

Williamstown Rental Housing Co-operative Policy Document

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1. Introduction

Williamstown Rental Housing Co-operative Ltd (WRHC) is a member-directed organisation, and as such, its members have an obligation to contribute to the management of the organisation.

2. Purpose

To ensure that members are aware of, and have an understanding of, their responsibility as “active members” to provide assistance in the management of the co-operative.

3. Scope

All tenant members of WRHC

4. Relevant Co-operative Objectives

To develop responsible tenant self-management. To develop a structure that ensures collective decision making and is therefore sensitive to the needs of tenant members.

5. Policy

It is an expectation of WRHC, as per Rule 6(3), that all members must be “active members” of the Co-operative.

For the purposes of this policy, to be an active member, a member must:

- be a tenant of WRHC;
- where possible, participate in small group maintenance meetings;
- attend all General Meetings unless the member has sought and been granted a leave of absence by the Board;
- if possible, become a director on the WRHC Board; and
- where possible, participate in the activities of the Co-operative

A member will be eligible for an exemption from meeting their active member participation requirements when they reach 70 years of age or are granted leave due to illness or disability.

The co-operative reserves the right to withhold benefits of being a co-operative member where it has been established that a member has not met their participation obligations. The tenancy rights of a member as prescribed in the Residential Tenancy Act will not be affected.

6. Responsibilities

The Board of Directors, with support from the Housing Administrator, is responsible for encouraging the participation of members. Each member is responsible for ensuring that they meet the obligations of membership.

7. Definitions

Member (of WRHC): a current tenant of WRHC who has applied for and been approved as a member by WRHC.

8. Related documentation, legislation and standards

Rules of Williamstown Rental Housing Co-operative
WRHC Member Manual.

Transparency and accessibility

This policy will be available on the WRHC website www.williamstownhousingcoop.org.au