

DARWIN TRAILER BOAT CLUB  
 PROPOSED CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION  
 SUMMARY

This Summary presents proposed changes to the constitution presented in the order they appear in the current constitution.

ISSUE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
1. Minimum number of members	20	40 Membership has grown over the years, and it is thought appropriate increase the minimum requirement.
2. Objectives of the Club	No Change	No Change
3. Membership I. Categories  II. Qualifications	<p>Currently there are many categories and qualifications for categories: Active, Life, House, Honorary, Concession including seniors, juniors, country spouse partners and temporary.</p> <p>The main qualification for Active members is they need to be registered boat owner.</p>	<p>Proposed: Active, Life, Social and Honorary, with the committee having authority to charge concessional fees for seniors, juniors, and spouse/partners.</p> <p>It is proposed to extend the qualifications for Active members to include any person who has been an Active Member for not less than 5 consecutive years and no longer owns a boat, or any person who has been a social member for 7 consecutive years to be able to apply for Active Membership status. This is important as only Active Members are able able to vote to change the constitution. It is necessary as Active Member numbers are decreasing and it is thought proper that dedicated members who don't own a boat should have a say in the management of the club. This makes the club more democratic.</p>

4. Annual Memberships	Currently set by council and ratified at the next AGM.	Proposal is that fees are set by the Management Committee from time to time. The responsibility for running the club so it remains viable lies with the committee, and it should have the authority to set fees.
5. Club Management	Currently called the Council.	Proposed change of name to Management Committee.
6. Duties of Councilors/ Management committee I. Collective responsibility  II. Secretary, Asst secretary, Treasurer and Asst Treasurer	Not Mentioned  No mentioned the role of the Club Manager.	Specifies that the Committee Members are collectively responsible for compliance with legislation and the Club's Governance Framework.  Proposed to acknowledge the responsibility of the club Manager to be actually involved in fulfilling the responsibilities of the Secretary, Asst Secretary, Treasurer and Asst Treasurer.
7. Councillor Qualifications	3 Office bearers must be Active Members	Proposed to remove this restriction as Active Membership is on the decline, and the nature of the club is changing.
8. Meetings I. Council / Management Committee  II. AGM and Special General Meetings	Must meet at each calendar month.  AGM must be in October each year. The order of business is prescribed. Appropriate notice to members is required.	Must meet at least 6 times a year. Simply, in some months there is no need to meet. The office Bearers continue to monitor the business of the club.  Proposed that AGM must be held of within 5 months after the end of the Clubs financial year. This gives time for the Financial Statements to be proposed and audited. The order of business is still prescribed but simplified.

<p>III. Resolutions and Special and Resolutions</p>	<p>Special General Meetings provided for.</p> <p>Currently Resolutions and Special Resolutions are provided for. The difference between those is not clear and seems lost in time.</p>	<p>Appropriate notice to members is required. Name change to provide for GM's other, than AGM and no SGM's.</p> <p>Proposed to allow for Resolutions, and drop the category of Special Resolution at either AGM or other GM. Appropriate notice of Resolutions must be provided to members.</p>
<p>9. Visitors</p>	<p>Currently, the constitution allows members to introduce visitors to Club, up to maximum of 6 at any one time, and a visit 6 times a year.</p>	<p>Proposed the constitution be silent on the issue of visitors; and the Committee will have authority to make rules about visitors from time to time.</p>
<p>10. Alterations to Constitution and Rules</p>	<p>Changes to constitution are only made at AGM or SGM called for that purpose. Changes need a 2/3 yes vote by members present. Currently only Active and Life members may vote on Constitution issues.</p>	<p>Changes to Constitution are only made at AGM or GM called for that purpose. Only Active and Life Members may vote; noting the proposed changes to those members to be considered "Active" covered earlier.</p> <p>In addition, resolutions as a general meeting will be passed if a majority of those eligible to vote agree; other than for resolutions to change the constitution, which requires three quarters of those present and eligible to vote, to agree.</p>