

**MELBOURNE COMMUNITY TELEVISION CONSORTIUM LTD  
(ACN 104 562 076)  
ASSOCIATE ORGANISATIONS CHARTER**

**1.1 Associate Organisations**

An Associate Organisation is an organisation that is not a Member of the Melbourne Community Television Consortium Ltd (**Company**) but which has the right to attend and speak at, but not vote at, general meetings of members of the Company, subject to the rights of the chair to regulate such meetings.

**1.2 Eligibility to be an Associate Organisation**

- (a) Organisations which do not meet the criteria to be a Member of the Company as outlined in the constitution of the Company may apply to become an Associate Organisation.
- (b) To be eligible to become and remain an Associate Organisation, an organisation must:
  - (i) be a not-for-profit body, such as a company limited by guarantee or an incorporated association; and
  - (ii) be based within the license coverage area of the community broadcasting license held by the Company.

**1.3 Application to Become an Associate Organisation**

- (a) Applications to become an Associate Organisation must be accompanied by:
  - (i) a written statement of the applicant's name and the applicant's address for the service of notices;
  - (ii) a written statement that the applicant agrees, upon becoming an Associate Organisation, to abide by the provisions of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* (Cth) and the *Community Television Broadcasting Codes of Practice*; and
  - (iii) documentation to demonstrate that the applicant organisation is a not-for-profit corporate body.
- (b) Applications must be lodged with the company secretary, who will approve the application if the applicant meets the eligibility criteria and have provided the application in full.
- (c) The applicant organisation will become an Associate Organisation once they have paid the annual fee for Associate Organisations (**Annual Associate Fee**).

#### 1.4 **Annual Renewal of Associate Organisation Status**

- (a) Before being admitted as an Associate Organisation, an applicant must pay a pro rata Annual Associate Fee to the Company, with the amount payable being calculated by reference to the number of days during the current financial year that the applicant will be an Associate Organisation.
- (b) Associate Organisations may renew their Associate Organisation status each financial year by paying the Annual Associate Fee.
- (c) The amount of the Annual Associate Fee shall be determined by the board of directors.
- (d) The Annual Associate Fee will relate in the period 1 July to 30 June and will be payable by 31 July each year following the issue by the Company of an invoice to the Associate Organisation.
- (e) Unless otherwise determined by the board (in its discretion), an organisation will cease to be an Associate Organisation if it has not paid the Annual Associate Fee by 31 July.
- (f) Annual Associate Fees are non-refundable, including where the Associate Organisation ceases to be an Associate Organisation during the course of a financial year.

#### 1.5 **Cessation of Associate Organisation Status**

- (a) An organisation may resign its Associate Organisation status by notifying the Company Secretary in writing. The resignation shall take effect from the day the notice is received by the Company Secretary.
- (b) The Associate Organisation status of an organisation shall be immediately revoked if that organisation ceases to satisfy the eligibility criteria for an Associate Organisation.
- (c) An organisation will cease to be an Associate Organisation if it becomes a Member of the Company.

#### 1.6 **Transfer and Termination**

A right, privilege, or obligation of an Associate Organisation:

- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
- (b) terminates upon the organisation ceasing to be an Associate Organisation whether by resignation or otherwise.