

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE AUSTRALIAN

NATIONAL

BUDGERIGAR

COUNCIL Inc.

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1. Name

The name of the organisation shall be The Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. (ANBC). This can only be altered by Special Resolution of the members.

2. Objects

The objects of the Council shall be:

- (a) To enable member bodies to take co-operative action on matters which such bodies agree are of common interest and are for their mutual benefit in the promotion of Exhibition Budgerigars.
- (b) To prepare and recommend to member bodies for their adoption standard policies for the conduct of any kind of budgerigar exhibition, and any matter incidental to any of the foregoing.
- (c) To prepare and recommend for adoption by the member bodies standard policies for the mutual recognition of judges, disqualifications, recognition of rings and matters of a like nature.
- (d) To deal with any matter submitted by member bodies in connection with Australian and overseas affiliated organisations.
- (e) To compile a recognised standard which may be recognised by all member bodies.
- (f) To compile a list of judges.
- (g) To prepare and recommend to member bodies standard policies for the awarding of Diplomas or other similar awards.
- (h) The definition of classes for shows and any matter connected with or incidental to the showing of budgerigars.

3. ANBC Council

The following bodies and such other bodies as may from time to time be appointed by a five-sevenths majority of the delegates shall be member bodies entitled to nominate delegates to the Council.

(a) Member bodies of the ANBC Council are:

Western Australia	The West Australian Budgerigar Council Inc. (WABC)
South Australia	The Budgerigar Council of South Australia (BCSA)
Tasmania	Budgerigar Council of Tasmania Inc. (BCT)
Victoria	Budgerigar Council of Victoria Inc. (BCV)
New South Wales	The Budgerigar Society of New South Wales Inc. (BSNSW)
Queensland Southern Zone	A composite of Clubs and Societies that exist in the area south and west of Gladstone, incorporated by the South Queensland Budgerigar Breeders Association Inc. (SQBBA)
Queensland North and Central Zone	A composite of Clubs and Societies that exist in the area north and west of Gladstone, incorporated by the Queensland North and Central Zone Budgerigar Council. (QN&CZ)

- (b) New member bodies. Eligibility for election to the Council under the provisions of clause 3 (a) shall be limited to organisations representing the interests of breeders of exhibition budgerigars within a state or territory of Australia or, alternatively, within a significant region of such a state or territory. The Council will not accept two organisations purporting to represent the same state, territory or zone.

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- (c) Each of the member bodies listed in clause 3 (a) shall appoint not more than two delegates to Council annually to represent the State or Zone. These delegates shall be the Council and if possible be from the member body's controlling body. If for any reason it is necessary, member bodies may appoint substitute delegates or proxies. List of delegates representing the State or Zone to be tendered to the President or Secretary prior to the start of meeting of Council. A quorum for the Meeting shall be five.
- (d) At meetings of Council each delegation shall have one vote and the quorum shall be delegations from at least fifty percent of the full member bodies. The Committee of Council shall comprise the President and Secretary/Treasurer and at least one of the following as determined annually by Council: Immediate Past President, Co-ordinator Colour and Standards, National Judges Co-ordinator or Official Historian. At a Meeting of the Committee a quorum shall be 2 persons. If the positions of Secretary and Treasurer are separate, then the quorum shall be three persons. The Committee shall only deal with business as directed by Council or to be submitted to Council for determination.
- (e) Any of the member bodies may bring any business before a meeting of the Council by giving two months notice of its intention to the Secretary. Such notice shall be supported by full details of the matter to be raised at Council. The Secretary shall communicate the agenda for the meeting to the member bodies, and the delegates at least eight weeks prior to the date of the meeting. This communication shall include the above mentioned details so member bodies may adequately brief their delegates prior to the meeting.
- (f) The Council shall manage its own affairs and hold meetings at such time and place as it deems fit. The Council may do all things as shall appear to it to be necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the objects. The Council will meet annually in conjunction with the Australian Championship Show, and strive by correspondence to alleviate the necessity for other meetings to be held.
- (g) Every motion submitted to the meeting shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands, or by poll if duly demanded by a majority of those present. There shall be required a five-sevenths majority for constitutional matters, and a simple majority for all other matters. In the case of a poll by correspondence the question shall be put and voted on by certified mail within a reasonable time limit. Only responses received by that time will be counted.
- (h) Annual meetings of the Council will be held for a period of at least four hours on the Monday after the Australian Championship Show for all matters to be discussed and that voting on important issues if necessary, be held over to Tuesday. These meetings will be open to observers and should not continue past 6.00 p.m. Any adjournment of the AGM or other General Meeting shall be by a five-seventh majority vote.
- (i) The President of the Council shall be the Chairman of all meetings of the Council and should the President not be present within fifteen minutes of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall elect a Chairman from among those present.
- (j) The Secretary/Treasurer shall at his/her and the President's discretion, submit any particular matter or serve any notice to the delegates and the member bodies by post, fax or electronic medium and the vote on such matter shall be taken accordingly.
- (k) This body shall only be a recommendatory, co-ordinating and informative body and nothing in this Constitution shall affect the right or authority of the bodies referred to in clause 3 (a) hereof to control and govern affairs in their own State or Zone.

4. President

- (a) The President of the Council shall be elected by the Council and shall be appointed by the majority of those present at the Annual Meeting coinciding with the Australian Championship Show, and shall hold office from the 1st of July of that year until the 30th of June the following year.
- (b) The President may be removed from office prior to his/her completion of term if decided upon by a five-seventh majority vote of the Member Bodies.

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(c) A vacancy in the position of President can be filled from the home State of the President who was elected at the last Annual Meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the Secretary of the Zone and in the event of more than one nomination a postal vote of members shall determine the result by a simple majority.

5. Secretary/Treasurer

- (a) The Secretary/Treasurer of the Council shall be the delegate or other person appointed by the Council for a term of one year commencing on 1st of July in the year such election falls due.
- (b) The Secretary/Treasurer may be removed from office prior to his/her completion of term if decided upon by a five-sevenths majority vote of the member bodies.
- (c) The Secretary/Treasurer shall exercise and perform all the usual secretary functions, including preparation of agendas, distribution of minutes and information and generally attend to the secretarial work of Council, and compile, co-ordinate any item or material for information or guidance of the member bodies, for discussion and or approval. Inspection of Council Books is to be made by contact with the Secretary/Treasurer at a convenient time 9-5 Monday to Friday.
- (d) The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain two Bank accounts on behalf of the ANBC:
 - 1. A cheque account in the name of The Australian Budgerigar Council Inc., for the purpose of the general running costs of the ANBC – refer Clause 6a
 - 2. A cheque account titled The Australian National Budgerigar Council Ring Levy account, which is to be fully funded by the revenue raised from The ANBC ring levy – refer clause 2j.

These accounts are to have two (2) signatories ie. The ANBC Secretary/Treasurer and the Secretary or Treasurer of the member body of the State or Zone in which the ANBC Secretary resides.

- (e) The Secretary/Treasurer shall provide a fully audited balance sheet to the Council's Annual Meeting or whenever it is required. The Auditor's fee to be paid by Council. The financial year of Council shall be April 1st to March 31st each year.
- (f) Nominations for the position of Secretary shall close with the agenda for the Annual Meeting so that nominations can be circulated.
- (g) The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for the safe keeping and use of the Council's Common Seal, Books of Account, documents and securities. Use of the Common Seal can only be made by resolution of Council.
- (h) A vacancy in the position or Secretary, Secretary/Treasurer or Committee member can be filled by calling for nominations from member bodies. In the event of more than one nomination for a vacancy, a postal vote of members will determine the result by simple majority.

6. Finance – Fees, Subscriptions, etc

- (a) The Australian National Budgerigar Council account shall be funded by equal contribution made annually by the member bodies, as determined by the Council at the Annual Meeting.
- (b) The contribution to be a sufficient amount necessary to run the Council efficiently, and cover the cost of transporting and accommodating the Secretary in a reasonable manner whilst the Secretary is attending Annual Meetings of Council.
- (c) The assets and income of the Council shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above mentioned objectives and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to individual members of the Council except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Council.
- (d) The liability of each member body shall be the total of one calendar year contribution.

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7. Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Council, if there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among individual members of the Council, but shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or organisations having similar objects to that of Council, and which shall prohibit the distribution of their income to an extent at least as great as is imposed upon this Council, such organisation or organisations to be determined by the member bodies of Council.

8. Alteration to this Constitution

- (a) Clauses of this Constitution shall not be altered, waived or amended except at the Annual Meeting of the Council. A notice of motion in writing and signed by the Secretary of the member body, calling for a Special Resolution under Section 70 of the Incorporation Act. Resolutions must be in the hands of the National Secretary no later than two calendar months prior to the Annual Meeting, as per clause 3 (e). For the notice of motion to be carried and accepted a six-sevenths majority must result.
- (b) A special resolution must be passed at a General Meeting of the Council, being a Meeting of which at least 21 days notice, accompanied by notice of the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution, has been given to the members of the Council. Additionally, the Special Resolution must be passed by at least six-sevenths of the Council members who, being entitled to vote, vote in person at the meeting or by proxy.
- (c) Additions of items not covered by this Constitution may be made providing clause 3 (e) is effected, and the addition is carried and accepted by a six-sevenths majority vote of the member bodies.

9. Resignation/Cessation of Membership

Any member body may at any time by giving notice to the Secretary resign its membership, but such resignation shall not free it from liability to pay any contribution which is due and unpaid on the date of resignation.

10. Disciplining of Members

- (a) Council may at any time discipline any member body where a five-sevenths majority vote by the member's bodies is obtained at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Where new information regarding any disciplinary action is available this can be presented to Council as an "Appeal" and revoted upon. A five-sevenths majority will be required to over turn any previous decisions on appeal.

11. Vacancies

In the event that any positions become vacant, these can be filled by nomination from Member Bodies, voted on postal or electronic mediums with a five-sevenths majority required.

12. Sub-Committees

Council may appoint Sub-Committees from time to time as decided by a five-sevenths majority vote. These Sub-Committees may report to Council through the Secretary/Treasurer by post, fax or electronic medium and will report to Council Annually at the AGM.

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