

UPDATING THE YARRALUMLA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED CONSTITUTION AGM 20 October 2026

The Yarralumla Residents Association Constitution was updated in 2022 to take advantage of the legislative changes that provided for the use of electronic media and virtual meetings following the COVID-19 outbreak. New model rules also came into effect in 2024 under the *Associations Incorporation Regulation 2023* (ACT)

The proposed changes to the constitution are administrative in nature and reflect the current requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (Effective: 6 December 2025) and the Associations Incorporation Regulation 2023 (Effective: 12/03/24).

The changes remove the need to formally appoint an Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary as Office Bearers on the Committee and the quorum at meetings is changed to 5 from 6 to align with the Regulations.

Details of the changes

The changes proposed to the Constitution are at: s11(d), s13(a), 13(e) Committee Management; s14 Secretary 14; and s15 Treasurer.

- Remove the requirement for an assistant secretary and assistant treasurer to be appointed as office bearers at the Annual General Meeting. This means that only five Office Bearers need to be appointed rather than seven to have a legally compliant association. The Act s60 requires that there must be at least three Committee members and the Regulation s35 requires a President, Treasurer and Secretary .
- A Public Officer is required by s57 of the Act. The Public Officer may hold any office of the association in addition to the office of public officer s57(3) of the Act.
- The Constitution already provides at Clause 13(m) for a committee member to be appointed temporarily as an Office Bearer if that Office Bearer is going to be absent for a period. This covers when an individual is away on leave or unwell. Hence requiring the appointment of an assistant secretary and assistant treasurer at the Annual General Meeting is not necessary.
- The maximum number of Committee Members will remain at 13. Since the establishment of the YRA the number of Committee Members has ranged from 6 to 13 with the averaged being 11.
- A quorum at an Annual General Meeting is changed from six to five. The Regulation (2023) s63 now requires only five.
- At meetings of the Committee a quorum is changed from six to five to align with that required for an Annual General Meeting.