

Constitution of the Forrestfield Football Club
an incorporated association



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The Forrestfield Football Club Inc

An Incorporated Association

Constitution Source

The Forrestfield Football Club Inc constitution was based on a model received by the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC) Acting Manger Participation and Engagement Josh Bowler on the 31st January 2018.

K & L Gates is a law firm used to derive the constitution model

The Forrestfield Football has amended the model to suits its objectives.

1. Name of incorporated association

The name of the incorporation association is the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated

2. Definitions and interpretation

2.1 Definitions

The following definitions apply in this Constitution unless the context requires otherwise:

Act means the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015* (Cth) and any regulations made under that statute;

Business Day means a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, public holiday or bank holiday in Perth;

Chairperson means the person appointed to the office of President of the Club from time to time, subject to clause 15.2(d);

Club means the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated, an incorporated association;

Commissioner means the person designated as the Commissioner from time to time under section 153 of the Act;

Committee means the management committee referred to in clause 14.1;

Committee Member means a person appointed or elected to the Committee from time to time;

Committee Register means the register maintained in accordance with section 58 of the Act and referred to in clause 16.5;

Constitution means this constitution as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time;

convene means to call together for a formal meeting;

Financial Records includes:

- (a) invoices, receipts, orders for the payment of money, bills of exchange, cheques, promissory notes and vouchers; and

- (b) documents of prime entry; and
- (c) working papers and other documents needed to explain:
 - (i) the methods by which financial statements are prepared; and
 - (ii) adjustments to be made in preparing financial statements;

Financial Report means a financial report of a tier 2 association or tier 3 association prepared in accordance with Part 5 of the Act and which consists of:

- (a) the Financial Statements for the relevant Financial Year;
- (b) the notes to the Financial Statements; and
- (c) the Committee's declaration about the Financial Statements and notes;

Financial Statements means financial statements prepared in accordance with Division 3 of the Act;

Financial Year has the meaning given in clause 21.5;

General Meeting means a general meeting of the Members, and includes special general meetings and annual general meetings;

Life Member means a Member entered in the Register as a life member;

Liquor Act means the *Liquor Control Act 1988 (WA)*;

Member means a member of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated entered in the Register;

Membership Fee has the meaning given in clause 7.6(a);

Objects means the objects of the Club as set out in clause 3(a);

Ordinary Member means a Member entered in the Register as an ordinary member; and or members who have financially paid Fee's in full for the current season with no outstanding fee's from the prior season. Ordinary member includes club officials and game day officials.

- Senior member.
- Junior member.
- Auskick member
- Parent of guardian of an Auskick Junior or Youth member.
- Club and game day officials such as coaches, managers, umpires and roles defined by the Committee.

poll means voting conducted in written form (as opposed to a show of hands);

Present means, in connection with a meeting, a Member being present in person or by proxy, attorney or Representative, and includes being present at a different venue from the venue at which other Members are participating in the same meeting, providing the pre-requisites for a valid meeting at different venues are observed;

President means a person appointed to the office of president of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated from time to time;

Register means the register of Members of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated ; this may include the AFL's online registration system of players, coaches and game officials.

Secretary means a person appointed to the office of secretary of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated from time to time;

Social Member – means a person registered as a social member of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated . A Social member status that have no ordinary member registration status has no right to vote on formal club matters.

Special Resolution has the meaning given in clause 11.3;

tier 1 association means an incorporated association to which section 64(1) of the Act applies;

tier 2 association means an incorporated association to which section 64(2) of the Act applies;

tier 3 association means an incorporated association to which section 64(3) of the Act applies; and

Temporary member

- (a) Shall mean a person who is on any day visiting the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated as a member or an official of, or person assisting a team that is to contest a pre-arranged event in that sport on that day or at the invitation of a member to engage in that sport on that day may be taken to be a person who is afforded temporary membership on that day.
- (b) A subscription for the categories of Ordinary and Social Memberships shall be discussed at the Annual General Meeting but shall be determined by the Committee.
- (c) A temporary member status that has no ordinary member registration status has no right to vote on formal club matters.

Treasurer means a person appointed to the office of treasurer of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated from time to time.

2.2 Interpretation

In this Constitution, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (b) the headings are used for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this Constitution;
- (c) other grammatical forms of defined words or expressions have corresponding meanings;

- (d) a reference to a document includes the document as modified from time to time and any document replacing it;
- (e) the word "person" includes a natural person, partnership, body corporate, association, governmental or local authority, agency and any other body or entity whether incorporated or not;
- (f) the word "month" means calendar month and the word "year" means 12 months;
- (g) the words "written" or "in writing" include any communication sent by letter, facsimile transmission or email or any other form of communication capable of being read by the recipient;
- (h) a reference to all or any part of a statute, rule, regulation or ordinance (**statute**) includes that statute as amended, consolidated, re-enacted or replaced from time to time;
- (i) a reference to any agency or body, if that agency or body ceases to exist or is reconstituted, renamed or replaced or has its powers or functions removed (**defunct body**), means the agency or body that performs most closely the functions of the defunct body; and
- (j) any expression in a provision of this Constitution that relates to a particular provision of the Act has the same meaning as in that provision of the Act.

2.3 Compliance with the Act

This Constitution is subject to the Act, which overrides any clause in this Constitution that is inconsistent or not permitted by the Act.

2.4 Transitional

Everything done under this Constitution of the Company continues to have the same operation and effect after the adoption of any successor Constitution as if properly done under that Constitution.

3. Objects and powers of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated

- (a) The objects of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated are:
 - (i) To foster interest in "Australian Rules" Football.
 - (ii) To promote community interest, involvement and awareness about the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated and all of its activities.
 - (iii) For the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated to represent both a Senior and Junior club under one incorporated act. Inclusive of an Auskick program.
 - (iv) To acquire, develop and maintain premises for the benefit of all Members.
 - (v) To encourage and assist all Members to enjoy the benefits of being a Member whilst doing so in a respectable and good sportsman-like manner.
 - (vi) To provide opportunities for all Members to become involved in the normal activities of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated and provide access of benefits to all Members.

- (vii) To obtain sponsorship and funding for the sole purpose of covering the expenses of the day-to-day activities of the club and to improve the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated facilities.
- (b) The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated has all the powers of an incorporated association under the Act. The Club may only use its powers to do:
 - (i) anything which it considers will advance or achieve the Objects; and
 - (ii) all other things that are incidental to carrying out the Objects.

4. NAME ,COLOURS ,UNIFORM,CLUB PRINCIPLES

- (a) The name of the club shall be Forrestfield Football Club Inc.
- (b) The playing field /office of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated shall be the corner of Hale Rd and Morrison Road, Forrestfield WA (John Reid Oval) or at such other places as the committee may from time to time determine.
- (c) The colours of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated shall be blue and red or any variations thereof adopted and approved by the committee.
- (d) The uniform of the club will blue and red top depicting the head of a rhino with red socks. White shorts for home uniform representation and blue shorts for away game representation.
- (e) The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated shall be represented and remain a junior and senior club inclusive of an Auskick program.
- (f) The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated theme is based on the Melbourne Demons AFL theme song with lyrics in Appendix 1 of this constitution.
- (g) The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated principle motto is the game we love, the team we love, one club.
- (h) Deviation from the above section 4 is required to be made by member vote of at least 51% in agreement of deviation. Voting must consist of at least over 50% of its membership base.

5. Not for profit

- (a) All property and income of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated must be applied solely towards promoting the Objects, and no part of the Club's property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly to any Member, except in good faith in promoting the Objects.
- (b) A payment may be made (directly or indirectly) to a Member out of the funds of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated only if it is authorised under clause 5(c).
- (c) A payment to a Member out of the funds of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated is authorised if it is:
 - (i) the payment in good faith to that Member of reasonable remuneration for services provided to the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated; or reasonable

compensation for goods supplied to the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated in the ordinary course of business;

- (ii) the payment of interest on money borrowed from a Member by the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated, at a rate not exceeding the cash rate published from time to time by the Reserve Bank of Australia;
- (iii) the payment of reasonable rent to the Member for any premises leased by the Member to the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated; or
- (iv) the reimbursement of reasonable expenses properly incurred by a Member on behalf of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated.

6. Affiliation

- (a) This association is affiliated with the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC) or another Junior based affiliated association of the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC).

7. Membership of the Club

7.1 Number of Members

- (a) The minimum number of Members of the Club is 6.
- (b) The maximum number of Members in each category of membership is at the discretion of the Committee, subject to any applicable legal requirements, including any conditions imposed pursuant to a liquor licence issued under the Liquor Act.

7.2 Membership classes

- (a) The membership of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated will consist of:
 - (i) Ordinary Members;
 - (ii) Life Members; and
 - (iii) such other classes of Members as may be established from time to time in accordance with clause 7.2(b).
- (b) Subject to the Act, and without derogating from the rights of existing Members, the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated may by resolution create additional classes of associate membership of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated and determine the eligibility criteria, rights and obligations of those associate members.

7.3 Eligibility for membership

- (a) Ordinary Members

To be eligible to apply for membership as an Ordinary Member, a person must:

- (i) be a natural person registered as a player of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated.
- (ii) be a natural person aged 18 years or over; support the Objects.

- (b) Life Members

To be eligible for membership as a Life Member, a Member must have provided outstanding service to the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated for at least 7 years in promoting the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated Objectives unless it is to be awarded for special meritorious services to the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated as defined by the Committee.

7.4 Applying for membership as an Ordinary Member

For the purpose of the application of member the term form and members registrar may consist of the formal National AFL defined online system required of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated to register playing members, coaches and game day officials.

- (a) Every application for membership as an Ordinary Member must:
 - (i) be on a written form approved by the Committee for that purpose and signed by the applicant; and
 - (ii) be submitted to the Secretary or Registrar in any other way approved by the Committee.
 - (iii) approval will be seen as the club formally registered to the AFL online system with acknowledgment from the system of a successful registration.
- (b) The Committee will consider membership applications and, in its discretion, may approve or reject an application, without giving reasons.
- (c) The Secretary or Registrar must inform applicants of the outcome of their application within a reasonable period. Application outcomes may be provided by the AFL's online system and may be out of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated control.
- (d) If the Committee approves the membership application, the Secretary, Registrar or Treasurer must:
 - (i) notify the applicant and request payment of the applicable Membership Fee; and
 - (ii) within 28 days after the person becomes a Member, enter the person's name in the Register.
 - (iii) application outcomes may be provided by the AFL's online system and may be out of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated control.
- (e) An applicant whose membership application has been approved will not become a Member until the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated has:
 - (i) received payment of the required Membership Fee; and
 - (ii) the applicant's details are entered in the Register in accordance with clause 9.1.

7.5 Membership as a Life Member

- (a) Any Ordinary Member may nominate a person who is eligible in accordance with clause 7.3(b) for Life Membership. The Ordinary Member must complete a nomination form provided by the Committee for that purpose and lodge it with the Secretary.
- (b) Nominations for Life Membership must be considered at a General Meeting and will be approved if a Special Resolution is passed approving the nomination.

7.6 Membership Fees

- (a) The Committee must determine the Membership Fees from time to time applicable to each Member, including (but not limited to):
 - (i) an entrance fee for membership; and
 - (ii) an annual, half yearly, quarterly or monthly subscription fee.
- (b) The Committee may:
 - (i) set different Membership Fees for different Members, including (but not limited to) different Membership Fees (or no Membership Fees) for Members who are Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated players; and
 - (ii) in its absolute discretion may waive all or part of a Membership Fee payable by any particular Member.
- (c) Membership Fees are payable in advance by the date directed by the Committee from time to time.
- (d) If any amount owing under this clause 7.5 remains unpaid for a period of 60 days after it falls due, the Secretary Registrar or Treasurer will send a notice to the Member requiring payment of the outstanding amount within 28 days of the date of the notice.
- (e) If the amount is not paid within this 28 day period then the Member may at the end of the period automatically and without further notice cease to be a Member.
- (f) The Committee may, in its absolute discretion, reinstate the Member on payment of all arrears of amounts owing.

7.7 Membership obligations and rights

- (a) Every Member undertakes to the best of their ability to:
 - (i) comply with this Constitution and any regulations, policies or standards of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated in force from time to time; and
 - (ii) promote the Objects, interests and standing of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated.
- (b) Ordinary Members have all the rights provided to Members under this Constitution, including (but not limited to) the right to:
 - (i) receive notices from the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated;
 - (ii) attend, request the convening of and vote at all General Meetings of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated ; and
 - (iii) be elected or appointed to the Committee and any committees of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated .
- (c) Life Members:
 - (i) are not required to pay Membership Fees.

- (d) Any other class of associate member created in accordance with clause 7.2(b) will have the rights given to them in accordance with the resolution referred to in clause 7.2(b).

7.8 Liability of Members

- (a) The liability of Members is limited to payment of their Membership Fees in accordance with clause 7.5.
- (b) A Member is not liable, by reason of their Membership, for the liabilities of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated or the cost of winding up the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated .

7.9 No transfer of membership

A right, privilege or obligation of a person by reason of Membership:

- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
- (b) terminates upon the cessation of Membership.

8. Ceasing to be a Member

8.1 When a Member ceases to be a Member

A Member will cease to be a Member:

- (a) if the Member resigns by verbal notice or notice in writing to the President or Secretary, on the date that the notice is received by the Secretary or President, or any later date specified in the notice;
- (b) in the case of a Life Member, if a special resolution referred to in clause 8.3 is passed;
- (c) in the case of an Ordinary Member (or any additional class of associate member created in accordance with clause 7.2(b)), if their membership is revoked in accordance with clause 8.2; or
- (d) if the Member dies.

8.2 Revocation of membership

- (a) Subject to this clause 8, the Committee may at a Committee meeting resolve to revoke a Member's membership if in its opinion:
 - (i) the Member's status or conduct is detrimental to the Objects, interests or standing of the Club, including (without limitation) if the Member has brought the Club or the sport of Australian Rules Football into disrepute;
 - (ii) the Member has failed to comply with this Constitution or any regulations, policies or standards of the Club; or
 - (iii) the Member no longer meets the applicable criteria for membership in clause 7.3(a).
- (b) At least 28 days before the Committee meeting referred to in clause 8.2(a) (**Revocation Meeting**), the Secretary must give written notice to the Member:
 - (i) of the proposed revocation of membership and the reasons for that revocation;

- (ii) of the date, time and place of the Revocation Meeting; and
 - (iii) informing the Member that the Member may attend the Revocation Meeting and will be given a full and fair opportunity to make oral and written submissions to the Committee.
- (c) At the Revocation Meeting, the Committee must:
- (i) give the Member a reasonable opportunity to make oral submissions and must give reasonable consideration to any written submissions; and
 - (ii) determine whether the Member's membership should be revoked.

8.3 Revocation of Life Membership

- (a) The Committee may at a Committee meeting resolve to propose a Special Resolution to Members at a General Meeting to revoke a Life Member's membership if in its opinion:
- (i) the Life Member's status or conduct is detrimental to the Objects, interests or standing of the Forresterfield Football Club Incorporated , including (without limitation) if the Life Member has brought the Forresterfield Football Club Incorporated or the sport of Australian Rules Football into disrepute; or
 - (ii) the Life Member has failed to comply with this Constitution or any regulations, policies or standards of the Forresterfield Football Club Incorporated .
- (b) At least 28 days before the General Meeting at which the Special Resolution referred to in clause 8.3(a) is to be proposed (**Revocation Meeting**), the Secretary must give written notice to the Life Member:
- (i) of the proposed revocation of membership and the reasons for that revocation;
 - (ii) of the date, time and place of the Revocation Meeting; and
 - (iii) informing the Life Member that the Life Member may attend the Revocation Meeting and will be given a full and fair opportunity to make oral and written submissions to the Members.
- (c) The Chairperson must give the Life Member a reasonable opportunity to submit written submissions to Members prior to the Revocation Meeting; and a reasonable opportunity to make oral submissions at the Revocation Meeting, before the Special Resolution is voted on by Members.

8.4 Consequences of ceasing to be a Member

Any person ceasing to be a Member:

- (a) will have its name removed from the Register;
- (b) is not entitled to any refund (or part refund) of any Membership Fee paid; and
- (c) will remain liable for and must pay to the Forresterfield Football Club Incorporated all fees and any other amounts which were due to the Forresterfield Football Club Incorporated at the date they cease to be a Member.
- (d) under circumstances at the digression of the Committee may waiver fees and other amounts due.

9. Register of Members

9.1 Maintaining the Register of Members

- (a) The Secretary (or any person authorised by the Committee) must keep and maintain a Register at the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated premises in accordance with section 53 of the Act, containing:
 - (i) the name and residential, postal or email address of each Member;
 - (ii) the class of membership of each Member (if applicable);
 - (iii) the date on which each Member's name was entered into the Register;
 - (iv) the name and date of appointment of each Representative; and
 - (v) for a period of one year after a person ceases to be a Member, the date on which the person ceased to be a Member
 - (vi) the reason for the cessation of a member (if applicable).
- (b) Any change in the membership of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated must be recorded in the Register within 28 days.
- (c) A register may be defined as described in 2,.1 as the AFL's online registration system.

9.2 Inspecting and copying the Register

- (a) A Member may apply in writing to the Committee for a copy of the Register. The Committee may in its discretion require the Member to provide a statutory declaration setting out the purpose of the request and declaring that the purpose is connected with the affairs of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated . It is at the discretion of the Committee whether access is granted to the complete register.
- (b) The Register is available for inspection free of charge by any current Member upon written request to the Secretary to access the members own personal information.
- (c) A Member may make a copy of entries in the Register.
- (d) The Committee may charge a reasonable fee for providing a copy of the Register.
- (e) A Member must not use or disclose any information in the Register for any purpose other than a purpose that:
 - (i) is directly connected with the affairs of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated ; or
 - (ii) relates to the administration of the Act.

10. General meetings

10.1 Annual general meetings

- (a) The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated must hold an annual general meeting once in each calendar year and no later than 6 months after the end of each Financial Year, except where the Commissioner has allowed a longer period under the Act.

- (b) The Committee must determine the place, date and time of the annual general meeting.
- (c) The details of the annual general meeting, location, date and time is to be communicated to all Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated members at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

10.2 Business at annual general meeting

Even if these items are not set out in the notice of meeting, the business of an annual general meeting may include:

- (a) reviewing the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated activities and finances since the last preceding annual general meeting;
- (b) confirming the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any other General Meeting held since the last annual general meeting;
- (c) receiving and considering:
 - (i) the Committee's annual report on the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated activities during the preceding financial year;
 - (ii) if the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated is a tier 1 association, the Financial Statements of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated for the preceding financial year presented under Part 5 of the Act;
 - (iii) if the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated is a tier 2 association or a tier 3 association, the Financial Report of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated for the preceding financial year presented under Part 5 of the Act; and
 - (iv) if required to be presented for consideration under Part 5 of the Act, a copy of the report of the review or the auditor's report on the Financial Statements or Financial Report (as applicable);
- (d) electing Committee Members;
- (e) (where relevant) appointing the auditor or reviewer and fixing their remuneration; and
- (f) transacting any other business which under this Constitution or the Act may properly be brought before the meeting.

10.3 Special General Meetings

- (a) The Committee may at any time convene a General Meeting, or of any class of Members.
- (b) The Committee must convene a General Meeting if the following requirements are met:
 - (i) the request is made by at least 20% of Members eligible to vote at a General Meeting;
 - (ii) the request is in writing, signed by all the Members making the request, and states the business to be conducted at the General Meeting; and
 - (iii) the request is lodged with the Secretary or as otherwise directed by the Committee.

- (c) On receipt of a request from Members under clause 10.3(b), the Committee must:
 - (i) give all Members 21 days' notice of the Special General Meeting; and
 - (ii) hold the General Meeting within 2 months of the date of the request.
- (d) Subject to the Act, the Committee may cancel or postpone any General Meeting or change its venue by giving notice to all persons to whom the notice of the original meeting was given but may not cancel a General Meeting which was called or requested by Members, without the prior written consent of those Members.
- (e) Where general decisions are required to be made to ensure the efficient day to day business of the Forrestfield Football Club Inc is maintained these meetings may not be defined as Special General Meetings. Such decisions can be made between the President, Secretary and another Committee Member and or Trustee. Decisions are to be reported at general meetings for committee and attending members.

10.4 Notice of General Meetings

- (a) Notice of every General Meeting must be given in the manner authorised by clause 20.1 to:
 - (i) every Member;
 - (ii) every Committee Member; and
 - (iii) any reviewer or auditor of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated if requested.
- (b) No other person is entitled to receive notice of a General Meeting, except any person authorised by the Committee.
- (c) Notice of General Meetings (including annual general meetings) must be provided to Members:
 - (i) at least 21 clear days before any General Meeting at which a Special Resolution is proposed; and
 - (ii) at least 14 clear days before any other General Meeting.
 - (iii) Any period prior to the General Meeting if the meeting is routinely scheduled on a consistent period determined by the Committee.
- (d) Subject to clause 10.4(e), shorter notice of General Meetings (including annual general meetings) may be provided if:
 - (i) for an annual general meeting, all the Members entitled to vote at the annual general meeting agree prior to the annual general meeting; and
 - (ii) for any other General Meeting, Members holding at least 95% of the votes that may be cast at the General Meeting agree prior to the General Meeting.
- (e) The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated cannot call a General Meeting or annual general meeting on shorter notice than that specified in clause 10.4(c) if a resolution will be moved at the meeting to:
 - (i) appoint or remove a Committee Member; or

- (ii) remove an auditor or reviewer.

10.5 Content of notice of General Meetings

The notice of General Meeting must:

- (a) specify the place, date and time for the General Meeting (and, if the meeting is to be held in 2 or more places in accordance with clause 10.7, the technology that will be used to facilitate this);
- (b) state the general nature of the business to be transacted at the General Meeting;
- (c) (if a Special Resolution is to be proposed at the General Meeting) set out an intention to propose the Special Resolution and state the resolution; and
- (d) contain a statement of each Member's right to appoint a natural person who is also a Member as their proxy.

10.6 Failure to give notice

Any resolution passed at a General Meeting is not invalidated by:

- (a) the accidental omission to give notice of a General Meeting to any Member or non-receipt of that notice by a Member; or
- (b) the accidental omission to send out the instrument of proxy to a person entitled to receive notice or non-receipt of that instrument.

10.7 Use of technology

- (a) The Company may hold a General Meeting (including an annual general meeting) at two or more venues using any technology that gives Members a reasonable opportunity to participate, provided that arrangements are made at each venue for the recording of all votes cast.
- (b) The General Meeting is taken to be held where the Chairperson of the General Meeting conducts the General Meeting. All proceedings conducted in accordance with this clause 10.7 are as valid as if conducted at a single gathering of a quorum of those entitled to be present.

10.8 Quorum

- (a) No business may be transacted at a General Meeting unless a quorum of Members eligible to attend and vote at the General Meeting is Present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, 5 Members eligible to attend and vote at the General Meeting is required to constitute a quorum.

10.9 If a quorum not Present

If a quorum is not Present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for the General Meeting in the notice:

- (a) where the meeting is convened on the requisition of Members, the meeting must be automatically dissolved; and
- (b) in any other case:

- (i) the meeting stands adjourned to a day and at a time and place as the Committee decides or, if no decision is made by the Committee, to the same day in the next week at the same time and place; and
- (ii) if no quorum is Present at the resumed meeting within 30 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, provided at least 2 Members are Present at the resumed meeting, they will be taken to constitute a quorum.

10.10 Adjournments

- (a) The Chairperson may and must if directed to do so by the General Meeting, adjourn a General Meeting from time to time and from place to place.
- (b) Only business left unfinished at the meeting which was adjourned may be transacted at a meeting resumed after an adjournment.
- (c) A resolution passed at a meeting resumed after an adjournment is passed on the day it was in fact passed.
- (d) When a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given as in the case of the original meeting. In all other cases it is not necessary to give notice of the adjourned meeting.

11. Voting at General Meetings

11.1 Voting rights

- (a) At General Meetings each Member entitled to attend and vote in accordance with this Constitution:
 - (i) has one vote on a show of hands or on a poll; and
 - (ii) may attend and vote in person or by proxy or attorney
- (b) Each person Present at the General Meeting who represents more than one Member entitled to vote, either personally or by proxy, has one vote on a show of hands.
- (c) A Member ordinarily entitled to vote is not entitled to vote if his or her Membership Fee is more than 30 days in arrears at the commencement of the relevant General Meeting, unless the Committee resolves otherwise.
- (d) A Member may appoint a natural person who is also a Member as their proxy to attend and vote at General Meetings on behalf of the Member.

11.2 Members' resolutions

- (a) A resolution put to the vote at a General Meeting must be decided by a majority of votes cast by the Members Present at the General Meeting, except where this Constitution or otherwise by law the resolution is required to be a Special Resolution.
- (b) A resolution put to the vote at a General Meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is demanded in accordance with clause 11.4.
- (c) Before a vote is taken, the Chairperson must inform the General Meeting whether any proxy votes have been received and how the proxy votes are to be cast on the resolution.

- (d) In the case of an equality of votes on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairperson of the relevant General Meeting has a casting vote, in addition to any vote that the Chairperson may otherwise be entitled.
- (e) A declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or lost and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting is conclusive evidence of that fact. Neither the Chairperson nor the minutes of the meeting need to state the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour or against the resolution.

11.3 Special Resolutions

A Special Resolution is a resolution passed by the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated in accordance with section 51 of the Act:

- (a) at a General Meeting, by the votes of not less than three-fourths of the Members Present and eligible to vote at the General Meeting; or
- (b) by not less than three-fourths of the votes cast in accordance with clause 11.6.

11.4 Voting by poll

- (a) A poll may be demanded by:
 - (i) the Chairperson;
 - (ii) at least 3 Members Present entitled to vote on the resolution.
- (b) A poll may be demanded:
 - (i) before a vote is taken; or
 - (ii) before or immediately after the voting results on a show of hands are declared.
- (c) The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.
- (d) Subject to clause 11.4(e), if a poll is demanded, it is to be taken in the manner and at the time the Chairperson directs.
- (e) A poll demanded on the election of a Chairperson or on a question of adjournment must be taken immediately.
- (f) The result of the poll will be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- (g) The demand for a poll does not prevent a General Meeting from proceeding with any other business.

11.5 Objection to qualification to vote

- (a) An objection to a person's right to vote at a General Meeting:
 - (i) may only be raised at the General Meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered; and
 - (ii) must be determined by the Chairman of the meeting, whose decision is final.
- (b) A vote allowed after an objection is valid for all purposes.

11.6 Direct voting

- (a) The Committee may determine that, at any General Meeting, a Member who is entitled to attend and vote on a resolution at that meeting is entitled to vote by direct vote in respect of that resolution. A direct vote includes a vote delivered to the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated by post or any other means approved by the Committee, subject to compliance with the Act.
- (b) Where clause 11.6(a) applies, the notice of meeting must indicate that direct voting is available at the relevant meeting or on particular resolutions.
- (c) The Committee may prescribe procedures in relation to direct voting, including (without limitation):
 - (i) specifying the form, method and timing of casting a direct vote at a meeting for the vote to be valid; and
 - (ii) the circumstances in which a direct vote may be withdrawn by the Member or deemed withdrawn.

12. Minutes

- (a) The Committee must cause minutes to be made of:
 - (i) proceedings and resolutions of General Meetings and resolutions passed by Members without a meeting;
 - (ii) all appointments of Committee Members and any other officers of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated ;
 - (iii) proceedings and resolutions of Committee meetings and resolutions passed by the Committee without a meeting,and retain the minutes in a minute book for a period of at least 10 years or such other period as may be required under the Act.
- (b) The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated must ensure that minutes are signed within a reasonable time after the date of the meeting or of the resolution being passed by:
 - (i) the Chairperson of the meeting; or
 - (ii) the Chairperson of the next meeting; or
 - (iii) in the case of a resolution without a meeting, a Committee Member.
 - (iv) signed being formal signature or acknowledgement by email of receipt of the minutes and agreement with its content.
- (c) In the absence of evidence to the contrary, contents of the minute book that is recorded and signed in accordance with this clause 12 is evidence of the matters shown in the minute.

13. Resolving disputes

13.1 Application of disputes procedure

The disputes procedure set out in this clause applies to disputes under this Constitution between:

- (a) a Member and another Member or Members;
- (b) a Member or Members and the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated .

13.2 Disputes procedure

- (a) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties. In the case of a dispute involving the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated , the President or another Committee Member nominated by the President will represent the Association.
- (b) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute within the 14 day period specified in clause 13.2(a), either party may initiate the dispute resolution procedure by giving a written notice to the Secretary identifying the parties to the dispute and the subject of the dispute.
- (c) Within 28 days of receipt of a notice under clause 13.2(b), a Committee meeting must be convened to determine the dispute.
- (d) The Secretary must give the parties to the dispute at least 7 days' prior written notice of the date, time and place of the Committee meeting. The notice must inform the parties that they (or their Representative) may attend the Committee meeting and will be given a full and fair opportunity to make oral and written submissions to the Committee.
- (e) At the Committee meeting, the Committee must:
 - (i) give each party to the dispute, or the party's Representative, a fair opportunity to make oral submissions and must give reasonable consideration to any written submissions; and
 - (ii) determine the dispute.
- (f) Written notice of the Committee's decision regarding the dispute must be given to all parties to the dispute within 7 days after the Committee meeting.

13.3 If dispute resolution results in decision to suspend or expel being revoked

If a disputes procedure under this clause 13 takes place concerning the revocation of a Member's membership and the result of the disputes procedure is that the Member's membership is reinstated, that revocation decision does not affect the validity of any decision made at a Committee meeting or General Meeting during the period in which the Member's membership was purported to be revoked.

The process of suspension or expulsion will be detailed in the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated Code of Conduct and behavioural policies.

14. Committee

14.1 The Committee

The affairs of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated will be managed by a management committee (**Committee**) consisting of:

- (a) the following office holders:
 - (i) a President;
 - (ii) a Vice President
 - (iii) a Secretary;
 - (iv) a Treasurer;
 - (v) a Registrar
 - (vi) any other office holders designated by the Committee from time to time; and
- (b) such number of ordinary Committee Members as the Committee thinks fit.
- (c) committee roles may be introduced in addition to 13.1 at the digression of the Committee to align with Objects of the Clubs constitution and stated in the Clubs By Laws.

14.2 Powers of the Committee

- (a) The Committee is responsible for managing the business of the Company and may exercise all powers of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated which are not required by the Act or this Constitution to be exercised by the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated in a General Meeting.
- (b) Without limiting the generality of clause 14.2(a), the Committee may exercise all the powers of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated to:
 - (i) acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of any real or personal property;
 - (ii) open and operate bank accounts;
 - (iii) borrow money on such terms and conditions as the Committee thinks fit;
 - (iv) invest money on such terms and conditions as the Committee thinks fit;
 - (v) grant security for the discharge of liabilities and obligations of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated;
 - (vi) appoint agents to transact business on behalf of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated; and
 - (vii) enter into any contract or arrangement in support of the Objects.

14.3 Payments to Committee Members

- (a) The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated must not pay fees to a Committee Member for acting as a Committee Member.

- (b) Clause 14.3(a) does not apply to any payments for out-of-pocket travel and accommodation expenses incurred in connection with the performance of the Committee Member's functions, including (but not limited to) attending Committee meetings and General Meetings.

15. Responsibilities of Committee Members

15.1 Responsibilities of Committee Members and declaring interests

- (a) Each Committee Member must exercise his or her powers and discharge his or her duties as Committee Member in accordance with the Act and all applicable laws.
- (b) A Committee Member who has a material personal interest in a matter which is or will be considered at a Committee meeting must:
 - (i) as soon as the Committee Member becomes aware of the interest, disclose to the Committee the nature and extent of the interest and how the interest relates to the activity of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated;
 - (ii) not be present while the matter is being considered at the Committee meeting or vote on the matter; and
 - (iii) ensure the nature and extent of the interest and how the interest relates to the activity of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated is disclosed at the next General Meeting.
- (c) Clause 15.1(b) does not apply to any material personal interest that exists only because the Committee Member:
 - (i) is an employee of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated;
 - (ii) is a member of a class of persons for whose benefit the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated is established; or
 - (iii) that the Committee Member has in common with all, or a substantial proportion of, the Members.

15.2 President

- (a) Subject to this clause 15.2, the President will chair Committee meetings and General Meetings.
- (b) Where a Committee meeting is held and the President is not present or declines to act as chair, the Committee Members present must elect one of their number to chair the meeting.
- (c) Where a General Meeting is held and the President is not present or declines to act as chair, the Members present must elect a Committee Member present to chair the meeting.
- (d) In this constitution, references to the Chairperson are references to the President, or where a person is appointed to chair a meeting under clause 15.2(b) or 15.2(c), in relation to that meeting, references to the Chairperson in this Constitution include a reference to that person.

15.3 Vice President

- (a) Subject to this clause 15.2, the Vice President will act where the President requires coverage and support in club duties such as to chair Committee meetings and General Meetings.
- (b) Where a Committee meeting is held, and the President and Vice President is not present or declines to act as chair, the Committee Members present must elect one of their number to chair the meeting.
- (c) Where a General Meeting is held and the President and Vice President is not present or declines to act as chair, the Members present must elect a Committee Member present to chair the meeting.
- (d) In this constitution, references to the Chairperson are references to the President, or where a person is appointed to chair a meeting under clause 15.2(b) or 15.2(c), in relation to that meeting, references to the Chairperson in this Constitution include a reference to that person.
- (e) The Vice President role may be more defined in the clubs Bylaws.

15.4 Secretary

The Secretary's responsibilities include:

- (a) preparing notices of meeting for Committee meetings and General Meetings;
- (b) keeping the minutes of Committee meetings and General Meetings;
- (c) maintaining the Register in accordance with section 53 of the Act and clause 9.1; and providing for Members to inspect the Register and take copies in accordance with the Act and clause 9.2;
- (d) recording in the relevant minutes' disclosures of material personal interests of Committee Members made at Committee meetings and General Meetings;
- (e) maintaining records of Committee Members, any other office holders and any appointed trustees in accordance with section 58 of the Act and clause 16.5 and providing for Members to inspect these records and take copies in accordance with the Act and clause 16.6;
- (f) maintaining an up-to-date copy of this Constitution in accordance with section 35 of the Act and providing for Members to inspect this Constitution and take copies in accordance with the Act;
- (g) ensuring that all notices are duly given in accordance with this Constitution or as required by law;
- (h) unless the Committee resolves otherwise, being responsible for the secure custody of the books, records and documents of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated, other than those required by clause 15.5 to be maintained by the Treasurer; and
- (i) generally performing all duties incidental to the office of secretary and such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the Committee from time to time.

15.5 Treasurer

The Treasurer's duties include:

- (a) coordinating the collection of amounts payable to the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated, crediting them to the appropriate account of the Club and issuing receipts on behalf of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated;
- (b) paying out the funds of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated in accordance with authority from the Committee or the Members;
- (c) ensuring the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated complies with all financial reporting obligations imposed on it under the Act, including (but not limited to):
 - (i) keeping and retaining Financial Records in accordance with Division 2 of Part 5 of the Act;
 - (ii) coordinating the preparation of the Club's Financial Report or Financial Statements in accordance with the applicable requirements of Division 3 of Part 5 of the Act, for submission to Members at the annual general meeting;
 - (iii) providing any assistance required by an auditor or reviewer of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated Financial Report or Financial Statements (as applicable);
 - (iv) unless the Committee resolves otherwise, being responsible for the secure custody of the Club's Financial Records, Financial Reports and Financial Statements (as applicable), for at least 7 years after their creation;
- (d) reporting to the Committee on the financial status and performance of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated; and
- (e) generally performing all duties incidental to the office of treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the Committee from time to time.

15.6 Register

The Registrars duties include:

- (a) coordinating registrations of members to the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated, assigning them to the appropriate age groups of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated.
- (b) allocation of teams in accordance with authority from the Committee or the Members;
- (c) ensuring the Club complies with all registration and processes from the WAFC and Central Conference
- (d) maintaining online registration system and register of members.

16. Election of Committee Members

16.1 Eligibility

- (a) Any person may become a Committee Member either:

- (i) by election at an annual general meeting under clause 16.3; or
 - (ii) by appointment of the Committee under clause 17.2.
- (b) A person is eligible for election to the Committee only if they:
- (i) are aged 18 or over;
 - (ii) are a Member;
 - (iii) are not disqualified from being an office holder of the Committee under sections 39 and 40 of the Act; and
 - (iv) satisfy any eligibility requirements determined by the Committee from time to time.
- (c) Any person under the age of 18 may become a Committee Member either:
- (i) At the disgression of the Committee
 - (ii) are approved by a parent or guardian aged 18 or over;
 - (iii) the role is not associated with any financial or a position which is deemed of responsibility that an under 18 person would be not be appropriate.
 - (iv) the role would be a development opportunity for the succession of the club.

16.2 Nomination of Committee Member

- (a) A Member who wishes to be elected to the Committee must send a nomination to the Secretary at least 28 days before the annual general meeting, indicating whether they wish to nominate for an office holder position or as an ordinary Committee Member.
- (b) A nomination under clause 16.2(a) must be in writing in such form as is approved by the Committee from time to time and signed by the Member.
- (c) In the nomination form the Member must certify that they are eligible to be elected to the Committee in accordance with clause 16.1(b).
- (d) A nomination may be received at an Annual General Meeting.

16.3 Election of Committee Members

- (a) Subject to the Act, the Club may by resolution appoint or remove a Committee Member from the Committee.
- (b) At the conclusion of each annual general meeting, each Committee Member's term of office ends and all positions on the Committee, whether as officeholder or general Committee Member, are open for election.
- (c) There must be a separate election for each position on the Committee that is open for election, whether as office holder or ordinary Committee Member. No person may be elected to more than one position on the Committee.

- (d) If there is no nomination for any position on the Committee under clause 16.2, the Chairperson may call for nominations from the Members Present at the annual general meeting.
- (e) If only one Member has nominated for any Committee position, the Chairperson must declare that Member elected to the position.
- (f) If more than one Member has nominated for a Committee position, the Members Present must vote to elect the Committee Member, in accordance with any procedures agreed by the Committee. A Member who has nominated for a Committee position may vote for himself or herself.
- (g) Any person elected to the Committee who has not completed a nomination in accordance with clause 16.2 must within 14 days confirm in writing to the Committee their eligibility under clause 16.1(b). If the person is not eligible, their appointment to the Committee is deemed not to have taken place.

16.4 Term of office

The term of office of a Committee Member (Committee member as described in 14.1)

- (a) begins when the member is elected at an annual general meeting under clause 16.3, or is appointed under clause 17.2; and
- (b) may ends at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting, or otherwise under clause 17.
- (c) a committee member shall have the option to be eligible for re-election.

16.5 Committee Register

- (a) The Secretary (or any person authorised by the Committee) must keep and maintain a Committee Register in accordance with section 58 of the Act, including:
 - (i) the name; and
 - (ii) at least one of the residential address, business address, post office box address or email address,for each person identified in clause 16.5(b).
- (b) Clause 16.5(a) applies to:
 - (i) each Committee Member;
 - (ii) any other person who holds any office in the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated;
 - (iii) every person who is authorised to use the seal of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated (if any); and
 - (iv) any person who is appointed or who acts as trustee on behalf of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated.

16.6 Inspecting and copying the Committee Register

- (a) the Committee Register is available for inspection free of charge by any current Member upon written request to the Secretary.
- (b) a Member may make a copy of entries in the Committee Register or take an extract but a Member does not have the right to remove the Committee Register for that purpose.
- (c) a Member must not use or disclose any information in the Committee Register for any purpose other than a purpose that:
 - (i) is directly connected with the affairs of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated; or
 - (ii) relates to the administration of the Act.

17. Resignation and removal from office of Committee Members

17.1 Vacancy on the Committee

A Committee Member's term of office ends and that office becomes vacant if the Committee Member:

- (a) resigns by notice in writing delivered to the Secretary or, if the Committee Member is the Secretary, to the Chairperson;
- (b) dies;
- (c) is or becomes ineligible to act as a Committee Member under clause 16.1;
- (d) becomes physically or mentally incapable of performing the Committee Member's duties and the Committee resolves that his or her office be vacated for that reason;
- (e) is absent from more than:
 - (i) 4 consecutive Committee meetings without leave of absence granted from the Committee; or
 - (ii) 4 Committee meetings in the same Financial Year without tendering an apology to the relevant Chairperson of each meeting, which apology is accepted by the Chairperson;
 - (iii) and the Committee that his or her office be vacated for that reason;
- (f) ceases to be a Member; or
- (g) is the subject of a resolution passed by Members terminating his or her appointment as a Committee Member.

17.2 Filling casual vacancies

- (a) The Committee may appoint a Member (who is eligible under clause 16.1) at any time to fill a Committee position:
 - (i) that has become vacant under clause 17.1; or
 - (ii) that was not filled at the annual general meeting.

- (b) A Member appointed to the Committee under clause 17.2(a) holds office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting, and is eligible for election to the Committee at that annual general meeting.

17.3 Return of books and records

- (a) As soon as practicable after a Committee Member's term of office ends, that person (or if the Committee Member has died, their personal representative) must deliver to the Committee all books, records and documents of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated in his or her possession, whether in hard copy or electronic format.
- (b) The Committee may require the outgoing Committee Member to certify in writing that, having complied with clause 17.3(a), he or she has destroyed all remaining electronic copies of books, records and documents of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated

18. Committee proceedings

18.1 Calling and holding Committee meetings

- (a) The Committee must meet as often as it thinks fit to adequately discharge its duties; and no less than 4 times per Financial Year.
- (b) The Committee or a Committee Member may call a Committee meeting by giving reasonable notice to each Committee Member.
- (c) The Committee may adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as it thinks fit.

18.2 Meetings by telecommunications

Without limiting the Committee's power to regulate its meetings as it thinks fit, the Committee may hold a valid meeting using any medium by which each of the Committee Members can simultaneously hear all the other participants (including telephone, video conferencing or any other means of instant communication), and in that case:

- (a) the participating Committee Members are taken to be present at the meeting for the purposes of this Constitution;
- (b) the meeting is taken to be held where the Chairperson of the meeting is; and
- (c) all proceedings of the Committee conducted in accordance with this clause 18.2 are as valid and effective as if conducted at a meeting at which all of the Committee Members were present in person.

18.3 Quorum

- (a) At a Committee meeting, the number of Committee Members whose presence is necessary to constitute a quorum is one third (rounded to the nearest whole number) of the total number of Committee Members in office at the time of the Committee meeting.
- (b) If any office on the Committee becomes vacant, the remaining Committee Members may act but, if the total number of remaining Committee Members is not sufficient to constitute a quorum at a Committee meeting, the Committee Members may act only for the purpose of increasing the number of Committee Members to a number sufficient to constitute a quorum or for the purpose of convening a General Meeting.

18.4 Guests at Committee meetings

- (a) The Committee may invite a Member or any other person who is not a Committee Member to attend a Committee meeting.
- (b) A person invited to attend a Committee meeting under clause 18.4(a) has no right to receive any agendas, notices or papers relating to the Committee meeting; no right to vote; and no right to comment on any matters discussed at the Committee meeting without the Committee's consent.

18.5 Committee resolutions

- (a) Subject to this Constitution, a resolution of the Committee must be passed by a majority of the votes of Committee Members present and entitled to vote on the resolution.
- (b) Each Committee Member has one vote.
- (c) In case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson has a second or casting vote in addition to his or her deliberative vote (if any).

18.6 Written Committee resolutions

- (a) The Committee may pass a resolution without a Committee meeting being held if all the Committee Members entitled to vote on the resolution sign a document containing a statement that they are in favour of the resolution set out in the document (**Committee circular resolution**).
- (b) Identical copies of the document setting out the Committee circular resolution may be distributed for signing by different Committee Members and taken together will constitute the same document.
- (c) The Committee circular resolution may be sent by email to the Committee Members and the Committee Members may agree to the resolution by sending a reply email to that effect, including the text of the resolution in their reply email.
- (d) The Committee circular resolution is passed when the last Committee Member entitled to vote on the resolution:
 - (i) signs the document in accordance with clauses 18.6(a) or 18.6(b); or
 - (ii) agrees to the Committee circular resolution in accordance with clause 18.6(c).

18.7 Regulations

- (a) The Committee has the power to make, amend and rescind regulations, policies and standards (**Regulations**) regulating the administration and conduct of the Club, including (but not limited to) the matters listed in clause 18.7(b), provided such Regulations are not inconsistent with this Constitution or the Act.
- (b) The Regulations may provide for any matter within the Committee's power, including (but not limited to) Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated colours; badge; motto; player uniform; competition rules; player eligibility and selection; fixtures; conduct of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated premises; supply of liquor; and player codes of conduct and discipline, including tribunals.
- (c) All Regulations in force from time to time are binding on the Members.

- (d) Any Member may inspect the Regulations (in force from time to time) free of charge upon written request to the Secretary.

18.8 Acts valid despite defective appointment

Any act done at any Committee meeting by any person acting as a Committee Member, even if it is later discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such Committee Member or that the Committee member was disqualified, is valid as if the Committee Member had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a Committee Member.

18.9 Committees

- (a) The Committee may create committees as it sees fit, consisting of such Members, Committee Members or other persons who are not Members as the Committee thinks fit. The Committee may delegate to any committee the exercise of such functions of the Committee as are specified in the delegation other than:
 - (i) the power of delegation; and
 - (ii) a function which is a duty imposed on the Committee by the Act or any other law.
- (b) A committee must exercise the powers granted to it in accordance with any direction of the Committee. Any power exercised in accordance with this clause 18.9(b) is taken to be exercised by the Committee.
- (c) Clauses 18.1, 18.2 and 18.4 apply to any committee as if each reference in those clauses to the Committee members was a reference to the members of the committee and each reference to a Committee meeting were to a committee meeting.
- (d) Minutes of all the proceedings and decisions of every committee must be made, entered and signed in the same manner in all respects as minutes of proceedings of the Committee are required by the Act to be made, entered and signed.

19. Execution of documents

19.1 Execution generally

- (a) The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated may validly execute a document (including a deed) if the document is signed by a Committee Member and countersigned by another Committee Member or another person appointed by the Committee to countersign that document or a class of documents in which that document is included.
- (b) Clause 19.1(a) does not limit the Committee's ability to authorise a person who is not a Committee Member to execute a document for and on behalf of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated.

19.2 Common seal

- (a) The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated need not have or use a common seal to execute documents or deeds. The Committee may resolve whether or not the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated is to have or use a common seal.
- (b) Where the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated has a common seal, it must only be used with the authority of the Committee. The Secretary or any other Committee Member authorised by the Committee must ensure the safe custody of the seal.

- (c) The Secretary must record in a seal register details of every document to which the common seal of the Authority is fixed.

20. Notices

20.1 How notice to be given

- (a) All notices, including notices of meeting, may be given by the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated to any Member by:
 - (i) serving it on the Member personally;
 - (ii) sending it by post to the Member's nominated address;
 - (iii) sending it by email to an email address nominated by the Member, or by any other electronic means nominated by the Member; or
 - (iv) giving it by any other means permitted or contemplated by the Act.

20.2 When notice is given

A notice is deemed to be given by the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated and received by the Member:

- (a) if delivered in person, when delivered to the Member;
- (b) if posted, on the day after the date of posting to the Member, whether delivered or not;
- (c) if sent by facsimile transmission, on the day after the date of its transmission; or
- (d) if sent by email or other electronic means, on the day after the date of its transmission,

21. Funds and accounts

21.1 Control of funds

- (a) The funds of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated must be kept in an account or accounts in the name of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated in a financial institution determined by the Committee.
- (b) The funds of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated are to be used to do:
 - (i) anything which it considers will advance or achieve the Objects; and
 - (ii) all other things that are incidental to carrying out the Objects.
- (c) The Committee is responsible for expenditure of the funds of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated and may authorise any person to expend the funds of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated within specified limits and any expenditure above those limits must be approved or ratified by the Committee.
- (d) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments of the Club are to be executed by:
 - (i) any two Committee Members as describes in 14.1if less than \$2000; or

- (ii) Committee Member as described in 14.1 and approval by a Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated Trustee for amounts exceeding \$2000.
 - (iii) any person or persons authorised by the Committee, within the expenditure limits set by the Committee.
 - (iv) purchases shall be subject to being included on the financial report by the Treasurer and disclosed at general meetings.
 - (v) approval of funds cannot be given by Committee members who live in the same household and or have a legal binding relationship.
- (e) All electronic payments by the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated are to be made or authorised by:
- (i) the Treasurer; or
 - (ii) any person or persons authorised by the Committee, within the expenditure limits set by the Committee.

21.2 Source of funds

The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated may derive funds in any way permitted by the Act.

21.3 Financial Records

- (a) The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated must keep Financial Records that:
- (i) correctly record and explain its transactions, financial position and performance; and
 - (ii) enable true and fair Financial Statements to be prepared in accordance with Part 5 of the Act.
- (b) The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated must retain its Financial Records for at least 7 years after the transactions covered by the records are completed.
- (c) The Company must allow the Directors and the auditor to inspect those accounts at all reasonable times.

21.4 Financial reporting, audit and review

- (a) The Committee must cause the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated to comply with all financial reporting obligations imposed on it under the Act.
- (b) Without limiting clause 21.4(a), the Committee must cause the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated to:
- (i) if it is a tier 1 association, prepare annual Financial Statements, presented under Part 5 of the Act;
 - (ii) if it is a tier 2 association or tier 3 association, prepare an annual Financial Report, presented under Part 5 of the Act;
 - (iii) have its Financial Statements or Financial Report reviewed or audited (as applicable) if:
 - (A) it is required under the Act;

- (B) it is directed by the Commissioner;
 - (C) the Members pass a resolution requiring it; or
 - (D) it is required as a condition of a funding arrangement; holding of a charitable collections licence or otherwise at law; and
- (iv) if required to be presented for consideration under Part 5 of the Act, present a copy of the report of the review or the auditor's report on the Financial Statements or Financial Report (as applicable) to the annual general meeting.

21.5 Financial Year

The Financial Year of the Club is the 12-month period starting on 1 October. Inspection of records

- (a) Subject to the Act and to this Constitution, the Committee must determine whether and on what terms the books, records and other documents of the Forreestfield Football Club Incorporated will be open to the inspection by Members other than Committee Members.
- (b) A Member other than a Committee Member does not have the right to inspect any document of the Company except as provided by the Act, or otherwise as authorised by the Committee or by the Forreestfield Football Club Incorporated in General Meeting.

22. Indemnity and insurance

22.1 Definition

In this clause **Officer** has the meaning given in section 3 of the Act.

22.2 Club may indemnify Officers

To the full extent permitted by law and without limiting the powers of the Forreestfield Football Club Incorporated, the Company may indemnify any person who is or has been an Officer of the Forreestfield Football Club Incorporated against all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, charges and expenses of any kind incurred by the Officer as an officer of the Forreestfield Football Club Incorporated.

22.3 Documentary indemnity and insurance policy

To the extent permitted by the Act and any applicable law and without limiting the powers of the Forreestfield Football Club Incorporated, the Committee may authorise the Forreestfield Football Club Incorporated to, and the Forreestfield Football Club Incorporated may, enter into any:

- (a) documentary indemnity in favour of; or
- (b) insurance policy for the benefit of,

a person who is, or has been, an Officer of the Forreestfield Football Club Incorporated, which indemnity or insurance policy may be in such terms as the Committee approves and, in particular, may apply to acts or omissions prior to or after the time of entering into the indemnity or policy.

23. Liquor Act

If the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated has a liquor licence issued under the Liquor Act, the following clauses apply:

- (a) No liquor may be sold or supplied for consumption elsewhere than on the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated premises unless such liquor is removed from the licensed premises by or on the instructions of the Member purchasing the liquor.
- (b) No payment or part payment to any Secretary, Treasurer, manager or other officer or servant of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated may be made by way of commission or allowance from or upon the receipts of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated for liquor.
- (c) No liquor may be sold or supplied to any juvenile (ie any person under the age of 18).
- (d) No stranger will be permitted to use the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated premises and no Member or other person will admit any stranger to use the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated premises.
- (e) Members may introduce guests to the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated at any time provided that:
 - (i) no Member may introduce more than 5 guests to the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated at any one time;
 - (ii) a guest will not be supplied with liquor in the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated premises except on the invitation and in the company of that Member;
 - (iii) A guest will be supplied with liquor to be consumed on the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated premises only;
 - (iv) the Member introducing the guest will be responsible for the proper conduct of that guest whilst on the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated premises;
 - (v) a Member may, at their expense, and with the approval of the Committee, supply liquor to guests, without limitation as to number, at a function held by or on behalf of that Member at the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated premises.
- (f) Any person who has been refused membership of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated or who is under suspension or expulsion from the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated, will not be admitted as a guest of any Member.
- (g) The maximum number of people permitted on the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated licensed premises cannot exceed the maximum number specified in the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated liquor licence at any one time.

24. Winding up, cancellation and distribution of surplus property

- (a) For the purposes of this clause **Surplus Property** has the meaning given in section 3 of the Act.
- (b) Subject to the Act, the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated may cease its activities and be wound up or cancelled in accordance with a Special Resolution.

- (c) Upon the winding up or cancellation of the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated , any Surplus Property will not be paid to or distributed among the Members, but will be distributed to one or more organisations listed in section 24(1) of the Act with objects similar to the Objects.

25. Variation or amendment of Constitution

- (a) This Constitution may be varied, amended or rescinded from time to time by Special Resolution in accordance with Division 2 of Part 3 of the Act.
- (b) If the Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated has a liquor licence issued under the Liquor Act or any successor legislation, no amendment to the Constitution may come into effect until the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor or any successor body has given, or been deemed to give, its consent to the amendment under the Liquor Act.

26. Appendix 1

The Forrestfield Football Club Incorporated theme song as describes in section 4 will be that of the AFL Melbourne Football Club

The lyrics of the Forrestfield Football Club theme song will be as follows:

It's a grand old flag
It's a high flying flag
It's the emblem for me and for you
It's the emblem of the team we love
The team of the red and the blue
Ev'ry heart beats true
For the red and the blue
And we sing this song to you
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
Keep your eye on the red and the blue