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21 Years of Caring for the Balcombe Estuary Reserves

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Dear Member,

PROPOSED MINOR CHANGES TO RULES OF ASSOCIATION AT AGM: REQUIRED DUE TO NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM

BERG Mt Martha is currently implementing a new member administration system which will enable you to renew your membership of BERG MM on-line, make secure credit card payments for membership and donations, and update your personal details. One feature of the new system is that new members will be billed on the anniversary of joining the organisation instead of 30 June. This feature necessitates a minor change to our Rules of Association.

To ensure we continue to comply with our Rules of Association the following amendments to Rules 11 & 12 are required for approval by Members – *proposed edits in blue*.

Rule 11:

11 New membership

(1) If an application for membership is approved by the Committee—

(a) the resolution to accept the membership must be recorded in the minutes of the committee meeting; and

(b) *an authorised designate of the Secretary-BERG Mt Martha Committee* must, as soon as practicable, enter the name and address of the new member, and the date of becoming a member, in the register of members.

(2) A person becomes a member of the Association and, ~~subject to rule 13(3)~~*#* is entitled to exercise his or her rights of membership from the date, whichever is the later, on which—

(a) the Committee approves the person's membership; or

(b) the person pays the joining fee.

This addresses an anomaly in current Rules where there is no 13(3)

Rule 12:

12 Annual subscription and joining fee

At each annual general meeting, the Association must determine—

(a) the amount of the annual subscription (if any) for the following ~~financial year~~ *12 months*; and

(b) the date for payment of the annual subscription.

(2) The Association may determine that a lower annual subscription is payable by associate members.

(3) The Association may determine that any new member who joins ~~after the start of a financial year~~ must, ~~for that financial year~~, pay a joining fee equal to—

(a) the full annual subscription; or

~~(b) a pro rata annual subscription based on the remaining part of the financial year; or~~

~~(c)~~(b) a fixed amount determined from time to time by the Association.

(4) The rights of a member (including the right to vote) who has not paid the annual subscription by the due date are suspended until the subscription is paid.

We need your support to implement this change to our Rules at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on Saturday 27 October at 10.30 am, Room 64, Mt Martha House (Registration from 10.15am).

We hope that you will support us by attending the AGM, but **if you are unable to attend, we ask that you complete and return the attached proxy.**

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely
Di Lewis
Hon Secretary