

ANARE CLUB Inc.

Alteration to the Rules of Association ANARE Club Incorporated, registered No A0014408G

Proposal information provided by Peter Field, ANARE Club Webmaster and I.T. Manager (to National Council Meeting of 8 February 2021)

Background

In the development of the current Membership Application provided with the upgrade to our Club's website, it came to my attention, that a member was considered financial up to **12 weeks** after 1 July of their membership year. This became an initial item of concern with automating renewal emails to be sent to members whose subscriptions were due to expire. The logic did not sound professional for a Club such as ours nor for current day technological solutions.

The present Constitution provides under Rule 12; *12 Annual subscription and fee on joining*

- 1) *At each annual general meeting, the Association must determine –*
 - a) *the amount of the annual subscription (if any) for the following financial year; and*
 - b) *the date for payment of the annual subscription.*
- 2) *The Association may determine that a lower annual subscription is payable by any class of members.*
- 3) *The National Council may determine that any new member who joins after the start of a financial year must, for that financial year, pay a fee equal to –*
 - a) *the full annual subscription; or*
 - b) *a pro rata annual subscription based on the remaining part of the financial year; or 11 c) a fixed amount determined from time to time by the National Council.*
- 4) *The rights of a member (including the right to vote) who has not paid the annual subscription **by twelve weeks** after the due date are suspended until the subscription is paid.*

As our membership subscription year expires after 30 June each year, provided the member has not subscribed to multiple years, there are several Club and Member activities that are conducted often within the twelve weeks after 30 June.

1. Nominate for or to vote in National Council Elections (including proxy voting)
2. Nominate for or to vote in Annual General Elections (including proxy voting)
3. Nominate for or to vote in State Council Elections (including proxy voting)
4. Be included in the Capitation calculations and payments to State Branches
5. Nomination and declaration of Club Berth Representative
6. Access to Membership privileged information on our current website

N.B. 12 weeks takes the member's rights out to 30 September of that year.

Accordingly, under the current Rules of Association, a member who is unfinancial could be eligible to be included/involved in the above activities as a current valid financial member.

At National Council meeting of 8 February 2021, National Council agreed that a proposal for propose making an alteration to our current Rules of Association, be put to a Special Meeting of Members to be part of the 2021 Annual General Meeting to be held later this year

The Chairman of the Meeting to put the Motion;
That the change to amend the wording in subsection 4 to **Chapter 12 Annual subscription and fee on joining** changing **twelve** weeks to **four** weeks, be agreed to:

- 4) *The rights of a member (including the right to vote) who has not paid the annual subscription by ~~twelve weeks~~ **four weeks** after the due date, be suspended until the subscription is paid.*

Voting papers for this change by members present or by proxy will be placed on the Club Website from 6 August 2021, noting that the amendment will require not less than three quarters of the members voting at a general meeting (whether in person or by proxy) vote in favour of the resolution.

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https://www.anareclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/ANARE-Club-Constitution-rules_of_association_2018.pdf

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