Constitution of the Wallington Cricket Club

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1. NAME

The name of the Club shall be **"Wallington Cricket Club".**

2. INTERPRETATION

In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires:

- The Club shall mean **the Wallington Cricket Club.**
- The Association shall mean the **Bellarine Peninsula Cricket Association (BPCA) or the Geelong Cricket Association (GCA)** or other Association as voted by the Members.
- The Members shall mean those who are granted membership pursuant to rule 14.
- The Committee shall mean those who are elected to the General Committee pursuant to rule 11.
- The Executive shall mean those who are elected to form the Executive pursuant to rule 9.
- A.G.M. shall mean the Annual General Meeting pursuant to rule 13.1.
- Special General Meeting shall mean a meeting convened pursuant to rule 13.2.
- Committee Meeting shall mean a meeting convened pursuant to rule 13.3.

3. OFFICE AND PLACE OF BUSINESS

The office and principle place of business of the Club shall be the **Wallington Cricket Club** or at such place as the Club shall from time to time direct.

4. OBJECTS

4.1 To encourage and foster the game of cricket in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship, good citizenship and honesty.

4.2 To promote and conduct the playing of cricket in accordance with rules laid down by the Association/s.

4.3 To conduct activities connected with men's cricket.

4.4 To conduct activities connected with women's cricket.

4.5 To conduct activities connected with junior cricket.

4.6 To conduct activities connected with All-Abilities cricket,

5. COLOURS

The Club colours shall be green and gold. The Club mascot shall be the wallaby.

6. FINANCIAL YEAR

6.1 The financial year of the Club will commence on the 1st day of April and conclude the 31st day of March when all Club books and accounts shall close.

6.2 A statement of Income and Expenditure shall be presented at the next Annual General Meeting of the Club.

7. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Club shall have a Code of Conduct policy, as authorised by the Committee, that all Members including players, coaches and officials are expected to adhere to. The Committee has the right to fine, suspend or expel Members if the Code of Conduct is not adhered to.

8. OFFICE BEARERS

8.1 The office bearers shall be elected at the A.G.M. for the term of one (1) year. All positions become vacant each year.

8.2 The office bearers of the Club shall be:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Members, up to 10

8.3 On ceasing to hold office for any reason the person or persons concerned shall immediately hand all property, books, equipment etc. to the Executive.

8.4 Any person may hold more than one (1) position but have the power of one (1) vote only.

9. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

9.1 <u>President</u>

- The President shall preside at all general meetings and see that the business is conducted in an orderly and proper manner. The President may call Executive meetings at their discretion and in all cases of emergency, and generally ensure the wellbeing and objects of the Club.
- In case the votes at any time shall be equal, the President may exercise the privilege of giving a casting vote only.
- The President shall represent the Club on all ceremonial occasions, or nominate a representative.

9.2 <u>Vice President</u>

- The Vice President shall assist the President at all meetings of the Club and in the absence of the President shall occupy the Chair and conduct the business of the meeting and have the same rights as the President when in the Chair.
- The Vice President shall be eligible to take part in any discussions and voting at Club meetings.

9.3 <u>Secretary</u>

- The Secretary shall convene all meetings. The Secretary shall attend all meetings and cause minutes to be taken thereof, receive or dispatch all correspondence and answer such questions as may be asked in accordance with this Constitution.
- The Secretary shall cause to be kept, minutes and a copy of all correspondence dispatched and shall carry out all duties pertaining to the office not inconsistent with this constitution.
- The Secretary shall be eligible to take part in any discussion and voting at Club meetings.

9.4 <u>Treasurer</u>

- The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid to the Club and deposit them in a bank account or any other financial institution that the Executive Committee may nominate.
- The account will be held under the name of Wallington Cricket Club Incorporated.
- The Treasurer shall issue all receipts for all monies received and pay all accounts passed for payment by the Committee.
- The Treasurer shall produce a statement of receipts and payments at such time as they are requested to do so by the Committee.

- The Treasurer shall provide for the information of the Committee a statement of the financial position of the Club at each meeting.
- Transactions by the Treasurer must be signed jointly by any two (2) of the following: President, Vice President, Treasurer.
- The Treasurer shall be eligible to take part in any discussion and voting at Club meetings.

10. COACHES

The appointment of the Club coach/es shall be made by the Committee.

11. GENERAL COMMITTEE

11.1 The Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer plus a number of Committee Members as outlined in 8.

11.2 The Committee shall;
- Frame by-laws, consistent with the Constitution of the Club.
- Arrange all financial matters of the Club.
- Establish sub-Committees as required that report to the Committee
- Manage the Club affairs, as they deem fit, consistent with the best interests of the Club and its Members.

11.3 Member/s elected to the Committee shall remain in office until their term of office is complete (as per 8.3). The Executive or General Committee shall have the power to grant leave of absence.

11.4 The Committee shall have the power to declare vacant the office of any Member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without leave or apology and proceed to fill the vacancy.

11.5 If any Member shall be found guilty of any act which in the opinion of the Committee renders it undesirable that they should continue as a Member, the Committee may expel such offending Member and strike their name off the list of membership provided that such Member may appeal to a Special General Meeting.

11.5.1 Written notices of such appeal must be made to the Secretary within seven (7) days of notification of expulsion to such Member.

11.5.2 The decision of the Committee may only be repealed by a vote of three quarters (3/4) of the Members present at such meeting.

11.5.3 Any membership subscription from the offending Member is non-refundable should expulsion occur.

12. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

12.1 The Executive shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

12.2 The Executive shall meet at the discretion of the President.

12.3 The Executive shall from time to time have power to make such by-laws necessary to carry out the objects of the Club, and to vary such by-laws from time to time and both subject to ratification by full Committee.

12.4 The Executive may exercise all powers of the Club and carry into effect all such objects of the Club and do all other acts or things that may be necessary for the welfare and benefit of the Club.

13. MEETINGS

13.1 Annual General Meeting

13.1.1 The A.G.M. of the Club shall be held no later than thirty first (31st) May each year, but not before the thirty first (31st) March each year.

13.1.2 Notice of this meeting shall be published at least fourteen (14) days prior to the A.G.M.

13.1.3 The quorum for the A.G.M. shall be a minimum of ten (10) Members.

13.1.4 All office bearers and Members shall be eligible to vote. (see 9 & 14)

13.1.5 The order of business at the A.G.M. shall be:

Open meeting
Acknowledgement of Country
Attendance – Apologies
Reading and confirmation of previous A.G.M. minutes
Business arising from minutes
Correspondence
President Report
Treasurer Report
Amendments to the constitution
Positions to be declared vacant (as per 8.3) Interim Chairperson to be appointed.
Election of Office Bearers (see 8.3)
Election of General Committee
General Business
Close Meeting

13.2 Special General Meeting

13.2.1 Special General Meetings may be called by two (2) Executive Members on request from any of the Members. Such request shall be signed by all concerned and state the reason for the meeting.

13.2.2 Notification of such request shall be published within seven (7) days of request. The Special General Meeting shall be held within fourteen (14) days of notification of the meeting.

13.2.3 The quorum of a Special General Meeting shall be a minimum of six (6) Committee Members.

13.2.4 All Office Bearers and Members shall be eligible to vote (see 9 & 14).

13.2.5 The business mentioned in the notification shall be the only business transacted at the Special General Meeting.

13.3 General Committee Meetings

13.3.1 The Committee shall meet at the discretion of the President.

13.3.2 A quorum for a Committee Meeting shall be at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Committee Members. If the quorum for a scheduled meeting is not met the agenda items requiring decision will be considered via circulation.

13.3.3 All Members and Coaches may attend Committee Meetings, take part in discussions, but shall not be allowed a vote unless a member of a Committee.

13.3.4 The order of business for the Committee Meeting shall be:

Open meeting
Acknowledgement of Country
Attendance – Apologies
Reading and confirmation of previous minutes
Business arising from previous minutes
Correspondence (inwards / outwards)

Treasurer Report
Association Report/s
Special Business
General Business
Date of next meeting
Close meeting

14. MEMBERSHIP

14.1 Membership is open to all persons as a playing Member or as a non-playing social Member. Such persons are considered to be Members of the Club who pay all membership fees as set by the Committee annually.

14.2 Parent/s or guardian/s of a person who has paid membership fees (as set in 14.1), or any other person so approved by the Committee, shall be entitled to the rights of the Club.

14.3 No Member will be permitted to participate in any game of cricket organized by the Club until registered as a player via PlayHQ, or other prescribed registration website.

14.4 All categories of membership are subject to the rules and policies of the Club and the Code of Conduct as promulgated by the Club. Categories of membership are:

Life Members

- On recommendation to the Committee, persons with a minimum of 10 years of membership and having made outstanding off field contributions to the Club for a minimum of 5 years, may be nominated for Life Membership; OR
- On recommendation to the Committee, persons with playing membership and a minimum of 15 seasons played, may be nominated for Life Membership.
- Life Membership recommendations may be made to the Committee prior toan A.G.M. or Special General Meeting, and new Life Members will be announced at the A.G.M.
- Shall be exempt from payment of annual subscriptions.
- Life Membership shall take immediate effect from the awarded date and a commemorative medallion shall be struck and presented at the next presentation event.

Playing members

Playing Members of the Club will be registered in one of the following categories:

- Junior Members: these members play in or are eligible for the under -age competitions
- Concession Members: these members play in the Senior competition and are studying full - time, apprenticed to a trade or are unemployed
- Senior Members: these members play in the Senior competitions

Social members

- A Social Member is a non-playing member of the Club.

15. MEMBERSHIP FEES

15.1 Membership Fees shall be determined by the Committee on an annual basis.

15.2 Membership Fees shall be paid as determined by the Committee.

15.3 Membership Fees may be paid in installments with Agreement of the Executive and must be paid in full by 20 December of the relevant playing season.

15.4 Non payment of Membership Fees will render the player ineligible for trophies or transfer to another cricket Club until all outstanding fees have been paid.

15.5 In the case of extreme hardship, the Executive shall have the power to take action regarding 15.2, 15.3 and 15.4 in the case of an individual.

16. DISORDERLY CONDUCT

16.1 Any Committee Member or coach shall have the power to report to the Club any player or Member of the Club for Disorderly Conduct.

16.2 The Committee shall deal with the report in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

16.3 Any spectators or non-members displaying Disorderly Conduct will be dealt with in accordance with the Code of Conduct and may be banned from the Club rooms or events.

17 CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

17.1 A minimum of fourteen (14) days' notice of an amendment to the Constitution shall be published.

17.2 Alteration of, or amendment to this Constitution shall only be effected at an A.G.M. or Special General Meeting, convened in accordance with this Constitution.

17.3 No alteration of, or addition to the Constitution shall be effected, except by a three quarters (3/4) majority of those present and eligible to vote.

18 NON-PROFIT

The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club. No portion of the income or property shall be paid, transferred or distributed directly or indirectly to the Members of the Club, provided that nothing shall prevent the payment in good faith or remuneration to any officer or employee of the Club or to any person other than a Member, in return for services rendered to the Club.

19 INSPECTION OF ASSOCIATION RECORDS

A Member may at any reasonable time inspect without charge, the books, documents and securities of the Club.

20 DISSOLUTION

The Club may be dissolved by a resolution passed at a Special General Meeting by three quarters (3/4) of those present and eligible to vote.

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities and property whatsoever, the same must not be paid to or distributed among its Members, or former members. The surplus property must be given or transferred to another association incorporated under the Act which has similar objects and which is not carried out for the purposes of profit or gain to its individual embers, and which association shall be determined by resolution of the Members.