

Constitution
of
'Our Local Community'

Name: The Party will be called '**Our Local Community**' and referred to hereafter as **(OLC)**

Aim: The aim of **OLC** shall be to provide representation at a local government level to communities within NSW, and in accordance with the rules and regulations determined by the NSW Electoral Commission.

Location: The registered address for **(OLC)** will be 42 O'Neill Street, Granville. 2142

Objectives:

The Organization **(OLC)** will be guided by the following objectives:

1. To provide representation to the wider community by endorsing candidates to stand at Local Government Elections within NSW.
2. To encourage participation by the community in a wide range of activities/ services, which seek to improve the wider community at a local level.
3. To identify and seek to improve local infrastructure in the best interests of residents and the wider community.
4. Endeavor to provide an active voice in addressing various social issues, which may be relevant to the wider community, as well as expressing a view that **OLC** does not support politics in local government and that **OLC** shall hold views which are independent of the major political parties.

Membership:

A nomination for membership of **(OLC)**:

- i) Must be made on the standard form a provided by the NSW Electoral Commission, and this completed form must be lodged with the Registered Officer.
- ii) As soon as possible the Registered Officer must refer the nomination to the Committee to determine its approval or rejection.
- iii) As soon as possible after the Committee's determination, the Registered Officer must inform the applicant of the Committee's determination, and request payment from the nominee of the membership fee as determined annually by the General Meeting.

- iv) There will no membership charge for those members who (**OLC**) will depend upon for annual Party Registration with the NSW Electoral Commission.

Membership

Entitlements: A right , privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member is not transferrable and terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

Resignations: A member may resign by giving to the Registered Officer, written notice of their intent upon which the Registered Officer must make an appropriate entry in the Register of Members, and if necessary inform the NSW Electoral Commission by way of the Annual Return.

Fees: Membership is free to those first 100 members who are relied upon for continual registration of (**OLC**). General membership fees will be due annually, and set as an amount determined by the Annual General Meeting in June of each year.

Dispute Resolution: A dispute between members, which cannot be resolved by way of the Committee or General Meeting, are to be referred to a community justice centre for mediation, or if necessary referred to arbitration. On issues associated with a Candidates endorsement, the **OLC** Registered Officer will have sole determination.

Disciplining of

Members: When a complaint has been made regarding a member who has refused to comply with a provision of this constitution or acted willfully in a manner prejudicial to the interest of **OLC**, then the Committee may cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned, and the Member must be given 14 days from the time of the notice is served to respond.

Submissions to the Committee made by the Member, in connection with the complaint, must be taken into consideration.

The Committee may, by resolution, expel or suspend the member from **OLC** or take other appropriate action, if it I felt that the fact alleged in the complaint have been proven.

Any such action determined by the Committee will cause written notice to be supplied by the Registrar within 7 days after the action is taken.

A member may appeal at a General meeting held solely for that purpose, whereby the Member and the Committee must be given the opportunity to state their respective case orally or in writing, or both. Members present are able to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.

The appeal is to be determined by a simple majority of vote cast by members of **OLC**.

The constitution can only be amended at the Annual General Meeting.

Management
Committee:

Each at the Annual General Meeting, a Management Committee shall be formed and shall comprise of 4 **OLC** Members.

- **OLC** Registered Officer
- **OLC** Deputy Registered Officer
- **OLC** Secretary/ Treasure
- 2 other **OLC** members

The Committee shall meet as required and be responsible for the control of the **OLC**'s activities and all matters relating to the general conditions of **OLC** and it will report annually to the General Meeting.

An Annual General Meeting will be held in June of each year requiring a minimum of nine people for a quorum.

Office Bearers:

The office bearers of **OLC** shall be elected at the AGM and nomination may come from the floor of the meeting:

1. Registered Officer
2. Deputy Registered Officer
3. Secretary /Treasurer

Winding up of
'OLC':

In the event of '**OLC**' winding up, such action may only be done after notice has been given (14 day) to all members, and that a Special General Meeting be held to discuss only the issue associated with winding up procedures of **OLC**.