



Summary of Constitution Proposed Updates: 2025

1. Name of the Association

- Old (2018/21): *Kangaroo Valley A&H Association Inc*
 - New (2025): *Kangaroo Valley Show Society Inc*
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2. Structure and Terminology

- Committee terminology:
 - Old: “General Committee” and “ordinary Committee member.”
 - New: “Committee of Management,” “Office-Bearer,” and “Ordinary Committee Member.”
 - Secretary:
 - Old: “Secretary” or “Public Officer.”
 - New: “Society Secretary” (defined separately, with some expanded administrative role).
 - Regulation reference:
 - Old: *Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016*
 - New: *Associations Incorporation Regulation 2022*
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3. Objects of the Society

- Old: Encouragement of agricultural, horticultural, pastoral and cultural pursuits, mainly through exhibitions/competitions.
 - New: Expanded to include:
 - Specific mention of *Kangaroo Valley and surrounding districts*.
 - Display of *manufactured products and arts*.
 - Promotion of *industrial interests of NSW*.
 - Provision of *entertainment for patrons*.
 - Broader authority: “do anything incidental or ancillary” to the Objects.
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4. Membership

- Old:
 - Members must be adults; membership by application and Committee approval.
 - Life Membership conferred by Committee vote (75% majority in secret ballot).
 - No Junior membership.
 - Privileges: tickets, voting, etc.

- New:
 - Full Members (18+), Junior Members (<18, no voting rights).
 - Life Membership requires *Special Resolution at a General Meeting* (based on Committee recommendation).
 - Honorary Membership created (discussion rights, no vote).
 - Privileges explicitly include *reduced entry fees for exhibits*.
 - Membership renewals align with *31 January* annually.
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5. Committee Composition

- Old:
 - President, Vice-President(s), Treasurer, Secretary + at least 5 Ordinary Members (min. total 10).
 - New:
 - President, 2 Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Society Secretary + at least 10 Ordinary Members.
 - Patron(s) may be appointed as ex-officio Committee members.
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6. Elections

- Old: General election process at AGM; no specific nomination procedure detailed.
 - New: Formal nomination rules:
 - Two Members must nominate in writing, delivered 7 days before AGM, signed by nominee.
 - Returning Officer + Scrutineers appointed.
 - Ballots if needed; provision for electronic voting if required.
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7. Secretary & Treasurer Roles

- Old: Traditional record-keeping and reporting functions.
 - New:
 - Secretary reports to President & Committee, supervises work of Society.
 - Treasurer role expanded: must attend showground to handle funds, submit monthly reports, and prepare annual balance sheet.
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8. Disciplinary Process

- Old: Complaint → Committee → possible expulsion/suspension → right of appeal at General Meeting.
- New: More formalised:
 - Adds grounds: persistent failure to follow codes of conduct/policies.
 - Notice and confirmation resolution required (14–28 days).
 - Clearer appeal rights within 7 days, meeting within 21 days.

9. Meetings

- Old:
 - AGM must include confirmation of minutes, reports, election, financial statement, election of delegates.
 - Quorum for General Meetings = 7 Members.
 - New:
 - AGM agenda expanded: includes President's Report, Committee reports, recommendations to Committee.
 - Quorum increased to 10 Members.
 - Rules of Debate included (time limits for speakers).
 - Special General Meeting requisition:
 - Old: 5% of Members.
 - New: at least 10 Members.
 - Notice periods:
 - Old: 14 days (21 for Special Resolutions).
 - New: 21 days for all meetings.
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10. Financial Management

- Old:
 - Cheques/instruments signed by 2 authorised Committee members or employees.
 - New:
 - Instruments (incl. EFT) must be signed/authorised by 2 of: President, Vice-President(s), Secretary, Treasurer.
 - Committee given explicit power to raise/borrow money.
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11. Winding Up / Dissolution

- Old: Provides for dissolution, but no detail on distribution of surplus.
 - New: Adds clause: *Surplus Property on Winding Up* must be transferred in accordance with Act (not to Members, but to another not-for-profit with similar objects).
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Summary of Main Shifts

- The 2025 Amended Constitution is more detailed, formal, and modernised.
- Major changes:
 - Name change to *Show Society*.
 - More comprehensive Objects.
 - Introduction of Junior & Honorary Membership.
 - Stricter Committee structure.
 - Formal nomination & election procedures.
 - Stronger disciplinary process.
 - Expanded AGM agenda & quorum rules.
 - Updated financial rules (EFT, borrowing).
 - Clear winding-up provisions.

Area	2018/21 Constitution	2025 Amended Constitution
Name of Association	Kangaroo Valley A&H Association Inc	Kangaroo Valley Show Society Inc
Terminology	General Committee; Secretary/Public Officer; Regulation 2016	Committee of Management; Society Secretary; Regulation 2022
Objects	Agricultural, horticultural, pastoral & cultural pursuits; mainly exhibitions & competitions	Expanded: includes surrounding districts, industrial interests of NSW, arts, entertainment; broader authority
Membership Types	Adult Members only; Life Membership via Committee (75% vote)	Full (18+), Junior (<18, no vote), Life (Special Resolution at GM), Honorary (no vote)
Privileges	Tickets; vote; attend meetings	Tickets; attend/vote if 18+; reduced exhibit fees; other privileges as determined
Committee Composition	President, VP(s), Treasurer, Secretary + 5 Ordinary (min. 10 total)	President, 2 VPs, Treasurer, Secretary + 10 Ordinary (min. 14 total); Patrons ex-officio.
Elections	General election at AGM, Committee decides method	Formal nominations (2 members nominate, 7 days prior), Returning Officer, Scrutineers, ballots, electronic voting option
Secretary Role	Records minutes, registers, official notices	Supervises work, issues notices, keeps records; may receive honorarium
Treasurer Role	Keep accounts; present payments; collect & deposit funds	Expanded: attend showground for gate money; monthly financial reports; annual balance sheet certified for AGM
Disciplinary Process	Complaint → Committee may expel/suspend → appeal at GM	Grounds expanded (codes of conduct/policies); notice 14–28 days; appeal within 7 days; GM within 21 days
AGM Agenda	Minutes, reports, election, financials, delegates	President's Report, Committee reports, elections, financials, recommendations to Committee
Quorum (General Meetings)	7 members	10 members
Special General Meetings	Called by Committee or 5% of members	Called by Committee or requisition of 10 members
Notice Period	14 days (21 for Special Resolutions)	21 days for all meetings
Rules of Debate	Not specified	Introduced: time limits for movers/speakers & reply rights
Financial Management	Cheques signed by 2 authorised members/employees	Instruments incl. EFT signed by 2 of President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer; Committee may borrow funds
Winding Up	Dissolution allowed, no surplus property clause	Surplus property must go to another not-for-profit (per Act)