

Whitefriars Old Collegians Football Club Inc.

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Notice of Special General Meeting

Date: Thursday 21st July 2016
Location: Mark Bateman Rooms, 156 Park Road Donvale
Time: 8pm

Pursuant to the Rules of the Association, a Special General Meeting is called to consider the following Special Resolutions. An Explanatory Statement is attached to this Notice of Special General Meeting to provide additional information on the proposed Special Resolutions to be put to members.

Entitlement to Vote

Only current members are entitled to vote at the Special General Meeting. These are:

- Life Members
- 2016 Social Members
- 2016 Gold Friar Members; and
- Players who have fully paid their 2016 Membership Fees.

Special Resolution 1

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

“That the name of the Association be changed to the Whitefriars Football Club.”

Special Resolution 2

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

“That the Association change its current rules and adopt the Model Rules for an Incorporated Association.”

Explanatory Statement

The following Explanatory Statement is designed to provide background information on the Special Resolutions being proposed.

Special Resolution 1 – Name Change

The current committee have been actively pursuing ways in which we can broaden and strengthen our Club and over time expand the number of teams that represent our Club.

In 2016 we launched our first Auskick program (Whitefriars Auskick) with the ultimate goal of commencing a Junior Football program within the next 2 years. A junior club would need to be established to achieve this and it is proposed that the name of the Club would be the Whitefriars Junior Football Club. It makes sense then that the pathway for junior footballers would be through to the Whitefriars Football Club.

In addition to Auskick and Junior Football we have also taken on board feedback around the name and are seeking to address a few related issues:

1. The Club has a growing number of current students (as compared to former students) playing at our Club and we are seeking for an even greater connection to current students going forward.
2. The name Old Collegians has a potential negative connotation that you need to be “Old” to play and for those pursuing their football in their late teens and early twenties this might be seen as the Club to play for when you are older and towards the end of your playing days;
3. The question is often asked whether you need to be a former student to play for our club which is clearly not a pre-requisite.

Special Resolution 2 – Model Rules

Our Club currently has its own rules of association and does not adopt the Model Rules provided for under the applicable State Legislation. This leads to a duplication of the rules and some uncertainty.

It is proposed the Model Rules be adopted to avoid confusion as to the application of the rules and to ensure any updates/changes in the legislation are automatically incorporated into the Club’s rules.

A copy of the Model Rules can be obtained at <https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/>.