



BULLETIN

TO: ALL CLUBS

FROM: Rick Gill, Executive Director

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SUBJECT: Changes to the Incorporations Act that will affect your club

Please be aware that July 1 2016 the Incorporations Act WILL be amended, which will have significant knock on affects for every club and association in WA, not just MWA clubs.

Aside from reporting and auditing changes which will affect the operation of each club, all constitutions will need to be reviewed and changed to reflect the new Act, even those recently changed. There will be three years to comply with this change.

Please see this as an opportunity to review your constitutions, MWA support constitutions being reviewed every 3 – 5 years as best practice good governance.

So what happens now?

We strongly recommend to go to the commerce.wa.gov.au website and register for AssociationsOnline. This is an online portal where all interactions with the Department of Commerce are now conducted, including applying for constitution changes, viewing your history and so on. Registering will also ensure that you do not miss important information. At some point you will need to register when you change your constitution as it can only be done online.

If you do not change your constitution in the next three years there is a danger your club will have its incorporated status removed by the department.

MWA has had developed a model set of rules that comply with the new Act. These have been provided with lots of instructions and tips to ensure your club arrives at a set of rules that suit your club.

Please contact Jo in the MWA office if you require further information, we will be providing update bulletins.

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