



CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS & RULES

OF THE

THURINGOWA BULLDOGS **AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB INC**

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DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS

- The Club:** To be read as the 'Thuringowa Bulldogs Australian Football Club Incorporated'
- Common Seal:** A rubber stamp on which is engraved with the Club's name
- ExCom:** The Executive Committee of the Club
- AGM:** Annual General Meeting
- SGM:** Special General Meeting
- Quorum:** The minimum number of members that must be present at any of the following meetings to make the proceedings of that meeting valid:
- ExCom:** 3 members (Clause 18.6)
- AGM:** 20 percent of all financial members of The Club (Clause 18.9)
- SGM:** 25 percent of all financial members of The Club (Clause 18.12)

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND RULES
OF
THURINGOWA BULLDOGS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

1. NAME: The name of the Club shall be the THURINGOWA BULLDOGS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED. Herein after referred to as the "Club".
2. CLUB COLOURS & UNIFORM: The Club colours are to be traditionally Red, White and Blue. The Uniform of the Club will be of similar design to that of the Western Bulldogs Football Club (Victoria). The Club Logo is a Bulldog.
3. COMMON SEAL: (A rubber stamp on which is engraved the Club's name)
 - 3.1 The Executive Committee must ensure the Club has a common seal.
 - 3.2 The common seal must be;
 - 3.2.1 kept securely by the Executive Committee
 - 3.2.2 used only under the authority of the Executive Committee.
 - 3.3 Each instrument or document to which the seal is attached must be signed by the President of the Executive Committee and countersigned by;
 - 3.3.1.1 the Secretary or
 - 3.3.1.2 another member of the Executive Committee
4. CLUB CULTURE & VALUES: The Club welcomes families, parents, players, spectators, supporters and children as valued members of a family friendly orientated club. The Club values honesty, integrity, loyalty, and people willing to assist in the professional development and operation of the Club at both senior and junior levels.
5. CLUB DISCLOSURE: Any financial Club Member may request in writing, at any reasonable time, to inspect any of the records or documents of the Club.
6. CLUB SONG: The words of the Club song shall be recorded as annex A to this constitution and can only be changed by a 2/3rds majority vote of financial members at an Annual General Meeting.
7. CLUB OBJECTIVES: The objectives of the Club shall be to:
 - 7.1 promote, advance, cultivate and foster the game of Australian Football;
 - 7.2 secure playing field/s and Club premises for the advancement of Thuringowa Bulldogs AFC, in particular as well as Australian Football generally;
 - 7.3 promote, manage, develop, control and encourage the playing of Australian Football within the Townsville Region;
 - 7.4 promote the education of coaches, administrators and umpires of Australian Football within the Townsville Region;
 - 7.5 actively participate with AFL Townsville in the preparation of any planning activities;
 - 7.6 promote all competitions within the Townsville Region conducted under the sponsorship of AFL Townsville;
 - 7.7 encourage Club members to actively participate in the attainment of the Club objectives; and

- 7.8 optimise relationships between all Australian Football stakeholders and Clubs within the Townsville Region.
8. ATTAINING OBJECTIVES: The Executive Committee shall be empowered to do all things necessary which are incidental to and necessary for the attainment of the objectives of the Club.
9. HOME GROUNDS: The Club will train on such grounds as are designated from time to time by the Executive Committee and Townsville City Council. The Pioneer Park Riverway Sports Complex is the Clubs home ground and main function facility.
10. CLUB PATRON: The Club may, at its discretion, elect a patron of the Club for such period as may be deemed appropriate. Such Patron shall not be eligible to vote unless they are current members of the Club under another category of membership.
11. TENURE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: The tenure for all Executive Committee appointments shall be for a maximum period of 12 months commencing with election at the Annual General meeting. ALL Executive Committee positions are to be vacated at the Annual General Meeting with a re-election by way of a proposed nominator and seconder for all positions to be voted on by a vote of financial members during the Election of Office Bearers.
12. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Composition): The Executive Committee of the Club shall comprise the following appointments:
- 12.1 President.
 - 12.2 Vice President.
 - 12.3 Junior President.
 - 12.4 Secretary.
 - 12.5 Treasurer.
 - 12.6 Other persons as determined by the Executive Committee as bringing a special skill to the Executive Committee (eg Marketing expertise) may be invited to attend and participate in ExCom as required.
13. POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REQUIRING GENERAL APPROVAL: The Executive Committee, subject to approval obtained at a Special General Meeting convened for the express purpose of discussing the particular proposal or ratified at the next Annual General Meeting, (with such approvals recorded appropriately) has the following powers:
- 13.1 To build, construct, erect, maintain, alter and repair any premises building or other structure of any kind and to furnish, equip and improve the same for use by the Club in accordance with Council of the City of Townsville regulations and building approvals, and any other relevant State or Federal acts or regulations (eg OH&S).
 - 13.2 To acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of any Club property of a general nature.
 - 13.3 To invest any Club money in any:
 - 13.3.1 approved security in which trust monies may be invested; or
 - 13.3.2 Other approved and recognized financial manner.

- 13.4 To borrow money upon such terms and conditions as the Club thinks fit and which do not compromise the viability or longevity of the club.
 - 13.5 Make, amend and rescind rulings and By-laws.
 - 13.6 To appoint agents and employees to transact any business of the Club on its behalf for reward or otherwise.
 - 13.7 To employ a person or persons to carry out certain duties required by the Club, at salaries or remunerations for such period of time, as may be deemed necessary and reasonable.
 - 13.8 To enter into any other contract the Club considers necessary or desirable.
14. **POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOT REQUIRING GENERAL APPROVAL:** The Executive Committee, has the following powers without requiring General approval:
- 14.1 Appoint the Senior Club coach.
 - 14.2 Appoint the Assistant Club coach.
 - 14.3 Appoint a Chairman of Selectors.
 - 14.4 Approve the appointment of coaches for all grades of football played under the auspices of the Club.
 - 14.5 Adjudicate on all discipline matters brought before it, which in any way affects or brings the Club into disrepute.
 - 14.6 To open and operate bank accounts, appoint bankers, to transfer funds from one account to another and to close any such account, as required to administer the finances of the Club.
 - 14.7 Fix fees and subscriptions payable by members and decide such levies, fines and charges as is deemed necessary and advisable, and to enforce payment thereof.
 - 14.8 Accept donations and gifts in accordance with the objectives of the Club.
 - 14.9 The Executive Committee has the power to, if necessary, expel any Member found guilty of conduct detrimental to the Club. Before such a decision is made, the member must be given a full and fair opportunity to show cause why he or she should not be expelled from the Club and in the event the person is expelled the Executive Committee shall furnish in writing the reasons for such expulsion within 14 days.
 - 14.10 Any player who breaches the Club (refer Annex B on page 19 of the Club Constitution) or League Code of Conduct, shall be dealt with as the Executive Committee may determine.
 - 14.11 If for any reason the Executive Committee considers it desirable in the interest of the Club to vary or rest the appointment of the Coach, Captain or Vice Captain, this may be effected on 4/5ths majority vote at a General Meeting, provided at least ten financial Members are present.

15. **DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The Executive Committee of the Club shall perform the following duties:

- 15.1.1. President: The duties of the President are as follows:
- 15.1.2. Facilitate future planning and direction of the club .
- 15.1.3. Provide guidance, leadership and oversee club operations .
- 15.1.4. Chair and manage meetings.
- 15.1.5. Manage and control the Annual General Meeting.
- 15.1.6. Monitor budgeting.
- 15.1.7. Delegate to AFL Townsville.
- 15.1.8. Represent the Club in public.
- 15.1.9. Vice President: The duties of the Vice President are as follows:
- 15.1.10. Perform the Presidents duties when required.
- 15.1.11. Facilitate Planning.
- 15.1.12. Perform the role of the Senior Property Asset Manager to maintain an up to date register of all senior related property held by the Club
- 15.1.13. Promote a friendly family orientated club environment.
- 15.1.14. Junior President: The duties of the Junior President are as follows:
- 15.1.15. Facilitate Planning with emphasis on the development of the Club juniors.
- 15.1.16. Promote a friendly family orientated club environment through your management, guidance and leadership of the Club junior grades.
- 15.1.17. Monitor Club junior budgeting.
- 15.1.18. Nominate coaches for all junior teams.
- 15.1.19. Chair and manage Club junior meetings.
- 15.1.20. Delegate to AFL Townsville Junior League.
- 15.1.21. Secretary: The duties of the Secretary are as follows:
- 15.1.22. Maintain a record of all members, sponsors and other relevant groups.
- 15.1.23. Convene all Club meetings and advise all potential attendees.
- 15.1.24. Prepare venue for each meeting and arrange catering if required.
- 15.1.25. Ensure full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of each Excom committee meeting and general meeting are entered in a minute book and stored securely.
- 15.1.26. To ensure the accuracy of the minutes recorded.
 - 15.1.26.1.1. The minutes of each executive and general committee meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting, or the chairperson of the next ExCom committee meeting, verifying their accuracy;
 - 15.1.26.2. the minutes of each general meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting, or the chairperson of the next general meeting, verifying their accuracy; and

- 15.1.26.3. the minutes of each annual general meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting, or the chairperson of the next meeting of the association that is a general meeting or annual general meeting, verifying their accuracy.
- 15.1.27. Liaise with AFL Townsville regarding registrations, player transfers and complete other required paperwork.
- 15.1.28. Liaise with the local media (as approved by the President), Clubs and other community organisations.
- 15.1.29. Communicate information to members from AFL Townsville, local and state governments and other external bodies.
- 15.1.30. Treasurer: The duties of the Treasurer are as follows:
- 15.1.31. Maintain up to date records of all income and expenditure.
- 15.1.32. Ensure that all money received is recorded and banked promptly.
- 15.1.33. Prepare and distribute invoices and accounts for services rendered.
- 15.1.34. Maintain the Club's cash flow and level of petty cash, advising the President and/or ExCom of any concerns .
- 15.1.35. Manage payments for any paid employees and honorarium payments to volunteers.
- 15.1.36. Submit tax returns and income tax payments for employees as required.
- 15.1.37. Prepare all necessary financial statements for the annual report.
- 15.1.38. Prepare financial accounts suitable for auditing and provide the auditor with all necessary information.
- 15.2. Other Appointed Executive Committee Members: The duties of other appointed Executive Committee Members are as follows:
- 15.2.1. Perform duties as required.
- 15.2.2. Facilitate planning.
- 15.2.3. Provide guidance and leadership.
- 15.2.4. Monitor Budgeting.
- 15.2.5. Represent the Club in public.
- 15.3. All Executive Officials: All Executive Committee officials are to be conversant with the constitution, rules and By-laws of AFL Townsville.
- 15.4. Resignation, removal or vacation of office of Executive Committee member
- 15.5. A member of the executive committee may resign from the committee by giving written notice of resignation to the secretary.
- 15.6. The resignation takes effect at—
- 15.7. the time the notice is received by the secretary; or
- 15.8. if a later time is stated in the notice—the later time.
- 15.9. An executive member may be removed from office at a general meeting of the association if a majority of the members present and eligible to vote at the meeting vote in favour of removing the member.

- 15.10. Before a vote of members is taken about removing the member from office, the member must be given a full and fair opportunity to show cause why he or she should not be removed from office.
- 15.11. An executive member has no right of appeal against the executive members removal from office under this rule.
- 15.12. An executive member immediately vacates the office of executive member in the circumstances mentioned in section 64(2) of the Act.
- 15.13. If a casual vacancy happens on the ExCom, the continuing members of the committee may appoint another member of the association to fill the vacancy until the next annual general meeting.
- 15.14. The continuing members of the ExCom may act despite a casual vacancy on the committee.
- 15.15. However, if the number of ExCom is less than the number fixed as a quorum of the committee, the continuing members may act only to—
 - a) increase the number of management committee members to the number required for a quorum; or
 - b) call a general meeting of the association.
16. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meeting Guidelines: The ExCom shall operate within the following guidelines:
 - 16.1 The General Committee will meet once a month at a time and place determined from time to time by the Executive Committee.
 - 16.2 The secretary may call a general meeting of the association.
 - 16.3 Notice of the following meetings must be given in writing—
 - a meeting called to hear and decide the appeal of a person against the ExCom's decision—
 - to reject the person's application for membership of the association; or
 - to terminate the person's membership of the association;
 - A meeting called to hear and decide a proposed special resolution of the association.
 - A notice of a Special General Meeting must state the business to be conducted at the meeting.
 - 16.4 Procedure at general meeting
 - A financial member may take part and vote in a general meeting in person, by proxy, by attorney or by using any technology that reasonably allows the member to hear and take part in discussions as they happen.
 - A member who participates in a meeting as mentioned above is taken to be present at the meeting.
 - At each general meeting—
 - the president is to preside as chairperson; and
 - if there is no president or if the president is not present within 15 minutes after the time fixed for the meeting or is unwilling to act, the members present must elect 1 of their number to be chairperson of the meeting; and the chairperson must conduct the meeting in a proper and orderly way.
 - 16.5 The whole of the assets of the Club, not being Real Property, shall be vested in the ExCom during its term of office.
 - 16.6 In the event of any questions not provided for in the Club's constitution and rules, the ExCom shall act in the matter as it deems fit.

- 16.7 Any person expelled may, within three (3) weeks of the date of the expulsion, appeal against the decision of the Executive Committee to a specially convened Special General Committee Meeting.
17. SUB COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: All sub-committees are to be responsive to the Executive Committee and are appointed as follows:
- 17.1 SELECTION COMMITTEE: shall comprise the Chairman of Selectors, Coaches (seniors, reserves and ladies), Assistant Coach, Captain, and Vice Captain. The Chairman of Selectors appointment must be a financial member of the Club who attends all reserve and senior matches and has appropriate experience to hold the position. The Selection Committee is responsive to the ExCom.
- 17.2 SOCIAL COMMITTEE: The Social Committee shall comprise the Social Manager, and any number of financial members of the Club. The Social Committee is to be responsible for the management of Club social activities, and the sale and stock control of merchandise. Finances raised by the social committee shall be lodged with the Treasurer. The Social Committee is responsive to the ExCom
- 17.3 INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE: An Investigation Committee shall comprise of any number of financial members that may be appointed from time to time by the ExCom to investigate and report on matters of Special interest. An appointed Investigation Committee is responsive to the ExCom.
- 17.4 JUNIOR COMMITTEE: shall comprise the Junior President, a Junior Vice President, a Junior Registrar and a number of members who are appointed annually to assist with the day to day running and coordination of junior age Club activities. Finances raised by the Junior Committee shall be receipted and lodged with the Club treasurer. The Junior Committee is responsive to the ExCom.
18. COMMITTEE MEETING FORMAT: The rules applying to the format of Committee meetings are as follows:
- 18.1 The Executive Committee and any approved Sub-Committee/s shall meet at least every two months to exercise their functions.
- 18.2 The President or Chairperson of any meeting, in addition to their ordinary vote shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.
- 18.3 Financial Members only will be entitled to vote at any meetings, the voting being by a show of hands unless at least two members request a secret ballot.
- 18.4 Honorary Members and non-active Life Members shall not be entitled to vote at any meetings.
- 18.5 The General Committee shall meet at times and venues suitable to members.
- 18.6 At all ExCom Meetings a quorum shall consist of at least three members.
- 18.7 With the exception of the President, any committee member absenting themselves from three consecutive ExCom Meetings without forwarding a satisfactory excuse shall be deemed to have vacated their office, and the Committee may take steps to have such a vacancy filled.
- 18.8 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held at least one week before that of the AFL Townsville Annual General Meeting, and as soon as possible after the 31st October each season, for the purpose of tabling the Clubs Annual

Report and Financial Statement, and for the election of the next season's Office Bearers.

- 18.9 A quorum for the Annual General Meeting is to be twenty per cent of all financial members.
- 18.10 The Executive Committee must present to each Annual General Meeting of the Club:
 - 18.10.1 a written report of the Club's operation throughout the year, and
 - 18.10.2 an audited statement of the Club's financial position.
- 18.11 Club members may convene Special General Meetings by at least twelve financial Members requisition such in writing to the President or Secretary, setting out the issue. The Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting for not later than fourteen days from the date of the requisition, giving all members at least seven days notice, through the local press or by any other means at their disposal.
- 18.12 At a Special General Meeting, a quorum shall consist of at least twenty five percent of the financial membership of the Club.
- 18.13 The ExCom may also request a Special General Meeting if the matter under consideration necessitates the approval of other financial members of the Club.
19. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall elect the following Office Bearers:
 - 19.1 Patron (active or non-active).
 - 19.2 President (Executive Committee member).
 - 19.3 Vice President (Executive Committee member).
 - 19.4 Junior President (Executive Committee member)
 - 19.5 Secretary (Executive Committee member).
 - 19.6 Treasurer (Executive Committee member).
 - 19.7 Social Secretary.
 - 19.8 Catering Manager
 - 19.9 Executive positions that remain vacant after the Annual Election of Office Bearers, or becoming vacant for whatever reason during the year may be filled by a general financial member and elected at the next ExCom meeting.
20. CLUB OFFICIAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES: Nominations for any Club Official should be:
 - 20.1 in writing;
 - 20.2 signed by a proposer and seconder, both being financial members;
 - 20.3 endorsed by the candidate signifying their approval of such nomination;
 - 20.4 lodged at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting; and
 - 20.5 when insufficient nominations are received in accordance with 24.1 to 24.4, a simple majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting may approve the receipt and acceptance of late nominations from the floor.

- 21 MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall be open to any person who wishes to further the interests of the Club.
- 21.1 Any person seeking membership shall make written application to the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee shall determine whether the application is successful.
- 21.2 Each person admitted by financial membership shall be;
- 24.2.1 bound by the Constitution Bylaws and Rules of the Club,
- 24.2.2 liable for such fees and subscriptions as may be fixed by the Club Executive, and
- 24.2.3 entitled to all advantages, voting rights and privileges of membership.
- 21.3 Categories of Membership: There are no limitations to the number of members in each category. The various types of Club membership are as follows:
- 21.3.1 CLUB MEMBER - Persons other than ordinary playing members who are interested in promoting the Club, but who do not wish to participate in playing for the Club, may become a member of the Club by paying the annual membership fee and upon being accepted by the Executive Committee. This includes parents of Junior playing members. A member has full voting rights and is entitled to hold any office appointment and enjoy all the privileges of the Club.
- 21.3.2 +PLAYING MEMBER – A Playing member is a registered, playing member of the Club. Any senior playing person over the age of 18 and is a financial member of the Club is entitled to hold any appointment of office and enjoy all the privileges of the Club. They have full voting rights.
- 21.3.3 JUNIOR or STUDENT PLAYING MEMBER - Any person under the age of 18 years may become a Junior or Student Playing Member. Junior Members shall have no voting rights nor be entitled to hold any appointments of office.
- 21.3.4 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP – Family Membership may be granted to a family consisting of two adults and more than one Junior or Student Playing Member. Consideration may be given to single parent families.
- 21.3.5 HONORARY MEMBER – Honorary membership is granted to an individual or representative of an organisation who is deemed as providing a special benefit to the Club in terms of either sponsorship, a particular goods or service, or brings a special skill to the Club. Honorary members have no voting rights within the Club unless they are also members of the Club.
- 21.3.6 LIFE MEMBER - Any financial member of the Club may nominate in writing to the Executive Committee a person for consideration for Life Membership. If the Executive Committee deems the person fit to be honoured with Life Membership, the nomination is to be approved by a simple majority vote held at any Annual General Meeting. To be eligible for nomination as a Life Member, a person must be a member of the Club who has provided an outstanding level of service to the Club over a period of seven years.

21.3.7 Payers of the Club who are verified to have played 200 "A" Grade matches of the club are to be awarded Life Membership of the Thuringowa Bulldogs Australian Football Club"

22. MEMBERSHIP FEES: The Annual Membership subscription fees of the Club will be determined annually by the Executive Committee in office at that time for approval at the Annual general Meeting. Subscription Fees are to be promulgated to all members by being advertised on the Club notice board prior to the season commencing. The following break up of fees payable for membership is as follows:

22.1 Membership Fees. Membership Fees are charged to all members of the Club that entitles them to enjoy the privileges of the Club.

22.2 Playing Member Fees. Fees for a playing member will comprise a fee that consists of the following:

22.2.1 Club Membership Fee.

22.2.2 Charge to cover the cost of AFL Townsville Fee for Playing.

22.2.3 A fee to cover other costs as determined by the Executive Committee.

22.3 Junior/Student Playing Member Fees. Fees for a Junior/Student Playing Member will comprise a fee that consists of the following:

22.3.1 50% of Club Membership Fee. This fee will only apply to the first child where family Membership applies.

22.3.2 Charge to cover the cost of AFL Townsville Junior Fee for Playing.

22.3.3 A fee to cover other costs as determined by the ExCom.

22.4 Family Membership. Family Membership Fees are to be set at the equivalent of the total of the following:

22.4.1 Club Membership Fee x 2. Consideration may be given to halving this amount where a single parent family situation exists.

22.4.2 The equivalent of the fee for one Junior or Student Club Membership Fee. (ie 50% of Club Membership Fee)

23. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

23.1 membership may be terminated by the following events;

26.1.1 Resignation.

26.1.2 Expulsion.

26.1.3 A Member's annual membership fee has not been paid within 30 days of the ExCom notifying them that their application has been accepted.

23.2 The ExCom shall have the power to suspend or expel any member of the Club for:

23.2.1 A breach of Para 26.1.3,

23.2.2 False or inaccurate statements made in the member's application for membership of the Club,

23.2.3 Breach of any rule, regulation or by-law of the Club or League, and

23.2.4 By any specific act of discipline deemed to be detrimental to the Club.

- 23.3 Any member who is expelled, suspended or has their membership terminated, shall have the right to appeal against their suspension or expulsion by presenting their case for review to the ExCom. After review, the decision of the ExCom shall be final.
24. CLUB FINANCES: The finances of the Club are to be managed in accordance with the following procedures:
- 24.1 All funds of the Club shall be deposited into the Club's accounts at such bank or recognised financial institution as the ExCom may determine.
- 24.2 All accounts due by the Club shall be paid by cheque or electronic funds transfer after having been passed for payment at the ExCom Meeting. When immediate payment is necessary, account/s shall be paid and the action endorsed at the next ExCom Meeting.
- 24.3 The Secretary shall not spend more than a set amount of Petty Cash without the consent of the ExCom, and shall keep a record of such expenditure in a Petty Cash Book. The Petty Cash book is to be reconciled prior to the monthly meeting of the Committee.
- 24.4 The Treasurer shall table a statement showing the financial position of the Club at each ExCom Meeting.
- 24.5 A statement of Income and Expenditure, Assets and Liabilities shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting. The auditor's report shall be attached to such financial report.
- 24.6 The financial year of the Club shall commence on 1st day of November and end on the 31st October each year. The accounts, books and all financial records of the Club shall be audited each year.
- 24.7 The signatories to the Club's account/s will be any two of the following committee members;
- 24.7.1 President.
- 24.7.2 Vice-President
- 24.7.3 Junior President.
- 24.7.4 Secretary.
- 24.7.5 Treasurer.
- 24.8 The Club is a non-proprietary Club; therefore the income, profits and assets of the Club are to be applied only in the promotion of the Club's objectives. The payments of dividends to or the distribution of income, profits or assets of the Club among the Club members is prohibited.
- 25 ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION: Any part of the Club's Constitution and Rules may be amended in accordance with the following:
- 25.1 Subject to the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, these rules may be amended, repealed or added to by a special resolution carried at a general meeting.
- 25.2 However, an amendment, repeal or addition is valid only if it is registered by the Chief Executive Officer of the Department administering the Act.
- 26 BY-LAWS: The standing By Laws of the Club are as follows:

- 26.1 The ExCom may recommend, make, amend or repeal any By-Laws, consistent with the constitution, for the internal management of the Club, to be ratified at an Annual General or Special General meeting.
- 26.2 Any financial member may propose that any By-Law be set aside or amended. The proposal is to be considered at a ExCom meeting for Committee approval and ratification at an Annual General or Special General Meeting of the Club.
- 27 DOCUMENTS: The ExCom must ensure the safe custody of books, documents, instruments of title and securities of the TBAFC.
- 28 CLUB AWARDS: The ExCom shall determine the trophies to be awarded at Club presentations and select a Trophy Committee to determine the recipients of awards to be presented at a Club Presentation function.
29. DISSOLUTION: The Club shall be wound up in accordance with the following:
- 29.1 The Club may only be wound up by a special resolution passed at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose of winding up of the Club. For the resolution to be passed three quarters of the members who are present and entitled to vote on the resolution must be in favour of the resolution.
- 29.2 Upon dissolution, any monies on hand, shall, after payment of all expenses and liabilities be donated to an organisation(s) to be determined by the financial members agreeing to the dissolution of the Club.

**ANNEX A TO
TBAFC CONSTITUTION**

CLUB SONG

(Sung to the tune of Running Bear)

On the west, side of the river, there's a football team indeed,
And they know us, the whole town over, as the mighty bulldog breed,
And our colours red, white and blue boys, are a wondrous sight to see,
Coz we'll always, stick together, to bring our side to victory.

Thuringowa boys are really bulldogs, with hearts as big as the sky,
Oh yes we are, we're really Bulldogs and our spirit will never die.

Player Code of Conduct

Play by the rules meaning the rules of your Club and the League and the Laws of Australian Football.

Attend training sessions and matches at times advised by the Club and/or League. If unable, for a valid reason to do so, inform the Club and/or League as soon as is practical.

Act respectfully toward the officials and players of the Club and opposing Clubs.

Respect and follow the directions of coaching staff, match officials and other Club officials at all times.

Treat all players with respect, as you would want them to treat you.

Avoid individual or collective behaviour which may reasonably be regarded by spectators to be offensive or which would necessarily bring the game into disrepute.

Avoid behaving in a way which would incite other players and spectators to behave in a violent or disorderly manner.

Make no statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) which could be deemed by the Club and/or the League to be disrespectful, defamatory and/or detrimental in regard to the performance of any match officials or players or, in regard to, any policy decisions of the Club and/or the League.

At all times abide by the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations and Policies of the League.

Respect the facilities and equipment of the Club, the League and opposing Clubs.

Refrain from using derogatory remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability.

Spectator Code of Conduct.

Remember that many people play sport for their own enjoyment.

Respect all players, coaches, umpires, administrators and spectators, and teach young people to do the same.

Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance, regardless of the game's outcome.

Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter.

Recognise and respect that all volunteers give up their time to support your club.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Respect the facilities and equipment of your own and opposing clubs.

Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.

Abusive and obscene language is unacceptable.

Do not bring alcohol into a venue without prior consent from the Club and/or relevant licensed authorities.

Do not take alcohol or glass bottles onto the playing surface.

Do not enter the Field of Play during the course of a match, except for 1/4, 1/2 and 3/4 time breaks.