

**RADA NACZELNA POLONII AUSTRALIJSKIEJ
POLISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA**

WNIOSEK O CZŁONKOSTWO / APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Niniejszym składamy wniosek o przyjęcie jako organizacja członkowska Rady Naczelnej Polonii Australijskiej. W przypadku przyjęcia jako organizacja członkowska zobowiązujemy się przestrzegać zasad i celów określonych w Statucie RNPA, obowiązujących w danym czasie.

We hereby apply to become a member organisation of the Polish Community Council of Australia. In the event of admission as a member organisation, we agree to be bound by the rules and objectives outlined in the PCCA Constitution, for the time being in force.

Nazwa organizacji Name of organisation		
Australijski Numer Bizesowy Australian Business Number		
Numer rejestrowanego statutu (kopia statutu musi być w załączeniu) Constitution Registraton Number (copy of the Constitution must be attached)		
Adres (włącznie ze stamen oraz kod pocztowy) Address (including State and Postcode)		
Email		
Numer telefonu komórkowego Mobile phone number		
Witryna / Website		
Facebook Instagram		
Skład obecnego zarządu Current Management Committee	Prezes/President	
	Sekretarz/Secretary	
	Skarbnik/Treasurer	
	Członkowie/Members	
Aktualna liczba członków Current number of financial members	(Statutory Declaration required)	
Imię i nazwisko wnioskodawcy Christian name & surname of applicant		
Stanowisko wnioskodawca w organizacji Position in the organisation		
Podpis Signature		
Data składania wniosku Date of application		

Extract from the Constitution of the Polish Community Council of Australia

Part I – Membership

§ 1 Qualification

- (a) Membership shall be open to all Polish and Polish Australian organisations from all States and Territories of Australia, whose aims and objectives are consistent with the principles of the Council.
- (b) To qualify for membership, an organisation must satisfy one of the following criteria:
 - (i) be a State or Territory Polish-Australian umbrella body comprising more than one (1) organisation, representing a joined organisation constituency of no fewer than fifty (50) individual persons. Individual persons shall be counted only once, irrespective of how many organisations in the umbrella body they are a member of; or
 - (ii) be a financial member of the Council as at the date of adoption of this Constitution; or
 - (iii) be an individual organisation of no fewer than fifty (50) members.
- (c) The Executive Committee may approve for membership an organisation not satisfying paragraph § 7(b) on the grounds that:
 - (i) the organisation is from a community in a remote and sparsely populated area; or
 - (ii) the organisation has a specific unique purpose, and makes a significant contribution to the Polish Community; or
 - (iii) the organisation is a unique organisation with branches/representations in at least two (2) States or Territories.

§ 8 Application

- (a) Applications for membership (*see a sample form in Appendix 1*) shall be made in writing to the Executive Committee, which has the power to accept or reject the application. Any decision of the Executive Committee must be presented for approval at the next Congress of Delegates of the Council.
- (b) An organisation applying for membership shall include with the application: its Constitution, a copy of minutes from the meeting at which the motion for application was carried and a statement of the number of financial members, together with the prescribed membership fee. Should the applicant not be admitted to the Council, the fee shall be refunded.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall notify the applicant organisation of its decision in relation to its membership application within three (3) months from the date on which the application was received.
- (d) In the case that a membership is refused, the applicant organisation shall have the right of appeal at the next Congress of Delegates whose decision shall be final.

§ 9 Rights

- (a) Every newly admitted member organisation shall acquire full membership rights in the Council from the moment its application for membership is confirmed by the Congress of Delegates.
- (b) A member organisation retains the right to self-government in accordance with its own Constitution, rules and regulations.
- (c) Member organisations shall have the right to:
 - (i) Nominate delegates to the Congress of Delegates, pursuant to Part VII, Part VIII and Part XIII § 49;
 - (ii) Propose motions for consideration by the Congress of Delegates.

§ 10 Obligations

Member organisations shall:

- (a) Co-operate in achieving the aims of the Council; and
- (b) Comply with the Constitution of the Council; and
- (c) Pay approved membership fees when due.

§ 11 Membership Fees

Membership fees shall be decided and reviewed by the Congress of Delegates (pursuant to Part VII) and paid in full, no later than eight (8) weeks before the date of the Congress.

§ 12 Liability

The liability of a member organisation to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Council or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Council is limited to the outstanding unpaid amount, if any, of the member organisation dues in respect to their membership in the Council.

§ 13 Resignation and Removal

- (a) A member organisation may resign from membership of the Council only after discharging its obligations to the Council. It must pass a valid resolution to this effect in accordance with its own rules and regulations, and present a written notice of this resolution to the Secretary of the Council. The resignation takes effect from the date to which membership fees have been paid. The overpaid membership fees, if any, are refunded.
- (b) A member organisation may be removed from the Council only by way of the Congress of Delegates voting on a motion to this effect moved by the Executive Committee on any of the following grounds:

- (i) For activities which are in conflict with the Constitution of the Council; or
 - (ii) In the case of the actual dissolution of the organisation; or
 - (iii) For being in arrears for a period of more than two (2) years in the payment of Council membership fees.
- (c) The Congress of Delegates shall not resolve to have an organisation removed from the roll of members according to § 13(b)(i) until the Arbitration Committee hears the charges. The Arbitration Committee shall present its findings to the Congress of Delegates.
- (d) The decision of the Congress of Delegates in matters covered by section § 13 is final.

§ 14 Suspension

- (a) The Executive Committee may suspend a member organisation upon advice of the Arbitration Committee that the activities of the member organisation are in breach of the Constitution of the Council, or are contrary to the interests of the Council.
- (b) Member organisations can also be suspended by the Executive Committee of the Council acting on its own initiative, or at the request of at least three (3) member organisations. Members suspended in that way have a right to immediately appeal to the Arbitration Committee, whose decision is final until the nearest Congress of Delegates.
- (c) A suspended organisation is still required to pay membership fees.
- (d) The length of any suspension shall be, at most, until nearest Congress of Delegates, which either lifts the suspension or initiates expulsion of the member.