

# **Information sheet for membership of the YLCG Inc.**

## **Who is eligible to be a member of the Yarrowee Leigh Catchment Group Inc. ?**

Any person who supports the purposes of the YLCG, and meets at least one of the following criteria, is eligible for membership:

- Any member of an associated Landcare group or community-based natural resource management group which makes up the YLCG.
- Landholders not being a member of a Landcare group who reside within the YLCG area
- Any person not being a landholder but who supports the purpose of the YLCG.

## **Conditions of membership**

There are no membership fees for the YLCG and there is no requirement for the applicant to be a member of a Landcare group. However, if the applicant is a member of a Landcare group they must provide proof of membership.

## **Application process**

To apply to become a member of the YLCG Inc., a person must submit a “Nomination/Application for Membership of the YLCG Inc.” form, or fill in the online form at <http://leighcatchmentgroup.org/membership>

By submitting an application to the Board, the applicant indicates that they:

- wish to become a member of the YLCG; and
- supports the purposes of the YLCG.

Self-nomination is permitted. However, the applicant is required to obtain a seconder, who is a member of the YLCG Inc., for their application. The seconder must fill in and sign the relevant section of the form.

## **Consideration of application**

After an application for membership is received, the Board must decide by resolution whether to accept or reject the application.

The Board must notify the applicant in writing of its decision after the decision is made.

If the Board rejects the application no reason need be given for the rejection of an application.

Applications may also be accepted by the board at a General meeting or the Annual General Meeting.

## **New membership**

If an application for membership is approved by the Board:

- the resolution to accept the membership must be recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting; and
- the Secretary 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.

A person becomes a member of the Association and, subject to rule 13(2), is entitled to exercise his or her rights of membership from the date, whichever is the later, on which the Board approves the person's membership.

## **Resigning as a member**

A member may resign by notice in writing given to the Association.

The membership of a person ceases on resignation, expulsion or death.

If a person ceases to be a member of the Association, the Secretary must, as soon as practicable, enter the date the person ceased to be a member in the register of members.

The Association can assume a member has resigned if:

- the Secretary has made a written request to the member to confirm that he or she no longer wishes to remain a member; and
- the member has not, within 3 months after receiving that request, confirmed in writing that he or she wishes to remain a member.