

CONSTITUTION OF FRIENDS OF NORTH BRUNY INC.

1. Name

The name of the Association shall be Friends of North Bruny Inc. and hereafter referred to as FONB^b.

2. Association's Office

The office of the Association is to be at the following place or any other place the board of management determines,
7 Stiffy's Creek Rd, Dennes Point 7150, Tasmania

3. Objects^{b,e}

The overarching objectives of FONB are:

- to promote low impact (environmental, social, cultural) and high quality projects that benefit both the environment and people of North Bruny.
- to act as stewards for the protection and preservation of the unique North Bruny environment and it's lifestyle for current and future generations.

including –

- working cooperatively with other community groups and organisations, local government, the State government and the Commonwealth government on issues which relate to North Bruny
- making representations to government, local government and other bodies and organisations on issues which relate to North Bruny
- promoting both awareness of environmental issues and care for the environment on North Bruny, and pursuing any of these objectives with respect to all or part of Bruny Island, or of the Bruny Island community, whether or not the matter specifically relates to North Bruny."

4. Membership

There will be two classes of membership:

- Individual membership.
- Family membership.

Membership shall be restricted to those who are resident on Bruny Island, ratepayers in respect of Bruny Island property, or are an immediate family member of any such ratepayer.

5. Voting

Voting shall be restricted to financial members. "Financial members" means members who have paid the subscription for the current financial year.

Individual membership shall carry one vote and family membership two.^a

6. Subscription

The annual subscription for members will be set by the committee and put to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for confirmation.

Subscriptions must be paid no later than three months after the commencement of each calendar year, after which membership will lapse^b.

7. Office Bearers

The Office Bearers shall be Chair, Vice Chair^e, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Officer. Office bearers will be elected at the AGM.

8. Management Committee

The Management Committee shall consist of the office bearers and four (4) committee members^{bc}. Committee members will be elected at the AGM.

The Management Committee shall have the power to perform all such acts and deeds as shall appear to them necessary or essential for the management of FONB.

The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring on the Committee during the year. Such appointments are subject to ratification at the next General Meeting.

The powers of the Management Committee shall be:

- To appoint sub-committees to manage and control approved projects and activities^b;
- To summon the Annual General Meeting, General Meetings and Special General Meetings;
- To control finance. (Note: any special levies required to maintain any particular activity shall be decided by a General Meeting).
- To make, rescind, or amend such rules or by-laws as may be deemed necessary to carry out the powers vested in the Committee resolved by the Association in General Meetings.
- To do other things as may be delegated to it by the Association.

Any representation on behalf of FONB to external organisations shall be authorised by the Chair in consultation with the Vice Chair^e, Secretary and Treasurer, or otherwise approved at a Committee meeting.

9. Meetings

Annual General Meeting. (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting shall be held before 30 November^b. Each member shall have one vote at the Annual General Meeting. Individual membership shall carry one vote and family membership shall carry two votes at the Annual General Meeting.^a

General Meetings

General meetings may be called by the Management Committee as deemed necessary. Individual membership shall carry one vote and family membership shall carry two votes at a General Meeting.^b

Special General Meetings

Members may demand a Special General Meeting. This requires a written requisition signed by at least eight (8) members. The requisition (setting

out the reasons for the meeting) must be delivered to the Secretary and he/she shall within 14 days of receiving such a requisition, call a Special General Meeting of the Association. Individual membership shall carry one vote and family membership shall carry two votes at a Special General Meeting^b.

Committee Meetings

Meetings of the Management Committee shall be held quarterly or when the Chair (in consultation with the Vice Chair^e, Secretary and Treasurer) deems it necessary or when a majority of the Committee call a meeting of the Management Committee^b.

All Management Committee members will have a vote at committee meetings with the chairman having a deliberative as well as a casting vote.

Any Office Bearer or other Committee Member absenting himself/herself from three consecutive Committee Meetings without the consent of the Committee may be deemed to have vacated his/her office and the Committee shall fill any such vacancy as provided in rule 7. The Committee shall have the power at any Committee Meeting to grant leave of absence to any committee member of office bearer. An office bearer or committee member will be required to attend at least half the Committee Meetings held during the year.

Members may attend Committee Meetings but have no voting rights.

Management Committee meetings may be held as a 'round robin' by telephone link-up, email or 'chat'.^a

10. Quorum

Fifteen (15) members shall form a quorum at Annual General Meetings, General Meetings and Special General Meetings.

Four (4) Committee members shall form a quorum at any Management Committee meeting.

Only financial members will be counted in respect of determining a quorum.

11. Not-for-profit

The assets and income of the organisation shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above-mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the organisation except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation^d.

12. Accounts

All moneys of the Association shall be deposited with such bank or banks as the Committee may from time to time appoint.

All cheques and other withdrawals from banks shall be signed by two officials appointed by the Committee.

Any endorsement of cheques, orders or other negotiable instruments shall be by one of the appointed officials.

The Committee shall cause true and accurate records to be kept of the moneys received and expended and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place and of the assets and liabilities of FONB.

An annual exemption from audit can be sought under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1964 as long as the specified resolution is passed at a General Meeting^b.

13. Alteration to Constitution

No amendment shall be made in the Constitution except at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called solely or inter alia for that purpose and in either case only with the approval of two-thirds of those present. Votes in writing by those members unable to attend will be accepted and those members would be considered present for the alteration.

14. Discipline

Where the action of any member is deemed by the Committee on a majority vote to contravene the aims and objectives of, or in any way discredit FONB then that member may be suspended for a specified time or permanently.

15. Dissolution of FONB

A motion to dissolve FONB may only be dealt with at a Special General Meeting called specifically for that purpose. On application in writing, made to the Committee by fifteen (15) members, signifying their desire that FONB be dissolved, a Special General Meeting shall be called within 21 days. At the Meeting votes in writing by those members unable to attend will be received, and the votes of at least two-thirds of all Members shall be necessary to carry the proposition for the dissolution. The quorum at such meeting shall consist of twenty (20) members or a majority of the actual number of members

In the event of the organisation being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members^d.

16. Honorary members

The Committee may confer Honorary Membership on certain individuals who it is believed have made a special contribution to FONB. Such Honorary Memberships will have effect for the current year only but may be renewed as deemed appropriate. Honorary Members shall have all the rights of full members except for voting rights.

Adopted:

Revised: 31 October 2021

^a Amendment meeting 6 June 2009

^b Amendment AGM 13 December 2014

^c Amendment AGM 2 October 2016

^d Amendment AGM 26 October 2019

^e Amendment AGM 31 October 2021