

7. Change clause 41 by deleting “monthly” and inserting “quarterly”.

## **Add Definition of Associate Member**

The Board has the powers under clause 39 (m) to control the formation and activities of groups of members for specific purposes or activities, and clause 79 that covers bowls and other sports sections of the Club. The Board feels the requirements of engaging with local sports clubs needs a different approach. The Board recommends implementing an Associate Member category to cater for these local sports clubs.

Many of these local sports clubs do not have a club house where they can gather. This limits their ability to meet and raise money from sales of food and drinks. In the past the Club has had one-off arrangements with specific local clubs for specific events where a rebate was paid based on the spend amount of their members. Tracking of this spend is easily managed by having a separate member category, for example, Associate – Willoughby WildCats.

8. Add and change the following clauses:

- a. Clause 1 add:

*“Associate Member” means a person who is an associate member of the Club.*

- b. Clause 5 add:

*(e) Associate members*

to the definition of Ordinary Members.

- c. Add Clause 10A to define the Associate Member category:

*“Associate Member” shall mean a person who is affiliated with a sub-club of the Club.*

*Having been elected, an Associate Member shall pay the entrance fee (if any) and the applicable annual subscription. An Associate Member shall be entitled to the social privileges and advantages of the Club EXCEPT that an Associate Member shall not be entitled to attend or vote at General Meetings of the Club or to be nominated, elected, or appointed as an officer of the Club.*

## **Ordinary Business**

1. To receive the reports of the Directors and Auditors, and the Financial Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
2. To elect the Directors consisting of Chairman (1), Vice-Chairman (2), Treasurer (1) and Committee (3). Nominations for the above office bearers close Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 5:00 PM and under the constitution, nominations for the election of a Director shall be made in writing and signed by two Bowling members and/or Bocce members and/or Life members, and by the nominee.
3. General Business.

All additional business and notices of motion to be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting must be in writing and received by the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Dated at Willoughby this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**