



Notification of 19th October 2021 General Meeting
Special Resolution - MRAWA Amended Constitution 2021
Date: 27/09/2021

Dear MRAWA Member,

The MRAWA Committee have updated our Constitution. The Amended Constitution ensures the Associations assets are protected. The Amended Constitution does not directly protect the MRAWA Committee positions however ensures dedicated and appropriate members are elected to the Committee.

Section 27 of the Amended Constitution 2021 states Office Bearer role nominations are available to members who have completed a tenure period on the MRAWA Committee, this does not guarantee Office Bearer roles will be solely filled by tenure Committee members, these may be filled by casual vacancy appointments within the elected committee.

Clause 27 Amended Constitution 2021 also states General Committee positions are available to an active financial member following a tenure period, however the current Committee will accept nominations for General Committee positions from active members who have attended meetings throughout the 2021 year either via the pre AGM nomination process or nominations from the floor at the AGM where no formal written nominations are received before the AGM.

There will be 14 Committee positions available, 4 x Office Bearer roles and 10 x General Committee positions. All Committee members hold voting rights. MRAWA Committee Office Bearer roles do not have the majority. The Committee positions offered will be provided in the MRAWA AGM notice to all members, due for issue on the 1st October 2021.

The MRAWA committee can by majority vote expedite a person's appointment to an Office Bearer role as has been the case with Secretary and Vice President Committee positions recently. These were nominated, voted and accepted after a 3 month of General Committee member tenure period.

The MRAWA Committee needs more dedicated members involved on the MRAWA Committee to facilitate and execute the Association's agreed objectives, however current Committee members believe it's important to preserve MRAWA assets and ensure potential committee member nomination and participation is in the best interest of the MRAWA.

The MRAWA Committee are aware of two (2) views within our membership regarding accepting the amended constitution.

View 1: Some members have indicated preference to adopt the 'model rules' constitution provided by the State Government to assist Associations with adopting a basic Constitution or modifying model rules to create a Constitution appropriate to the Association.

View 2: Some members prefer the continued and historically part of the MRAWA Constitution 'tenure' (period of appointment) of 12 months as a general committee member, before you can be nominated or nominate for an Office Bearer role of President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary.

If you cannot attend the special resolution meeting on the 19th October 2021 and wish to vote either **View 1 or 2** the following options to vote are available:

- You may nominate a financial MRAWA member who is attending the special resolution meeting to vote on your behalf
- Your proxy appointment must be in writing and signed by the member making the proxy appointment
- You may provide your vote intentions to the proxy in writing or chose to have your proxy vote on your behalf
- An appointed proxy may not vote for more than 5 members

The MRAWA Committee will accept printed emails provided to your nominated proxy. The email shall be dated and brought along to the Special Resolution meeting on the 19th October by your nominated proxy. The printed email must include your name and phone number and include your vote preference or state the nominated proxy may vote on your behalf.

You may nominate the MRAWA Committee as your proxy. These proxy nominations will be distributed to ensure no more than 5 votes are represented by each Committee member.

You may also use the printed form and either pass it on or email to your proxy. These forms shall be printed and brought to the Special Resolution meeting by your nominated proxy. You may post your proxy form direct to MRAWA at:

- PO box 196, Victoria Park 6979. Western Australia
- All posted proxy nominations need to be received no later than 24 hours before the special resolution meeting commencement time.

If you can attend the meeting, we look forward to seeing you there to cast your vote.