



Invitation & Notice of Annual General Meeting of The Tropical Fruits Inc.

**Saturday March 20th 2021 at 11am at the Fountain Room,
1 Bounty Street, Lismore City Hall, Lismore NSW 2480.**

Dear valued member,

You are invited to attend the Tropical Fruits Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2021 on Saturday March 20th 2021 at 11am at the Fountain Room, 1 Bounty St, Lismore City Hall. The AGM will be followed by a catered lunch and community forum which will conclude by 4pm.

The committee encourages you to make every effort to attend the AGM and have your say on the future of our social club. The main items for the AGM will be the election of the management committee for 2021 and a Special Resolution to amend the Constitution to designate two-year committee term.

The notice of this AGM is enclosed.

Please note only financial members can vote at the AGM. A current financial member is one who has paid their fees (due one year from when they joined or renewed their membership). Existing members can renew any time up until the commencement of the AGM. Applications by new members must be approved by the committee. The last committee meeting before the AGM will be held on Wednesday March 17th 2021. A membership form is enclosed or alternately you can use our online membership form via <https://tropicalfruits.org.au/membership/online-memberships-renewals>. *Non-financial members are encouraged to attend and participate in discussions but do not have any voting rights.*

Nominations for the committee. If you wish to nominate for a committee position, the Secretary must receive your nomination form (enclosed) by 11am Saturday March 13th 2021.

Proxies. If you are unable to attend, please send in your proxy form (enclosed) which must be received by 11am Friday March 19th 2021.

As closing dates may be on weekend days, members must ensure that their forms are received in time. Forms may be scanned and emailed, posted (allow for 7 business days for the document to arrive), given in person to our office staff or left in the Fruit Bowl mailbox. Late forms will not be accepted.

AGM Agenda

1. Open meeting and apologies
2. Receive and confirm the minutes of the 2020 AGM
3. Receive and accept Annual Reports from Office Bearers
4. Special Resolutions

Special Resolution (A) to designate a two-year committee term. This Special Resolution is to change the Tropical Fruits Constitution to allow for a two-year committee term. The constitution currently reads:

Constitution clause 18(3): Each member of the committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election.

This Special Resolution is to change the Constitution to read:

Constitution clause 18(3): Each member of the committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the conclusion of the **second** Annual General Meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election.

If Special Resolution A is Carried, then:

Special Resolution (B) to allow for a one-off election of the Chair, Secretary and 2 Ordinary Members for a one-year term. In order to elect half the committee each year, the positions noted here will, in 2021, be elected for just one year and hence forth all positions will be elected for a two-year term.

If Special Resolution B is Carried, then:

Special Resolution (C) to designate a two continuous term limit. This Special Resolution is to change the Tropical Fruits Constitution to allow for nomination to the committee for a maximum of two continuous terms.

The constitution currently reads:

Constitution clause 18(3): Each member of the committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election.

This Special Resolution is to change the Constitution to read:

Constitution clause 18(3): Each member of the committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election **to a second continuous term.**

Add a new Constitution clause 18(4) which will read: **A member may hold office for a maximum of two consecutive terms after which time, a period of 12 months must pass before they are eligible to be elected as a member of the committee.**

If Special Resolution C is Carried, then:

Special Resolution (D) to clarify the casual vacancies provisions to ensure that the new system of electing half of the committee each year is maintained. This clarification will enable a member who has been appointed to the committee through a casual vacancy to hold that position for the full two year term rather than to the next Annual General Meeting. This amendment also re-numbers subclause 4 to subclause 5 as (above) there is a new proposed subclause 4 to be inserted.

The constitution currently reads:

Constitution clause 18(4): In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee, the committee may appoint a member of the association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next following the date of the appointment.

This Special Resolution is to change the Constitution to read:

Constitution clause 18(5): In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee, the committee may appoint a member of the association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the **original term that the vacating member of the committee was elected to.**

5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2021
6. Appointment of Auditors
7. Close meeting

To view copies of the 2020 AGM Minutes, Auditors and Committee Reports prior to the AGM please contact the office staff.

No other business will be conducted at the AGM. If you have any items you would like to discuss, bring them to the Community Forum after lunch. The aim of the afternoon forum is to set goals and objectives for the new committee in the year ahead. If you are unable to attend, please send your thoughts and ideas for parties and DJs, the development of the Fruit Bowl, paddock & Casino St House and the direction of Tropical Fruits for 2020-2021 by email (fruits@tropicalfruits.org.au) in advance of the AGM.

The committee looks forward to the membership and the broader community of Tropical Fruits gathering for the beginning of another exciting year in the history of our wonderful social club.

Mel Rogers

Secretary

24th February 2021

Annual General Meeting Saturday March 20th 2021

NOTICE

The Committee of The Tropical Fruits Inc. gives notice to Members that a General Meeting of Tropical Fruits will be held on Saturday March 20th 2021 at 11am at the Fountain Room, 1 Bounty St, Lismore City Hall, Lismore NSW 2480.

This Annual General Meeting will consider 4 Special Resolutions.

Membership Application / Renewal Form

- Membership is currently **\$20 (concession)** & **\$35 (non concession)** and includes GST
- Membership is for one year from the date of payment
- Payment can only be made by **online by credit card** via www.tropicalfruits.org.au/membership, by **cheque/ money order by post**, or **cheque/ money order/ cash if paying in person** at an event or at the Tropical Fruits Clubhouse
- All members must be 18 years of age or older
- To obtain Concessional membership you must produce a current concession card or post a clear photocopy

Part A: Personal Information

The constitution requires us to maintain a register of members with an address. All other information is optional and is collected to inform the management of the Club. All personal information collected is confidential, is stored securely and is not shared with any other organisation or individual.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Pronoun: _____

Identity: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans Intersex Queer Other Identity: _____

Occupation/ Skills: _____

Why is Fruits important to you? _____

Newsletter Subscription: I wish to receive the Fruit Juice magazine By Post By Email

Part B: Payment Details & Signature

Enclosed is a Cheque Money Order Cash (do not send cash in the post) New Renewing

For \$ _____ (inc. GST)

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

In applying for or renewing membership of the Tropical Fruits Inc. you agree to be bound by the Articles of Association of the Tropical Fruits including the Code of Conduct (see website).

Part C: New Member Application (New membership applications only)

First time members need to be nominated by an existing member and approved by a meeting of the management committee. **Please contact us if this is a problem.**

I, _____ (member name) nominate the above applicant for membership of The Tropical Fruits Inc.

Signature: _____ Member No: _____

Office Use Only

Approved by Committee on: ____/____/____

Entered in database: ____/____/____

Card Sent: Y/N

Payment Date: ____/____/____

By: _____ Member No: _____

Payment Type: Cash / Cheque / EFT-CCard