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Bellingen Community Communications Cooperative Limited Community Participation Policy

Introduction

Every community radio station has legal obligations that relate to the *Act* and Bellingen Community Communications Cooperative Limited as part of its governance has a Community Participation Policy which commits the station to:

- providing community broadcasting services for the benefit of the community and receiving no financial gain in return;
- continue to represent the community interest as represented when the licence was allocated or last renewed.
- encourage community access and participation in all aspects of station operations.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Bellingen Community Communications Cooperative Limited known as 2bbb FM includes mechanisms to enable active participation by our community in station management, programming and general operations.

Policy

As a community-based, volunteer-run, not for profit organisation 2 bbb FM relies on members of the community for its ongoing operation, administration and on-air programming.

Through transparent governance:

1. 2 bbb FM will only refuse membership applications on the basis of specific, transparent and reasonable criteria and provide adequate grievance or review mechanisms for rejected applicants.
2. 2 bbb FM will promote the benefits of membership widely, such as through on-air announcements, membership drives, website / social media, distributing brochures at outdoor broadcasts and community events, notices on community bulletin boards, advertisements or articles in the local press.
3. Where possible, 2 bbb FM will include non-member volunteers on the Programming Committee.

4. 2 bbb FM will actively market the benefits of Membership to community groups and of subscription to listeners in the community.
5. 2 bbb FM will form relationships with Volunteer Coordinating Services to attract volunteers from within our community of interest.
6. 2 bbb FM will continue its efforts to maintain existing sponsors and develop new sponsors.
7. 2 bbb FM will ensure all sponsors and donors are acknowledged on the 2 bbb FM website.
8. Provide community service announcements about local activities and interviews with local people to encourage regular participation of those in our broadcasting area.
9. We will document statistics on memberships; member and non-member volunteer involvement by category and provide these as part of the Management Report at the Annual General Meeting.

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