

**RULES OF THE
MILITARY RIFLE CLUBS
ASSOCIATION
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Note: These Rules should be read in conjunction with the By-Laws of the Association.

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DEFINITIONS AND CONDITIONS

1. Designation

1.1 The Name of the Association shall be the Military Rifle Clubs Association Incorporated, referred to in these Rules as the MRCA.

2. Formation Constitution and Obligations

2.1 The MRCA is formed as a District Rifle Association affiliated with the National Rifle Association of Australia Incorporated through its New South Wales State Division (referred to in these Rules as the NSWRA) and shall be bound by the approved Rules and By-laws of the NSWRA.

2.2 The MRCA is constituted under the NSW Association Incorporation Act, 1984.

2.3 The MRCA shall consist of members of its Member Clubs as defined in Rule 44 and who may be authorised from time to time under the Rules and By-laws of the NSWRA and who comply with these Rules.

3. Objects

3.1 The objects of the MRCA are : to give instruction in the safe and efficient handling of military and military-style rifles; to promote competitions aimed at proficiency in shooting, to foster shooting as a sport and for recreation; and to cultivate good citizenship.

4. Definition of Terms

4.1 The following words used in these Rules and By-Laws shall, unless a contrary intention is expressed, have the following meanings :

- a) MRCA shall mean Military Rifle Clubs Association Incorporated.
- b) NSWRA shall mean New South Wales Rifle Association Incorporated. This is the NSW State Division of the National Rifle Association of Australia Incorporated.
- c) NRAA shall mean National Rifle Association of Australia Incorporated.
- d) By-laws shall mean By-laws of the MRCA unless the context implies a different interpretation.
- e) Council shall mean the Council of the MRCA unless the context implies a different interpretation.
- f) District Association shall mean a group of rifle clubs forming a District Rifle Association established within an area defined by the NSWRA as a District.
- g) Member or Members shall mean a member or members of the MRCA as defined by Rule 5 unless the context requires a different interpretation.
- h) Club shall mean a Rifle Club which is a member of the MRCA under Rule 44.
- i) SSRs shall mean the current edition of the Standard Shooting Rules for Full Bore Rifle Clubs authorised by the NRAA.
- j) Secretary shall mean Secretary of the MRCA.
- k) Club Captain shall mean Captain of a Club which is a Member Club of the MRCA.
- l) Club Secretary shall mean Secretary of a Club which is a Member Club of the MRCA.
- m) Club Committee shall mean the Committee of a Club which is a Member Club of the MRCA.
- n) He shall also mean she; his shall also mean her; him shall also mean her.
- o) 'Approved' or 'Approval', when used to describe a Member Club or new Member Club shall mean Approval under current NSW firearms legislation.

5. Membership

5.1 Members shall be classified as 'Financial members', 'Associate Members', 'Life members', 'Honorary Life members' or 'Probationary members'.

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- 5.2 A Financial member shall be a Financial Member of a Club who has paid all membership subscriptions due.
- 5.3 An Associate member shall be a member of a Rifle Club already affiliated with the NRAA, who carries a current NRAA grading card and who is accepted as an Associate member by a member Club.
- 5.4 A Life member shall be any Financial member rendering exceptional service to the MRCA who is elected a Life Member at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the MRCA on the recommendation of Council. A Life Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of a Financial Member. The MRCA may, if the Council so decides, vote each year, to pay all annual fees due to the MRCA and/or the NSWRA for Life Members.
- 5.5 An Honorary Life Member shall be any person other than a Financial member or any corporate body or other like body which renders valuable service to the MRCA or to rifle shooting and who is recommended for election by Council and is duly elected as an Honorary Life Member at an Annual General Meeting of the MRCA. An Honorary Life Member is entitled to the same privileges as a Visitor.
- 5.6 Temporary Members
- 5.6.1 A Temporary member shall be a Temporary member of a Club as defined in current NSW firearms legislation. A Temporary member shall be permitted to shoot with the Club if
- (a) the Temporary member has completed an appropriate form, met other legislative requirements or NSW Police Firearms Registry requirements to shoot, or
 - (b) he holds an appropriate New South Wales firearms licence.
- 5.6.2 For a Temporary member to be admitted to a Club as a Financial member the person shall
- (a) hold a current Category B New South Wales firearms licence
 - (b) complete a probationary period at the Club Captain's discretion
- 5.7 A Temporary member shall be refused Financial membership of a Club if the person fails to comply with the requirements of Rule 5.6.
- 5.8 If membership is refused under Rule 5.7 above, the person will not be eligible to shoot again with the MRCA until such time as they are able to comply with the requirements of Rules 5.6 and 5.7.
- 5.9 A person may be refused membership for any reason. Neither the MRCA nor a Club Captain shall be obliged to provide a reason for refusing such membership.

6. Active Membership

- 6.1 In order to renew his membership, a Financial member must attend six MRCA shoots in a twelve month period. If a membership becomes inactive by reason of non-attendance at the required number of shoots, the member will not be invited to renew the membership. this rule may be waived at the Club captain's discretion in the case of elderly or disabled persons or for any valid reason acceptable to the Club Captain - provided always that current NSW firearms legislation is not contravened.

7. Visitors

- 7.1 If a Financial member introduces a visitor, that visitor is allowed on any given day to take part in the day's activities in accordance with 38.3. A Visitor shall not take part in MRCA activities on more than twelve occasions in any given twelve month period.
- 7.2 A Visitor shall report to the Club Captain of the Club to which the Financial member referred to in Rule 7.1 belongs. He shall follow all directions of the Club Captain and shall not shoot or be present on the shooting mound unless accompanied by and supervised by a Financial member.
- 7.3 A visitor shall be a person who carries a current and appropriate NSW firearms licence or an equivalent licence, permit or declaration recognised under NSW legislation.

8. Prizes

- 8.1 Financial, Associate and Life members shall all be entitled to compete for the available prizes in any MRCA competition.
- 8.2 A Temporary Member shall be entitled to compete for the Visitors Prize in any MRCA competition. Once a Temporary Member has won the Visitors Prize in any MRCA competition, he shall no longer be eligible for the Visitors Prize.
- 8.3 A Visitor who also carries an NRAA grading card may compete for any prize within that person's grade in any MRCA competition.

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8.4 A Visitor who does not carry an NRAA grading card may compete for the Visitors Prize in any MRCA competition. Once any Visitor in this category has won the Visitors Prize in any MRCA Competition, he shall no longer be eligible for the Visitors Prize.

9. Voting

9.1 Only Financial members or Life members shall be entitled to vote at any meeting or to become regular office-bearers.

9.2 Upon any question arising at any general meeting a member has only one vote.

9.3 At an Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting, Council Meeting or Executive Committee Meeting there shall be no provision for proxy votes.

9.4 In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a General Meeting or Council Meeting the Chairman of the meeting is entitled to exercise a casting vote.

10. Correspondence

10.1 All correspondence to the MRCA should be addressed to the Secretary. Any member of Council or Honorary Office-bearer receiving correspondence intended for the MRCA shall immediately forward the same to the Secretary.

10.2 All correspondence outwards shall be signed and sent by the Secretary. In exceptional circumstances if the Secretary is unavailable, the President shall be authorised to send correspondence on behalf of the MRCA on the proviso that a copy shall be provided to the Secretary at the earliest possible instance.

10.3 All correspondence is to be tabled at the next programmed meeting of council.

11. Regular Office-bearers

11.1 At each Annual General Meeting a President, Vice-President and two Auditors shall be elected in accordance with By-laws 2 and 9. The elected Auditors shall not be members of Council.

11.2 At the first Council meeting following the Annual General Meeting, Council shall elect a Chairman, Treasurer, Statistician, Chief Range Officer, Butts Officer, Safety Officer, Communications Officer and Awards Officer. These Office-bearers may or may not be current members of Council, but shall be Financial members.

12. Reserved

13. Secretary

13.1 The Secretary shall remain in office unless or until the person resigns or unless removed from office under By-law 17. If the position of Secretary becomes vacant a Secretary shall be elected in accordance with By-laws 10(a) and 13(c).

14. Executive Committee

14.1 An Executive Committee shall be formed each year in accordance with By-law 5.

MEETINGS

15. Annual General Meetings

15.1 An Annual General Meeting of the MRCA shall be held each year on a date to be fixed by Council in accordance with By-law 2.

15.2 Two copies of all Notices of Motion which affect the administration of match conditions shall be provided to the Secretary in writing at least fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall affix one copy to the MRCA notice board as soon as practicable upon receiving same.

15.3 Any motions from the floor which would affect administration of match conditions shall be disallowed.

15.4 No member of the MRCA shall propose or second more than a total of three (3) Notices of Motion in total with regard to any Annual General Meeting

16. Special General Meetings

16.1 A Special General meeting may be called at any time in accordance with By-law 3.

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17. Council Meetings

- 17.1** The affairs of the MRCA shall be managed by a Council the composition of which is defined in By-law 4(a).
- 17.2** An honorary office-bearer shall not be a member of Council unless also a regular office-bearer.
- 17.3** All Council Meetings shall be convened in accordance with By-laws 4(b) and 4(c).
- 17.4** No business shall be conducted by Council unless a quorum is present. A quorum (as defined in by-law 7) must be present within half an hour of the appointed time of the meeting or the meeting shall not take place.

18. Quorums

- 18.1** Quorums for Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, Council Meetings and Executive Committee meetings shall be as laid out in By-law 7.

19. Vacancies

- 19.1** Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with By-law 13.

DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS

20. Chairman :

- 20.1** The Chairman shall direct the Secretary to convene meetings of the Council as set out in the By-laws. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the MRCA but may delegate this duty to the President. If at any time the Chairman wishes to speak on a question he shall vacate the Chair. At such times the Chairman may ask for a volunteer to take the Chair or he may nominate a replacement from among those Council members attending the meeting.

21. President

- 21.1** The President shall be the MRCA's representative in all external forums. In such forums he shall represent the views of the MRCA as expressed by its Council and by its General Meetings.
- 21.2** The President shall keep the MRCA membership informed of all matters material to the MRCA arising from his representation of the MRCA in such external forums, or from his involvement in forums where it could reasonably be expected that he is representing the MRCA.
- 21.3** Notwithstanding 21.1 above, the President shall have discretionary powers to negotiate the MRCA's position on any matter. Council or a General Meeting of the MRCA may withdraw such discretionary powers in specific instances.
- 21.4** The President shall have discretionary powers to represent the MRCA in line with the stated policy of the MRCA's Council and its General Meetings. In cases where the MRCA Council or membership has not expressed an opinion or direction the President must be bound by the objects of the MRCA.
- 21.5** The President may seek direction from, or be given direction by Council on any matter pertaining to his involvement in external forums.

22. Vice President

- 22.1** The Vice President shall perform the duties of President at any time when the President is unavailable to perform those duties.
- 22.2** In the event that the position of President becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall fulfill all the duties of President until such time as elections are held to fill the position of President.

23. Secretary

- 23.1** The Secretary shall fulfil the duties set out in Rule 10 and in By-laws 8 and 14 in particular and any other duties attributed to the Secretary in the By-laws.
- 23.2** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a current register of the names and addresses of all Council members.

24. Treasurer

- 24.1** The Treasurer shall fulfil the duties set out in By-laws 8 and 15 in particular and any other duties attributed to the Treasurer in the By-laws.

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24.2 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to ensure that the list of Signatories to the MRCA's bank and other accounts remains current.

25. Statistician

25.1 The Statistician shall be responsible to Council for the maintenance of a true and accurate record of the results of all MRCA matches and the calculation of handicaps and competition results according to the system adopted for each match.

25.2 The Statistician shall, after the last grade shoot in a year, be responsible for calculating the grading of each member for the following year.

25.3 The Statistician may delegate duties to other Financial members whom he judges to have the ability to carry out these duties competently.

26. Chief Range Officer

26.1 The Chief Range Officer shall comply with the requirements of a Chief Range Officer as set out in Chapter II of Part 2 and Chapter VI of the SSRs and any other relevant sections of the SSRs.

26.2 The Chief Range Officer may delegate duties to other Financial members whom he judges to have the ability to carry out these duties competently.

27. Butts Officer

27.1 The Butts Officer shall comply with the instructions for Butts Officers as set out in Chapter VI of the SSRs, and with any other requirements of Butts Officers set out in the SSRs.

27.2 The Butts Officer shall be responsible for the administration of the Butts area during any MRCA competition or practice. He shall be responsible for instituting safety procedures in the Butts, for the operation of targets and for the recording of scores in the Butts area.

27.3 The Butts Officer may delegate duties to other Financial members who he judges to have the ability to carry out these duties competently.

28. Safety Officer

28.1 The Safety Officer shall carry out the duties of the Safety Officer as set out in Chapter XVI of the SSRs.

28.2 The Safety Officer may take any steps he considers necessary to ensure safety on the mound during any practice or competition.

28.3 The Safety Officer may delegate duties to other Financial members who he judges to have the ability to carry out these duties competently.

29. Awards Officer

29.1 The Awards Officer shall be responsible for the purchase and preparation of prizes and awards for all MRCA competitions and practices. He shall be authorised to expend an amount of money as decided from time to time by Council to perform these duties.

29.2 The Awards Officer may delegate duties to other Financial members who he judges to have the ability to carry out these duties competently.

30. Communications Officer

30.1 The Communications Officer shall be responsible for the custody and maintenance of MRCA communications equipment. He shall further be responsible for ensuring that the equipment is transported to the Rifle Range when required for MRCA competitions and practices. The Communications Officer may delegate duties to other Financial members who he judges to have the ability to carry out these duties competently.

31. Auditors

31.1 The Auditors shall carry out their duties in accordance with By-law 16.

OPERATIONS AND CONDITIONS

32. Shooting Year

32.1 The shooting year shall be from 1st January to 31st December each year.

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33. Financial Year

33.1 The financial year shall be from July 1st in a year to June 30th of the next year in accordance with By-law 8(k).

34. Membership Year

34.1 The membership year of the MRCA and all its Clubs shall be from July 1st each year until June 30th of the following year.

35. Property Funds and Payment

- 35.1** Provisions for the administration of MRCA property funds and payments shall be as detailed in By-law 8.
- 35.2** The liability of a member to contribute toward the payment of debts and liabilities of the MRCA or the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the MRCA is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of range fees and/or membership of the MRCA.
- 35.3** No member by virtue of membership shall have any or be entitled to any estate or interest of any kind in the property, funds or assets of the MRCA, other than in the right to use such property in the exercise of his privileges as a member. If the MRCA becomes defunct, is dissolved or disbanded, then the whole of its funds, assets and property shall be forthwith transferred to the NSWRA to be held in trust by the NSWRA pending the reconstitution of the MRCA. If the MRCA is not reconstituted after a lapse of six years, the NSWRA may apply the funds, assets and property so held for the benefit of any organisation having the same objects of or similar objects to the MRCA.
- 35.4** Likewise no member shall be personally liable for any act or omission on the part of the MRCA or its officers, servants or workmen. Members of the MRCA, including the Council shall be indemnified from the funds of the MRCA against any damages, verdicts in and costs of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against them or any of them in the exercise of their office or the performance of their duties or by reason of membership howsoever arising.

36. Power of the Council

- 36.1** The Council shall have the management of income, funds and other property of the MRCA; the control of all its affairs; shall do all acts and deeds as may be necessary to carry out the objects of the MRCA; and may appoint committees of its members with or without the power to act.
- 36.2** Committees appointed by Council shall provide the Secretary with minutes of all their decisions and copies of all their correspondence inwards and outwards. Such minutes and correspondence shall be tabled at the next duly convened Council meeting.
- 36.3** It shall be the duty of Council to endorse or alter any decisions taken by any Committee appointed by it.
- 36.4** Council's powers with regard to the Discipline of members shall be as set out in Rule 39.
- 36.5** Council's powers regarding protests and appeals shall be as set out in By-law 20.

37. Powers of the Executive Committee

37.1 Powers of the Executive Committee shall be as set out in By-law 21.

38. Privileges and Duties of Membership

- 38.1** Only Financial, Associate and Life members carrying current NRAA grading cards and an appropriate NSW firearms licence shall be permitted to take part in rifle practices and competitions conducted by the MRCA and be entitled to any of the privileges granted to MRCA members.
- 38.2** Notwithstanding the above Rule, a Club Captain may permit active members of other Rifle Clubs carrying an appropriate NSW Firearms licence or an equivalent licence or permit recognised as such under NSW legislation.
- 38.3** Notwithstanding Rule 38.1 a Club Captain may allow Temporary members who comply with Rule 5.6.1 to take part in MRCA shoots provided such a person is supervised by an experienced Financial member of the Club.
- 38.4** Breaches of any Rules currently in force governing the conduct of Rifle Clubs affiliated with the NRAA through their State Associations by any member, or any other conduct of a member which would tend to bring discredit to Rifle Clubs shall render the person liable to expulsion from the MRCA and removal from enrolment within the NSWRA.

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- 38.5** Notwithstanding the above, any member shall be expelled against whom a vote for his expulsion shall have been carried by a two-thirds majority of all members present at a Council meeting called to consider the case. Such a member shall not be re-admitted to membership unless by
- (i) unanimous vote of the Council
 - (ii) successful appeal to the NSWRA under its Standard Constitution.
- 38.6** Any member who is charged with an offence under current NSW firearms legislation, or recognised as such under current NSW firearms legislation shall be suspended pending the outcome of his case.
- 38.7** Any member who is convicted of an offence under current NSW firearms legislation, or recognised as such under current NSW firearms legislation shall be expelled.
- 38.8** Any member suspended or expelled under Rule 38.6 or Rule 38.7 shall have his membership reinstated on successful appeal to the NSWRA.

39. Discipline of Members

Where it has been alleged to Council that a member has

- (a) persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision of these Rules, or
- (b) has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the MRCA,

39.1 The Secretary shall, as soon as practicable upon direction of Council cause a notice to be served on the member :

- (i) setting out the details of the allegation
- (ii) stating that a meeting will be held not earlier than fourteen days and not later than twenty-eight days after the service of the notice
- (iii) stating the date, place and time of that meeting
- (iv) stating that the member may address Council at that meeting
- (v) informing the member that the member may do either or both of the following
 - (a) attend and speak at the meeting
 - (b) submit to Council at or prior to the date of the meeting, written representations relating to the allegation.

39.2 At a meeting of Council mentioned in Rule 39.1 Council shall :

- (i) give due consideration to any written representations to Council by the member at or prior to the meeting
- (ii) give to the member mentioned in Rule 39.1 an opportunity to make oral representations
- (iii) by resolution determine whether to discipline the member mentioned in Rule 39.1.

39.3 Under Rule 39.2(iii), Council may resolve :

- (i) In the case of a Financial member, to make recommendations to the NSWRA that the member be dismissed; or
- (ii) In the case of other members, to expel the member from the MRCA; or
- (iii) suspend the member from such rights and privileges of membership of the MRCA as Council may determine for a specified period of time and advise the NSWRA of the circumstances of the suspension.

39.4 Where Council makes a resolution under Rule 39.3, the Secretary shall, within seven days of the making of the resolution, by notice in writing inform the member of that resolution and of the member's right to appeal under Rule 40.1.

40. Right of Appeal of a Disciplined Member

40.1 A member whose dismissal, expulsion or suspension has been recommended under Rule 39.3 may appeal to the NSWRA in accordance with the Standard Constitution of the NSWRA.

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41. Shoots

41.1 The SSRs shall be observed at all MRCA and Member Club shoots, especially with regard to safety.

42. Custody and Inspection of Books

42.1 All books, records and other documents relating to the MRCA shall be kept in accordance with By-laws 14(ii) and 15(d).

42.2 All books, records and other documents relating to the MRCA shall be available for inspection in accordance with By-laws 14(vi) and 15(c).

43. Subscriptions

43.1 The rate of Annual subscription due to the MRCA for each classification of Financial member shall be set by Council from time to time. Subscriptions shall be collected by each Club and paid as a lump sum to the MRCA by April 30th each year.

43.2 At each MRCA shoot a range fee set from time to time by Council shall be payable by each member, Probationary member and Visitor who attends on the day. From this fee, the NSWRA will be paid a per capita range fee based on the number of people attending on the day.

44. Member Clubs

44.1 For the purposes of these Rules, Clubs which are Members of the MRCA are

- (a) those Military Rifle Clubs which fall within the District area defined by the NSWRA as being the area covered by the District Rifle Association known as the Military Rifle Clubs Association Incorporated and
- (b) which have, upon application, been designated as Approved Clubs under current NSW firearms legislation and
- (c) continue to be designated Approved Clubs.

44.2 The Member Clubs shall be, conditional on them meeting the requirements under Rule 44.1 :

- (i) United Service Institution of New South Wales Rifle Club Incorporated
- (ii) Royal Australian Engineers - Citizens Military Forces Rifle Club Incorporated
- (iii) Aviation Industry Rifle Club Incorporated.

45. New Member Clubs

45.1 A Rifle Club other than those listed under Rule 44, wishing to become a Member Club of the MRCA, or a group of individuals intending to form a Rifle Club which they wish to become a Member Club of the MRCA shall:

- (i) Prepare a roll of members or prospective members
- (ii) List the proposed Club office-bearers, including the Club Captain, Club Secretary and Club Treasurer
- (iii) Submit the roll and list of proposed office-bearers to the Secretary with a letter agreeing to be bound by these Rules and By-laws
- (iv) Provide evidence that the Club is applying to become an Approved Club

45.2 The Secretary shall then list the proposed Membership of the proposed Club on the agenda for the next Council meeting. The matter shall lie on the table for a period of two months and then be raised at the first Council meeting following the expiry of the two months.

45.3 Council shall consider the merits of the proposed Club becoming a Member Club.

45.4 Council shall not be obliged to accept any proposed Club as a Member.

45.5 If a proposed Club is accepted for Membership by Council, the Secretary shall inform the Executive Director of the NSWRA in writing of Council's decision and shall recommend to the NSWRA that the said Membership be authorised by the NSWRA. The Secretary shall request confirmation in writing of the NSWRA's approval or otherwise of the Membership.

45.6 Upon receipt of the NSWRA's response to the proposed Membership, the Secretary shall write to the Club Secretary of the proposed Club informing him of the MRCA's decision to accept or reject its application.

45.7 If the application is approved by the MRCA, subject to Approval being given to the formation of the Club under current NSW legislation, the Club shall be admitted to the MRCA as a Member Club.

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45.8 If the Club's membership of the MRCA has been approved:

- (i) Any proposed member of the Club who is currently a member of a Member Club of the MRCA shall continue to shoot with his current Club until the new Member Club has gained Approval under NSW legislation. However, each time he shoots, he shall also sign the new Member Club's attendance book until such time as the Club has been Approved. Once the new Club has been Approved, the proposed member shall apply for a transfer from his current Club to the new Club in accordance with NSWRA Rules under its Standard Constitution.
- (ii) A proposed member who is not already a member of a Member Club, shall participate as a Temporary member of an Approved Member Club until such time as the new Member Club has been Approved.

46. By-Laws

46.1 A General Meeting of the MRCA may make by-laws to implement these Rules and other By-laws as necessary, consistent with the Instructions currently in force governing the conduct of Australian Rifle Clubs and consistent with these Rules.

47. Application of NSWRA Rules

47.1 Where not otherwise provided for in these Rules the Rules and By-laws of the NSWRA shall apply so far as they may be applicable to the management of the MRCA and its Member Clubs.

48. Public Officer

48.1 Council shall appoint a Public Officer who may be a member of the MRCA, but who may also not be a member, so long as the person is resident in New South Wales and satisfies the legal requirements of a Public Officer.

49. Seal

49.1 The Seal of the MRCA shall be of a design determined by Council. The seal shall only be used with the authority of Council. The affixing of the seal shall be witnessed by any two members of Council.

49.2 The Seal of the MRCA shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.

50. Alteration of Rules and Objects

50.1 No amendment shall be made to these Rules unless

- (i) a two-thirds majority vote of Financial members present at a General Meeting has approved the amendment
- (ii) The changes do not conflict with NSWRA requirements
- (iii) and the requirements of law have been met.