



ANARE Club Inc.

From the Treasurer

Memorandum To All Victorian Members

Regarding the setting up of a Victorian Branch of the ANARE Club.

I would like to promote the setting up of a Victorian Branch of the ANARE Club. At this time Qld, NSW, SA, and Tas have official branches and ACT and WA have unofficial Branches. This is not a new concept, as this was raised several years ago by the then President, Joe Johnson. Other people like Bill Burch have also made suggestions regarding moving the concept of a National MWD to other states apart from Victoria. The reasons for setting up a Victorian Branch are:

1. The responsibility of the Melbourne MWD, and other social functions in Victoria would be transferred to the Victorian Branch which would save a lot of debate at the national council level of what should happen at Melbourne MWD. Currently all the Branches run their own MWD and other functions without any interference from the National Council. It's time that the Victorian MWD was run as a state function without the involvement of the national council of the ANARE Club.
2. This facilitates the pathway allowing the location of the National Council to be anywhere in Australia, where ever that is most appropriate. In the days when the Antarctic Division was located in Melbourne, Victoria was the natural choice for the location of the ANARE Club National Council. It's a long time since the Antarctic Division moved to Hobart. The distribution of membership is now less centred on Victoria than it has been historically. Once Victoria had over 50% of the membership – now it is around 30%.

Most branches run with a fairly simple format having an annual meeting which is quite short coinciding with the AGM. There is no reason why the Victorian Branch could not operate this way. Formation of the Branch is quite simple. All that is needed is:

1. A few (minimum of 3 for a quorum) interested Victorian members to say they want to setup a Branch and follow the requirements of the constitution to put this into place – just like any other state branch has done. The relevant section of the ANARE Club Rules is section 76, as included below.
2. The minimum requirements for a state council would be a President, Secretary, Treasurer. One of these people could organise MWD functions, or someone else could be on the council to do it. In order to be eligible for the 5% Branch capitation fee, a Branch Bank Account would have to be setup and annual financial reports submitted to the National Council.

So I would encourage Victorian Members to take this pathway, and put forward some names of people to take on the official roles. To assist this, I would be prepared to take on the Treasurer role initially to setup the bank account, and transition the finances of the Melbourne MWD to the Branch.

Please contact the Secretary at secretary@anareclub.org.au or to ANARE Club, GPO Box 2534, Melbourne 3001 and register your interest.

Chris Gamgee – Treasurer ANARE Club.

Extract from the Club's Constitution / Rules

76 State and Territory Councils

- (1) State and Territory Councils may be established in each State and Territory in Australia.*
- (2) State and Territory Councils are responsible for the efficient and economical running of social activities for the Club within the Branch .*
- (3) State and Territory Councils are at all times answerable to the National Council and decisions made at State and Territory Council Meetings may be overruled by the National Council.*
- (4) The State or Territory Council may consist of the following elected members:*
 - a. President*
 - b. Vice-President*
 - c. Secretary*
 - d. Treasurer*
 - e. A maximum of five State or Territory Council Members.*
- (5) A quorum of a State or Territory Council shall consist of three members.*
- (6) The State or Territory Council may co-opt any member to fill a vacancy on the State or Territory Council.*
- (7) State and Territory Councils may appoint Regional Representatives in any town or district within the Council area, with a maximum of four Regional Representatives on any State or Territory. In any case, all members of National Council or State and Territory Councils shall be deemed to be Regional Representatives when visiting other Branch Councils or the National Council.*
- (8) Unless otherwise notified in writing or in the Club Journal all State and Territory Annual General Meetings shall be held during the State or Territory Mid-Winter celebrations.*
- (9)Capitation will be paid to each State and Territory Council representing five percent of the annual subscription for each financial Club Member within the State or Territory area. Capitation shall be paid at the commencement of the financial year and based on numbers at that date.*
- (10) Unless otherwise specified the rules that govern the conduct of the National Council Meetings shall also govern the State and Territory Councils Meetings.*
- (11) Each State and Territory Council shall prepare an Annual Report detailing its deliberations and activities and that Report shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Club.*
- (12) The National Council may withhold payment of capitation levy to a State or Territory Council, pending receipt of a satisfactorily audited report of its financial affairs.*
- (13) For the purposes of these Rules, the Australian Capital Territory Council will include members living in the Queanbeyan, Bungendore Yass and Cooma districts.*