

Appointment of Proxy

I,

(Member First Name & Surname)

being a full financial member of BALLARAT WILDLIFE REHABILITATION & CONSERVATION INC (BWRAC)

herby appoint:

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(First Name & Surname of proxy holder (*must be a BWRAC Member*))

Also being a full financial member of Ballarat Wildlife Rehabilitation & Conservation INC as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the annual general meeting of Ballarat Wildlife Rehabilitation & Conservation Inc to be held on **Saturday 25th November 2023** and at any adjournment of that meeting.

I authorise my proxy to vote on my behalf:

- at their discretion in respect of the following resolutions; or as I have indicated below; and
- at their discretion in respect of any other voting on the day
(*If the member has not provided specific direction about how to vote the proxy may vote in any manner they see fit.*)

No 1: MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE:

That the full member fee be increased from \$20 to \$25, and that the associate member fee increase from \$10 to \$12.50 commencing from 1 January 2024.

NOTE: This increase will allow for fees lost when members pay using PayPal or another electronic provider method and also to support the increase in running costs.

VOTE YES / NO or PROXY TO VOTE ON THE DAY [*choose one option*]

No 2: BWRAC DEVELOP A GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT SHELTERS & WILDLIFE MEDICAL RESPONDERS

That BWRAC formulate a grant or reimbursement process that shelters and wildlife medical/first responders can apply for, and that the programme be established and operating within twelve months, ie by December 2024.

NOTE: BWRAC will need to fundraise or seek grants/funding specifically to support this initiative. This new initiative should become an annual event. We will also need to set the criteria for who can apply and what will be funded etc. It is anticipated that applicants would need to be BWRAC members.

There is a huge personal, financial burden on shelters and medical responders who treat and care for our wildlife. There are some avenues for grants or funding through the likes of Wildlife Victoria and Wires, but there is an opportunity for BWRAC to make a positive impact in this regard too.

VOTE YES / NO or PROXY TO VOTE ON THE DAY [*choose one option*]

No 3: BWRAC that BWRAC consider adopting Ordinary Members to the Executive Committee and that number be 2 people.

BWRAC is a small organisation and the committee members, executives, members and everyone alike, need to be actively contributing. At an earlier meeting during the year the then BWRAC executive discussed this item and agreed not to adopt Ordinary Committee Members, on the basis that any and all committee members should have accountability and give input into the activities of BWRAC, and not just turn up at executive meetings and vote. Now that some time has passed and I have seen in other organisations where they could not fill their main executive roles, but they did have willing people who were happy to be an Ordinary Committee member, I think we should reconsider this option now. Ordinary Committee members would be expected to contribute to one of at least one of the core areas of: advocacy, communications, finance, research or community education.

In adopting two new members, this will keep the total number of committee members odd for meeting voting purposes.

VOTE YES / NO or PROXY TO VOTE ON THE DAY [choose one option]

Signed2023

This Proxy Form must be handed to the Chairperson of the meeting before or at the commencement of the meeting. Or:

email/electronic proxies must be received by the BWRAC Secretary at least 24 hours before by 12 noon Friday 24th November 2023.

EMAIL PROXIES TO SECRETARY@BWRAC.ORG.AU