



## 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this policy is to provide a guideline for the voting rights and requirements by which members of the City of Bunbury SLSC Board may exercise their right to vote at a General Meeting of the City of Bunbury SLSC.

## 2. SCOPE

The policy covers the general responsibilities and requirements of a members right to vote in accordance with the City of Bunbury SLSC Constitution clause 16 'Vote of Members ' and any associated policy.

- (a) At a General Meeting, on a show of hands and on a poll, each Voting Member shall have one vote exercised by the Voting Member or the Voting Member's validly appointed proxy.
- (b) Directors shall have the right to attend, debate and vote at General Meetings.
- (c) No other Members are entitled to vote at General Meetings.

## 3. DEFINITION

**"General Meeting"** means the annual or any special general meeting of the Club.

## 4. POLICY

For a member to be eligible to vote at a General Meeting held in the period of October 1 to 30 September of the current membership year in which the General Meeting is to be held shall:

4.1 Be a currently registered and financial Active, Reserve Active, Long Service, Life Member, and/ or current Director as elected at the General Meeting;

4.2 Complete patrol hour requirements as stated below:

4.2.1 For Active members the minimum number of patrol hours required for the period of 1 October to 30 September of the current membership year shall be twelve hours (12hrs)

4.2.2 For Reserve Active members, the minimum number of patrol hours required for the period of 1 October to 30 September of the current membership year shall be eight (8).

4.2.3 Hours shall only be calculated on the patrol hours completed as



follows:

- a) Rostered patrols;
- b) Substitute for other members (Note: These hours will be credited to the member who has actually done the patrol - NOT the member for whom the substitution was done);
- c) Voluntary patrols;
- d) Make Up patrols;
- e) Water Safety for Junior Activities;
- f) Water Safety at both Senior and Junior carnivals;
- g) Water Safety for external activities;
- h) Water Safety for Surf Sports Training and Education Courses.

4.2.4 Patrol hours for water safety for junior activities can only be counted if the activity is endorsed by the Club and available to all members of the Club.

4.2.5 Patrol hours for water safety for both senior and junior carnivals can only be counted if the member is signed on for water safety activities. It does not include officials performing official carnival activities such as marshal, starter etc.

4.3 The patrol hour obligations of new members joining after January 1 of the current membership year, and either gaining their Bronze Medallion or becoming proficient require completion of their hours on a proportionate basis (refer table below) from the month from when they obtained their award/become proficient (as applicable)

4.3.1 The following table sets out the minimum patrol hour obligations for members joining or becoming proficient after January 1 and before September 30 of the current membership year:

Award Gained/Returning member proficiency Date	Min. Annual Patrol Hour requirement Active	Min. Annual Patrol Hour requirement Reserve
January	4	4
February	4	4
March	0	0
April – September	0	0



4.4 Where a member considers they are disadvantaged by the minimum patrol requirements in this policy, they may make a written application for a variation to the patrol hour requirement through the BOM. This application must be on an annual basis and submitted prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the membership year.

## **5. ALTERNATIVE SERVICE HOURS AND OTHER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

The Club may approve full or partial exemption from patrol obligations for members who provide voluntary service for club approved activities.

The range of alternative voluntary service in lieu of patrol hours and other circumstances that may be approved (as appropriate) includes:

- Club Board and Executive Committee positions.
- Accredited volunteer Club Coaching/Officiating.
- Qualified volunteer club training officers and assessors.
- Club members contributing in a significant volunteer club activity other than competition.
- Members undertaking lifesaving duties in other areas such as offshore rescue boat, aerial services, support services, operational support and similar areas of active surf lifesaving.
- A member granted leave of absence and returning from overseas who maintained membership but because of their continued absence abroad could not undertake patrols duties.
- Members of the armed services on special deployment.
- Members, who in the view of the club BOM have undertaken ongoing service to the club which they believe is of benefit to their own club's delivery of lifesaving service.