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Number: 001

Subject: Changes to the Rules of the Australian Wildlife Protection Council (Victoria) Incorporated

By special resolution the following rule changes are proposed:

Rule 9 Application for Membership

(1) To apply to become a member of the Association, a person must submit a written application to a committee member stating that the person-

- (a) wishes to become a member of the Association; and
- (b) supports the purposes of the Association; and
- (c) agrees to comply with these rules.

(2) The application -

- (a) must be signed by the applicant; and
- (b) may be accompanied by the joining fee.

Under the changes, the rule will state:

(1) To apply to become a member of the Association, a person can join through the organisation's website and other digital platforms.

(a), (b) and (c) - REMOVE

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(2) (a) and (b) - REMOVE.

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Rule 10 Consideration of Application

- (1) As soon as practicable after an application for membership is received, the Committee must decide by resolution whether to accept or reject the application.
- (2) The Committee must notify the applicant in writing of its decision as soon as practicable after the decision is made.
- (3) If the Committee rejects the application, it must return any money accompanying the application to the applicant.
- (4) No reason needs to be given for the rejection of an application.

Under the changes:

Rule 10 (1), (2), (3) and (4) – **REMOVE.**

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Rule 11 New membership

1. Of an application for membership is approved by the Committee –
 - (a) The resolution to accept the membership must be recorded in the minutes of the committee meeting; and
 - (b) The Secretary must, as soon as practicable, enter the name and address of the new member, in the register of members.

Under the changes:

Rule 11, 1a and 1b – **REMOVE.**

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2. A person becomes a member of the Association and, subject to rule 13 (2), is entitled to exercise his or her rights of membership from the date, whichever is the later, on which –
 - (a) the Committee approves the person’s membership; or
 - (b) the person pays the joining fee.

Under the changes, the Rule will state:

2. **A person becomes a member of the Association and subject to rule 13(2), is entitled to exercise his or her rights of membership from the date the person pays the joining fee.**

NB. With the removal of Rule 11 (1) the revised rule (2) will become (1).

Rule 11, 2a and 2b – **REMOVE**

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Rule 33 Notice of general meetings

The notice must – (d) comply with rules 34/35

Under the change, noting that 34/35 refers to the Rules listed below:

Rule 33, (d) – **REMOVE**

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Rule 34 Proxies

- (1) A member may not vote by proxy at any meeting.

Under the change, the Rule will state:

A member can choose to vote by proxy at any meeting.

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Rule 35 Use of Technology

- (1) A member not physically present may not be permitted to participate by technology at any meeting.

Under the change, the Rule will state:

A member may attend meetings using technology.

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Rule 57 Meeting of Committee

- (1) The Committee must meet at last 4 times each year at the dates, times and places determined by the Committee.

Under the change, the Rule will state:

(1) The Committee must meet at least three times each year at the dates, times and places determined by the Committee with the option of a combined Ordinary and AGM meeting.

(2) All meetings have the option of utilising digital platforms. **NEW**

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Rule 62 Voting

- (5) Voting by proxy is not permitted.

Under the change, the Rule will state:

Voting by proxy is permitted.

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Committee members signatures

Name	Title	Signature
Peter Hylands	President	
Maria Taylor	Treasurer	
Carmen Ryan	Secretary	
Cienwen Hickey	Committee Member	