

VFMC AGM 2026

Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Apologies
3. Proxy holders (if any)
4. Minutes of the 2025 annual general meeting.
 - (a) Confirmation
 - (b) Any matters arising or brief discussion/questions
5. Receive and consider —
 - (a) the annual report of the President and sub-committees on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year; and
 - (b) the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Committee in accordance with Part 7 of the Act;
6. Elect the members of the Committee:-
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice President
 - (c) Secretary
 - (d) Treasurer
 - (e) General Committee (up to 6)
 - (f) Allocate roles
 - (I) Concert Convenor
 - (II) Dance Convenor
 - (III) Sessions Convenor
 - (IV) Membership Officer
 - (V) Publicity Officer
 - (VI) Newsletter Editor
 - (VII) Billabong Band Convenor
 - (VIII) Website Support
 - (IX) Wattle Day team
 - (X) Youth Outreach
 - (XI) Highland Games Liaison
 - (XII) VFMC Library Manager
7. Special resolutions
 - (1) Amend clause 76 of the VFMC constitution as follows:-

add the following to clause 76;

'(3) Subject to the Act and any court order made under section 133 of the Act, the surplus assets must be given to a body that has similar purposes to the Association and which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members and which prohibits the distribution of its assets to members.'

and to renumber the current rule 76 (3) as rule 76(4).

(Proposed by M Hassett)
 - (2) Create new membership grade ..

That the Club introduce a new category of Associate Membership entitled Group Membership.

(Proposed by C McLaren)
8. Confirm or vary the amounts (if any) of the annual subscription and joining fee.
9. Set the date for payment of the annual subscriptions [constitution Rule 12]

Special resolutions supporting statements

Special resolution 1

The VFMC's application for registration as a charity is currently being considered by the ACNC. The initial response from the ACNC included the following:-

“To satisfy the ACNC's requirements, the Applicant's winding up clause must include that surplus assets will go to another organisation that prohibits distribution of its assets to members.

It appears the Applicant is using the model rules for an incorporated association in Victoria, however, a relevant subclause within the winding up clause of the model rules that addresses the above concern has not been included in the Applicant's governing document (clause 76(3) of the model rules).”

To address this requirement, the clause under 7.1 above is proposed to be added to our constitution. It is clause 76(3) from the model rules, with added words prohibiting the distribution of assets to members. Our intention to add this clause has been conveyed to the ACNC. They have responded confirming this meets their requirements.

Michael Hassett

Special Resolution 2

It is believed that the introduction of a new category of Associate Membership entitled Group Membership would encourage and enable groups whose members have a common interest in folk music or dance to become members of the Club and consequently be kept informed of the Club's activities and encouraged to participate in same. Whilst groups and their members would not have voting rights (Constitution Rule 14 (2)), groups would receive the Club's monthly newsletter and other notices of Club activities. The cost of Group Membership would be determined by the Club's Committee.

Colin McLaren