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LIFE CAMPS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

Membership Policy

This document provides details of:

- What being a Member of Life Camps Australia involves;
- The benefits of being a Member; and
- How to become a Member.

OVERVIEW

- Being a Member of Life Camps Australia is a way to be involved in and show your support for this valuable ministry.
- Membership demonstrates a commitment to the vision and purpose of Life Camps Australia. Membership enables a person to have a say in the future direction of Life Camps Australia. For example:
  - Each year Members vote for who is on the Board of Life Camps Australia;
  - Positions on the Board (such as President, Treasurer and Secretary) are also decided by the Members;
  - Members help determine the Purpose of Life Camps Australia (set out below) and it cannot be changed without their approval; etc.
- Unless otherwise specified reference to a Member includes a General Member a Student Member and a Life Member as defined in this Membership Policy.

IDENTITY

- The legal name of the organisation is "Life Camps Australia Incorporated" trading as "Life Camps Australia".

- It is an incorporated association which has the same characteristics as a company but is registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act* 2012 rather than the *Corporations Act* 2001. This means that the organisation itself is a "legal person" and can sign contracts or employ people. The entity which is Life Camps Australia stays the same even if its members change or if the name changes.

PURPOSE OF LIFE CAMPS AUSTRALIA

- The main purpose of Life Camps Australia is to run camps that are Christ centred, fun and inclusive in order to:
  - give people of all ages an opportunity to connect with others;
  - provide support to and a useful resource for small and/or rural churches; and
  - establish a safe and authentic space for believers of all denominations to grow and develop in faith.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- All members will be informed of news and forth coming camps and events;
- A General Member, Student Member or Life Member may submit items for consideration at a General Meeting;
- A General Member or a Life Member may vote at the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting is usually held between August to November each year;
- A General Member or a Life Member may vote at any Special General Meeting. Special General Meetings may be held as required;
- A General Member or a Life Member may stand for election to the Board of Life Camps Australia;
  - Further information about being a Board Member of Life Camps Australia can be obtained from the Manager.
- A General Member or a Life Member may be a leader or assistant at a camp, although there is no obligation to do so; and
- A Student Member may be an assistant at a camp, although there is no obligation to do so.
  - The Constitution of Life Camps Australia (which sets out some of the details about how the organisation is run) can be obtained from the Manager.

ROLE OF A MEMBER

- A Member will:
  - pray for Life Camps Australia, its' Manager, employees, volunteers and campers;
  - seek to promote Life Camps Australia and encourage attendance at camps;
  - help set the future direction of Life Camps Australia by voting at Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings; and
  - let the Board know if they have any thoughts or concerns or ideas about the camps and activities run by Life Camps Australia.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

- General Member
  - A person over the age of 18 years who agrees with the Purpose (below) may be a General Member. General Members have one vote each.
- Student Member
  - A person under the age of 18 years and who agrees with the Purpose (below) may be a Student Member. Student Members do not have a vote.
- Life Member
  - The Board may, in its sole discretion, award Life Membership to an individual who has given exceptional service to Life Camps Australia. A candidate for Life Membership will have demonstrated significant, sustained and high-quality service enhancing the reputation and future of Life Camps Australia.
  - Life Members have one vote each.
  - Life Members are not required to pay camp fees.

DATES OF MEMBERSHIP

- A person may indicate their wish to become a General Member or Student Member by:
  - ticking the relevant box on a camp registration form; or
  - notifying the Secretary in writing of their wish for membership.

- Membership commences on the date the Secretary confirms membership has been recorded in the membership list of Life Camps Australia.
- Membership ceases:
  - when written resignation is received by the Secretary; or
  - pursuant to the operation of clause 6.6 of the Constitution.

FEES

- General Members will be asked to provide a contribution fee of $10.00 every three years to become and remain a Member.
- There is no financial obligation on any class of membership.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- If you have any questions or want further clarification, please contact us at *info@lifecamps.org.au* or the Manager of Life Camps Australia on 0455 236 679.
- If you wish to become a Member please contact the Secretary at *info@lifecamps.org.au* and include the words "Membership Enquiry" in the subject line of your email.
- If you are willing to assist us to promote Life Camps Australia, please contact our Community Specialist at *info@lifecamps.org.au*.

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ABN and Manager contact details updated

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Timing of AGM updated. Policy endorsed by Board for another 3 years.

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Membership fee for General Members updated.