



Rotary Club of Noosa (Inc)

Constitutional Standing Order Commencement 1/9/2013

“Friends of Noosa Rotary”

The primary role of the Friends of Noosa Rotary is to provide an opportunity that connects community minded people to our club. It is intended to provide an avenue of participation to people who cannot or may not wish to join the club as a Rotarian (eg. due to time and travel constraints and other commitments), but who nevertheless would like to help promote the Rotary ideals in our community and have a link to the Rotary Club of Noosa (Inc) (RCN).

A Friend of Noosa Rotary is not a member of the RCN and is therefore not entitled to all rights nor subject to the responsibilities of membership as provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws. Rather, a Friend of Noosa Rotary has a formal association with the Club, which provides an avenue to participate in Club activities.

An accepted Friend Of Noosa Rotary will be formally welcomed at a meeting of the Club and presented with a badge entitled "Friend of Noosa Rotary Club"
The Friend of Noosa Rotary's sponsor would be the link between that friend and the Club on an ongoing basis. The member would ensure that the Friend of Noosa Rotary receives details of all Club activities and is encouraged to have involvement in those activities.

Section 1 - Acceptance Criteria

The Club will accept this affiliation of RCN after complying with the following criteria;

- i. Been nominated by a financial club member and
- ii. Been accepted for candidacy by the Board and

And may be;

- A person 18 years and older with no previous association with Rotary International, or
- Have been a previous member of the Rotary Club of Noosa or
- Be a partner of a past financial member of the Rotary Club of Noosa or
- Be a person with bone fide intentions of joining as a financial member in the future.

Candidates will be notified in writing of the decision regarding “Friends of Noosa Rotary” application.

Section 2 - Entitlement of Membership

A ‘Friend of Noosa Rotary’ member will:

- i. Be welcome at any meeting or activity of the Club without the specific invitation of another financial member
- ii. Be entitled to invite full paying guests to a club meeting or activity without the specific invitation of another financial member.
- iii. Attend social and official functions run by the club.
- iv. Assist in fund raising and volunteer activities of the club with RCN insurance cover.
- v. The friend's association with the club will be for the current Rotary Year renewable as appropriate by the Board of the RCN .
- vi. The Friend of Noosa Rotary will bare no membership costs.

- vii. A Friend of Rotary will be entitled to receive a weekly Club bulletin.

Section 3 - Restrictions of Membership

A 'Friend of Rotary' will not:

- i. Be a member of Rotary International
- ii. Be subject to the attendance requirements of a financial member
- iii. Be entitled to hold a Board position within the Club
- iv. Be entitled to vote on resolutions put to the financial members
- v. Have entitlement to attend District or RI functions except as an invited guest of a financial member
- vi. Be entitled to this position if they are accepted as a financial or Honorary member of any other Rotary Club.
- vii. Be entitled to wear the Rotary lapel badge.

Section 4-Cancellation of Membership

A 'Friend of Rotary' membership may be cancelled where:

- i. The member was accepted to join as a financial member. Under these circumstances they will not be entitled to hold 'Friend of Noosa Rotary' membership from the date of cancellation of their membership.
- ii. The Board resolves to cancel the membership for any such reason.

The Board shall review annually all 'Friends of Noosa Rotary' within the first three months of the Annual General Meeting to confirm that it accepts the members holding this affiliation.

Section 5 – Standing Order

The Club shall adopt or amend this Standing Order/Bylaw in accordance with procedures set out in the RCN constitution and review/renew no less than annually at the Annual General Meeting.