

Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve Inc. By-laws:

1. Printed material of importance to the functioning of the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve Inc. (FoDCCR) will be appended to the 'Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve By-Laws following adoption at an Annual General Meeting. Such documents together with the Model Rules of the FoDCCR will be posted on the FoDCCR website. (Approved at 2024 AGM).
2. Equipment owned by the FoDCCR is for the exclusive use of the FoDCCR or by a member undertaking an activity sanctioned by the Committee on behalf of the Group. The equipment may not be lent or hired for non-FoDCCR activities. (Approved at the 2024 AGM).
3. Under normal circumstances, the FoDCCR will have at least four general meetings a year, except in December or January. (Approved at the 2024 AGM).
4. The FoDCCR Committee will meet as requested by any committee member. (Approved at the 2024 AGM).
5. In addition to the membership categories in the Model Rules, the FoDCCR recognises an additional category of 'Enduring membership'. This is membership of the FoDCCR until their resignation. Family membership encompasses those family members residing at the one address. (Approved at the 2024 AGM).
6. Associate members (as defined by the Rules) are Local, State or Federal members of parliament whose electorates include Damper Creek Conservation Reserve, or those who serve as officers of the City of Monash. The category may include other Friends' Groups, or members of the community who contribute knowledge and expertise. Associate members do not have voting rights. (Approved at the 2024 AGM).
7. Honorary Life Membership may be conferred on a member if approved at a general meeting. Conferral is appropriate for a member whose contributions to the organisation are deemed as outstanding. The annual membership fee is waived but voting rights are retained. (Approved at the 2024 AGM).
8. In the case of a proposed development on land abutting Damper Creek Conservation Reserve which the FoDCCR deems not to be in the best interests of the Reserve, the FoDCCR may make representation to the Monash City Council to detail its concerns if such action is approved by the Committee. (Approved 2024 AGM).
9. Annual Membership period – If a membership payment is made in or after April then the membership is deemed to be for the following 12 months from 1 August. (Approved at the 2024 AGM).
10. Length of Tenure of Office Holders. The maximum consecutive term of a committee member is capped at two years for President, three years for Secretary, two years for Vice President, and three for Treasurer unless otherwise determined at an Annual General Meeting (Approved at the 2024 AGM).
11. The Membership Manager will be an ex-officio member of the Committee. Other members may be invited to committee meetings, as required by the committee. (Approved at the 2024 AGM).

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