



## **NOTICE OF MOVING OF RESOLUTION – NEW CONSTITUTION ADOPTION**

Notice is hereby given that, at the Special General Meeting to be held At the Club, 144 Henry Lawson Avenue, Werrington County on Sunday the 24th February at 10:00 the following resolution will be moved.

### **Resolution**

That the existing constitution of the Club be repealed and that the proposed new constitution (“the New Constitution”) which has been posted on the Club’s Notice Board, and is accessible at <http://www.Henrysportsclub.com.au> be adopted as the constitution of the Club.

### **Background and supporting information**

In 2016, when the Club was in financial administration, it secured a loan to allow it to continue operating and to trade its way to profitable operation. One condition of the loan was that the Club should embark on a process of improving and modernising its structures and governance to enable it to increase revenue, and thus to improve services to members and the community.

One step in this process was to modify the Club’s original constitution to enable the Club to access tax benefits from its support of sporting activities; to comply with law changes; and to remove a small number of provisions which were counterproductive to good governance. These changes were made at an early stage, but it was always part of the longer term plan to replace the out-of-date and patchwork constitution with a new constitution, suitable for effective operation in today’s environment.

The Club accordingly commissioned, in mid-2018, the preparation of this New Constitution by our lawyers. The Club’s Board worked extensively with the lawyers to draft a robust and practical document. The Board consulted with all eligible voting members by way of roadshows, members were given an opportunity to comment, and the interest parties where sent the draft new constitution for further feedback.

As a result of the feedback received, the draft was further refined, and approved by the Board. This document is now the New Constitution, which has been made accessible to all members, and is the subject of this present resolution for adoption..

Given the extensive process of consultation which has been undertaken, it is not appropriate here to make detailed comment. The New Constitution is consistent with current best practice for registered clubs. It is compliant with current law, and strikes an appropriate balance between enshrining rules in a governance document, and allowing the Club’s Board, as constituted from time to time, to make strategic decisions in response to changing needs.

From the perspective of members, the New Constitution is simply an improved underlying management structure, which will not affect the wide range of services members enjoy from the Club on a day-to-day basis but will, in the longer term, allow better management, and thus service improvements.

The motion for adoption is accordingly commended to the Special General Meeting.

Regards  
Sharon Tassell  
Under Direction of the Board