



**CASTLE HILL & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB INC.**  
**STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

## **BACKGROUND**

A Probus Club is governed by a constitution which includes the Articles of Accreditation (Articles) which are consistent across all Probus Clubs. The Articles are adopted by each Club on formation. Clubs that become incorporated on or after formation must include the Articles, which are shown in ***bold and italic*** typeface, in their Club's constitution.

In addition to a constitution, Clubs are required to adopt Standing Resolutions which regulate their internal affairs in accordance with the wishes of their membership. Standing Resolutions are designed to complement the Club's constitution and should not be inconsistent with a Club's constitution. A Club's constitution will prevail in the event of any such inconsistency.

The Recommended Constitutions provided by PSPL require the adoption of Standing Resolutions. PSPL has produced these Recommended Standing Resolutions to assist Clubs manage their internal affairs. Clubs are free to make any changes or variations to these Recommended Standing Resolutions without approval from PSPL. However, the Standing Resolutions set out in part A of this document must be adopted for compliance with the Club's constitution.

### **A. STANDING RESOLUTIONS REQUIRED BY THE CLUB'S CONSTITUTION**

The constitution of a Probus Club requires additional information to be provided for in its Standing Resolutions. For a Club that has adopted PSPL's Recommended Constitution, this is normally referenced in the Club's constitution by the words "as provided for in the Standing Resolutions".

**Accordingly, the following Standing Resolutions are required to be adopted by Clubs:**

1. The Club will be managed by a Management Committee comprising a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and five(5) other members of the Committee in such roles as may be decided from time to time. (Constitution clause 7.(a)). Current committee also includes Inter-Club Activities Officer, Events Officer, Membership Officer, Communications Officer and Immediate Past President"
2. Nominations for election to the Committee will require a proposer and seconder by two Voting Members of the Club. (Constitution clause 8.(b))
3. The maximum number of consecutive terms for which a committee member may serve in the same role is three (3) terms. The maximum number of consecutive terms for which a President may serve in the same role is two (2) terms. (Constitution clause 8.(l)).
4. The Club will meet monthly at 10:00 a.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month, except when affected by Public Holidays or other unforeseen circumstances. The meeting place is Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre. (Constitution clause 13.(a))

5. In relation to Committee meetings, at least 14 days' notice must be given to Committee members. (Constitution clause 7.(j))
6. The annual subscription will be \$60.00 to be reviewed annually and is payable by members by 31 March each year. The joining fee payable by new members will be \$20.00. (Constitution clause 15.(a))
7. The maximum number of Ordinary Members of the Club will be two hundred (200). (Constitution clause 5.(f))
8. There will be no more than two (2) Honorary Members at any one time. (Constitution clause 5.(f)).
9. There will be no more than three (3) Life Members at any one time. (Constitution clause 5.(f)).
10. The Treasurer will submit financial reports to general meetings on a monthly basis. (Constitution clause 10.(b)).
11. Provided 14 days' written notice has been given, these Standing Resolutions may be amended at any general meeting of the Club, a quorum being present, by a simple majority vote of those members present and voting. (Constitution clause 25.(a))

## **12. ADDITIONAL STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

13. In addition to the above Standing Resolutions, it is recommended that Clubs consider adopting the following Standing Resolutions:
14. The Immediate Past President is an ex officio member of the Committee by virtue of his or her past service as President with voting rights.
15. The Committee is authorised to appoint assistants to any of the positions on the Committee. Assistants are not sitting members of the Committee and are not entitled to vote. However, if an assistant is acting for a member of the Committee in his or her absence, then the assistant will have one vote.
16. The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer are the authorised signatories on the Club's bank account(s), including Electronic Funds Transfers, provided always that any two of these signatories authorise such transactions.
17. The Committee will ensure that the Club's annual financial statements will be certified, reviewed or audited if there is a legislative requirement to do so.
18. Visitors may attend a maximum of three (3) meetings and three (3) activities of the Club. If a person continues to attend meetings and/or activities beyond this protocol, that person will be classified as a non-member and the Club will be required to pay the non-member capitation fee to PSPL.
19. Members are expected to attend 50% of the Club's monthly meetings in any calendar year, subject to any leave of absence being granted by the Committee.

20. The Committee may grant a member leave of absence for a specified period on such conditions as it considers appropriate.

21. The Club will maintain a waiting list protocol as follows:

- (a) the maximum number of persons on the waiting list will be fifteen (15).
- (b) an expression of interest to join the Club will be recorded on the waiting list by date.
- (c) a membership application form will only be offered to a person on the waiting list when a vacancy becomes available.
- (d) monies will only be received or accepted from a person on the waiting list when an application for membership has been approved by the Committee.
- (e) persons on the waiting list may attend Club meetings and/or activities in accordance with the Club's protocol for visitors.

22. The Club will adopt a **Privacy Policy** that outlines how it will collect, hold, use and disclose members' personal information. (Details can be found on the Club website).

23. **Refund and Payment Policy:** (Details can be found on the Club website)

24. **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY** (Details can be found on the Club website)

25. The Committee must notify PSPL of changes to the Club's membership as they occur. In the case of new members, any pro rata capitation fees will be paid to PSPL at the earliest opportunity. (Membership Policy Details can be found on the Club website)

#### **AMENDING STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

- a. To amend or replace a Standing Resolution, the members in general meeting must pass either an amendment to an existing Resolution or a new Resolution.
- b. A Standing Resolution may be moved at a general meeting from the floor with or without due notice depending on the nature of the motion. If the matter is contentious or is related to an existing Standing Resolution, 14 days' written notice should be given to all members. Once the motion is moved, the motion must be seconded and then, following discussion, a vote taken.
- c. Changes to Standing Resolutions will normally require a simple majority vote of those members present and voting.
- d. A Standing Resolution remains on the books until such time as the Resolution no longer applies, is amended, rescinded or a new Resolution overrides the previous Resolution.