



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGE TO NJC CONSTITUTION

Why is the Club proposing a change to the Constitution - Special Resolution 1?

1. Apart from introducing a 'Perpetual Member' category, all of the proposed changes are cosmetic in nature and simply designed to reduce confusion and improve the readability of the Constitution for members, staff and stakeholders. A good example is re-naming "Nominated Directors" to "Appointed Directors" – these are the directors that are appointed (i.e. are not member elected) via a panel which is made up by representatives from the Newcastle Jockey Club, Hunter Business Chamber (or equivalent) and Racing NSW. The current naming convention gives rise to some confusion as the Member-Elected Directors must be "nominated" for their board position. There is no change at all to the methodology of how members apply for a Nominated (Appointed) board position or be nominated for a Member-Elected board position.
2. Following the conduct of a member survey earlier in 2018, the board of directors seek the member's support regarding the introduction of a new 'Perpetual' Membership category with a one-off subscription fee to allow continual membership until death. It is proposed that the Committee will decide on the fee equating to approximately ten (10) times the annual membership fee for people wishing to become a 'Perpetual Member'.
3. The current constitution imposes over eleven (11) different time constraints in the lead up to an annual general meeting in a year when a director ballot and nomination/appointment is to be held. These include timeframes such as "63 days", "22 days", "7 days" etc. The Club is seeking to reduce this complexity and impose two (2) key milestone dates at 30 days and 60 days in the lead up to the annual general meeting. Again, there is no change at all to the methodology regarding how members apply for a Nominated (Appointed) board position or a Member-Elected board position.

Why is the Club proposing a changing to the Constitution - Special Resolution 2?

1. The board of directors seek the members support to stagger the process of electing and appointing Directors to occur every alternate two years to reduce workload, maximise efficiency and increase stability of the Club at board level.
2. There is no change at all to the number or efficacy of Nominated (Appointed) Directors and Member-Elected Directors.

I have received a postal and electronic invitation to vote. Which one should I use to vote?

You may use either. The Truevote voting platform utilises a unique numbering system that is linked to each member and both the postal/email invitations so only one vote is able to be recorded for each member. In introducing members to electronic voting for the first time, a postal notification has also been issued.

I have received a postal and electronic invitation to vote. Does that mean I am able to cast two (2) votes? No.

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I didn't receive my postal or electronic invitation to vote. What should I do?

Postal and electronic invitations are scheduled to be sent on 26th October 2018. The voting period will be open for 3 weeks and will close at 5:00pm on Friday 16th November 2018. Please contact the returning officer at mail@prosperity.com.au and use "NJC ballot" in the subject of your email. A new ballot will be created and the previously issued unique code linked to your member will be cancelled.

Can I mail my vote to the Club or returning officer?

No. Whilst the invitation to vote has been sent by both post and email, to record a vote in the ballot, each member must vote online. Detailed instructions are included in the postal and email invitations.



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What devices can I vote from?

The Truevote voting platform can be accessed from modern smart phones, desktop computers and tablets.

I'm having difficulty recording my vote online. What should I do?

The Truevote voting platform provides telephone and email support for the duration of the ballot. Please contact as outlined in the postal and email invitations.

Is voting online safe?

The Truevote voting platform complies with the Australian Privacy Act 1988 and uses secure encryption technology to ensure all data remains safe. Voting on-line uses the same secure and trusted processes used by the banking and ecommerce industry.

How is the integrity of the online voting platform verified?

All voting activity is recorded and cross-matched against the member listing. Any unauthorised access attempts or suspicious activity is recorded and reviewed by the returning officer.