



## MAINfm Membership Policy

MAINfm encourages membership by people from the broadcast area and beyond, who are interested in and wish to support community radio.

### 1. Types of Membership

#### 1.1 Members

Members can vote at Annual General Meetings, Special General meetings and any other meeting where a vote is taken in order to make a station related decision. Members may be delegated volunteers and join sub-committees of the Committee of Management and station working groups. All presenters and Committee of Management members are expected to be members, to pay an annual fee and meet other obligations outlined in this policy.

#### 1.2 Subscribers

Subscribers are listeners who wish to show their support for MAINfm by making a financial contribution to help keep what's vital to our community on the airwaves. Subscribers are not entitled to vote at station meetings but do enjoy subscriber discounts that have been negotiated with local businesses.

### 2. Subscription Types

- Full / waged
- Concession individual
- Under 18
- Community Group
- Business

### 3. Fees

Membership and subscription fees are reviewed annually and set by the Committee of Management (CoM) as part of its governance activity. Current fees are available on the MAINfm website <http://mainfm.net/subscribe-to-main-fm/> and <http://mainfm.net/?s=membership+form>

### 4. Subscription Benefits

In addition to knowing they are supporting the station subscribers enjoy benefits such as discounts with local businesses and preferential access to MAINfm events. Subscriber benefits are listed on the MAINfm website.

### 5. Expectations of Members

- 5.1 It is expected that all members will abide by the Constitution, policies and procedures of MAINfm.

- 5.2 All presenters are required to be members and to pay an annual fee.
- 5.3 It is expected that all members will pay their fees promptly when they are notified that the fee is due.
- 5.4 It is expected that all members will promote the interests of MAINfm in the broadcast area.
- 5.5 It is expected that Members (who are also volunteers) will carry out their duties in a competent and professional manner.
- 5.6 All members are expected to contribute 6 hours of volunteer time to the station each year, in addition to on air and program preparation time.

## **6. Leave of Absence**

Leave of absence for any reason, from presenting, administrative or CoM duties, will be granted upon application.

## **7. Resignation**

A member may resign for any reason at any time, by giving one month's notice in writing to the Secretary. In the case of a Presenter, withdrawal from a program for any reason should be subject to at least a fortnight's notice to the person responsible for programming.

## **8. Limitations on Membership**

8.1 Applications for membership are welcomed. They are submitted to the Committee of Management for approval and will only be rejected under clause 3 of the Constitution.

8.2 The Committee of Management must determine whether to approve or reject the application. An application may only be rejected if:

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Applicant would not abide by the Rules and objectives of the Association; or
- (b) required by law; or
- (c) the Applicant has been convicted of an indictable offence; or
- (d) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Applicant would not abide by the Community Broadcasting Codes of Practice; or
- (e) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Applicant would pose a security risk to the members or the premises of the Association.

8.3 If the Applicant believes that the Board has made an error in applying this rule, the applicant may appeal on those grounds.

## **9. Cessation of Membership**

9.1 A person ceases to be a member of the association if the person:

- (a) dies; or
- (b) resigns membership; or
- (c) is expelled from the association.

9.2 A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the association:

- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
- (b) terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

## **10. Records of Membership**

Upon entry and exit from MAINfm, necessary entries will be made in the Register, maintained by the Secretary of the Committee of Management. A member may view the Membership Register at an agreed time and place and may make copies of entries.

## **11. Compliance**

MAINfm affirms the right of members to participate in discussions of policy, and the responsibility of members to accept and implement policy decisions. Members who believe that their rights as defined by this policy have been infringed, have recourse by Complaint to the Board, and access to the Complaints and Grievance Policy and as specified in the Constitution (Section 3, Clauses 10 - 13). Members who do not comply with the responsibilities defined by this policy are subject to disciplinary action as defined in the Constitution (Section 3, Clause 11).

## **12. Documents Related to This Policy**

Community Broadcasting Codes of Practice Codes 1 and 2

Castlemaine District Radio Constitution

Community Participation Strategy

Program Policy

Music Policy