

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED (AWL)

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of Animal Welfare League of South Australia Incorporated will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 18 August 2026
Time: 4.30pm
Location: Animal Care Centre, 1–19 Cormack Road, Wingfield SA

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of this Extraordinary General Meeting is to consider and, if thought fit, pass a Special Resolution to adopt a revised Constitution for the Association.

Members are advised that this is a comprehensive review and full replacement of the current Constitution. The proposed Constitution has been substantially amended to:

- strengthen governance clarity and Board accountability
- ensure alignment with current legislative and regulatory requirements
- modernise provisions to reflect current operations and strategic direction
- clearly distinguish the roles of the Constitution, Board Charter and supporting policies

As such, Members are being asked to consider and adopt the entire revised Constitution, rather than a limited number of individual amendments.

Special Resolution

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following Special Resolution:

“That the Constitution of Animal Welfare League of South Australia Incorporated be repealed in its entirety and replaced with the proposed Constitution tabled at this meeting.”

Supporting Information

A copy of the proposed revised Constitution is available to Members via the website <https://awl.org.au/governance>, by emailing support@awl.org.au, or phoning 08 8348 1300, and should be reviewed in full prior to the meeting.

A summary of the key changes to the Constitution is provided.

Voting Eligibility

Only Members who are present at the meeting and are eligible to vote in accordance with the Constitution are entitled to vote on the Special Resolution.

Enquiries

If you have any questions regarding the proposed Constitution or the Extraordinary General Meeting, please contact the Chief Executive Officer, Jodi Walton, via email at support@awl.org.au, or phone 08 8348 1300

Kind regards,



Jodi Walton, CEO



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Key Changes – AWL Constitution

Overview

The revised Constitution has been rewritten in plain English and reorganised into clear sections to improve readability and accessibility for Members. It also includes explanatory text throughout to assist Members in understanding the intent and operation of key provisions.

The revised Constitution has also been updated to remove detailed administrative and operational matters from the Constitution itself, allowing it to focus on the core governance framework and principles of the Association. Operational matters are instead addressed through the Charter and supporting governance documents, enabling these to be updated by the Board as organisational and regulatory requirements evolve.

The Constitution has been restructured and renumbered throughout, including:

- The objects, powers and nature of the Association are now clearly defined in Part 1, providing a strong foundation for the rest of the document.
- Membership provisions have been consolidated and simplified in Part 2, with categories and criteria delegated to the Charter.
- The Board provisions in Part 3 have been substantially updated, with clearer provisions for Board composition, appointment, terms of office, conduct, removal, casual vacancies and remuneration.
- The Definitions and Interpretation provisions in Part 5 have been updated to provide broader descriptions for terminology affected by technological and other developments.
- Transitional provisions have been included in clause 40 to ensure continuity for current Board members and existing policies upon adoption.
- Clause numbering has been corrected and made consistent throughout the document, with all cross-references updated accordingly.
- Clause 31.3 (Public Officer) has been added to make explicit the obligation to notify the relevant authority of any change of Public Officer within the time required by the Act.

AWL Board Charter

As part of the governance review, a Board Charter has been developed to support the Constitution. The Charter does not replace or override the Constitution; rather, it provides additional detail regarding Board roles, responsibilities, governance processes and administrative matters that do not need to be prescribed in the Constitution.

The revised Constitution establishes the fundamental governance framework of the Association, while the Board Charter and supporting governance policies provide greater flexibility to update governance and administrative processes as legislation, regulatory expectations and organisational needs evolve.

This approach aligns with contemporary governance practice and reduces the need for constitutional amendments to address procedural or administrative matters.