MOLEWOOD ESTATE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

As a result of a successful meeting held in Bengeo Infants School on Thursday, 13th May, the above Association was formed. From this meeting it was evident that there are many matters of local concern that can best be dealt with through an Association such as this. Some of these matters are;

Road safety on the Estate and its environs.

Play space for young children- it was felt that the Infants School playing field should be open during the school holidays.

Local facilities for education- in particular over-crowding in classrooms.

Unsatisfactory state of roads, pavements and verges. Investigate the possibility of getting reduced rating assessment until the Estate is completed.

In order to start the Association a Committee was formed. This Committee has met twice and has drawn up the attached proposed Rules of the Association.

BEFORE the Association can begin to function it is necessary for us to have your support by your attendance at an Inaugoral meeting on
THURSDAY 24th JUNE at 7.45.p.m. at
BENGEO INFANTS SCHOOL, SACOMBE ROAD.
at which you will be given the opportunity to join the Association.

AGENDA FOR INAUGURAL MEETING.

(1) Chairmans Introduction.
(2) Adoption of Proposed Rules.
(3) Election of Executive Committee.
(4) Any Other Business.

MOLEWOOD ESTATE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THIS ASSOCIATION. ITS OBJECTS ARE:-

(a) To further and protect the interests of the Molewood Estate ratepayers and residents.
(b) To assist, just, effecient and economical local government.
(c) To render assistance in all matters for the benefit of the ratepayers and residents collectively and individually.
(d) To induce all ratepayers and residents to take an active part in local affairs.

Membership is open to Ratepayers and Residents of the Molewood Estate,Bengeo. (subject to the approval of the Executive Committee).

Mimimum subscriptions:- 5s per annum for Ordinary Members.
10s per annum for Business Ratepayers.

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MOLEWOOD ESTATE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION.

I hereby apply for membership of the above Association, and tender herewith my subscription of ...s..d.

NAME.....(Mr,Mrs, Miss)
(Block Leters please, Surname last). (or Title).

ADDRESS.....

This portion should be detached where indicated and sent to the Hon Treasurer at 32, Lys Hill Gardens.

PROPOSED RULES OF THE MOLEWOOD ESTATE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

(1) The Association shall be called the Molewood Estate Ratepayers' Association.

(2) The Association shall be independant of all Political parties.

(3) The objects of the Association shall be :-

(a) To further and protect the interests of the Molewood Estate ratepayers and residents.

(b) To assist, just, efficient and economical local government.

(c) To render assistance in all matters for the benefit of the ratepayers and residents collectively and individually.

(d) To induce all ratepayers and residents to take an active part in local affairs.

(4) Membership of the Association shall be open to ratepayers and residents of the Molewood Estate who are 18 years of age and over. Any ratepayer or resident, or in the case of a limited company its' accredited representative, shall be entitled to become a member of the Association upon application, in writing, to the Secretary, Payment of the subscription and approval of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may decline to accept an application for membership or renewal of membership without giving any reason.

(5) The subscription shall be 5s per annum for ordinary members and 10s per annum for business ratepayers. Subscriptions shall become due and payable on the 1st day of May each year. Members whose subscriptions are due and unpaid shall not be allowed to vote. Members whose subscriptions are not paid within six months of the date due shall cease to be members.

(6) The management of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Committee consisting of not more than eleven members, who shall be elected at the Inaugural Meeting and thereafter annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Hon Secretary and Hon.Treasurer shall be elected in a like manner. The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt.

(7) The Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman at its first meeting, and thereafter annually from amongst its members. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman [illegible] office until the next Annual General meeting of the Association, and shall occupy the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively at all General Meetings of the Association during the year. A quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be five members, including the ex-officio members. A quorum for all General Meetings, including the Annual General Meeting, shall be ten members. If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes of the time for any meeting it shall be adjourned until such time, date and place as the Chairman shall decide.

The Executive Committee shall have power to appoint and delegate sub-committees with any matters which it considers necessary, and such sub-committees may be appointed from members of the Executive Committee and other members of the Association, and must include at least one member of the Executive Committee.The Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees.

(8) The Executive Committee shall have power to fix the date and time and place of Committee meetings, and the Secretary shall be responsible for giving seven days notice to all members of the committee. An emergency Committee meeting can be called at shorter notice provided the consent of ALL members of the Committee is obtained.

(9) The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association at any time by giving at least seven days notice.

(10) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in May each year, when the report of the Executive Committee, Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Accounts, and the Chairman's report will be submitted and presented for adoption.

(11) The Accounts shall be audited by two Hon.Auditors, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Hon.Auditors for the first year shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

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(12) Each member shall be entitled to one vote only, and all voting shall be by a show of hands unless one third of the memberss present shall demand a ballot to be taken. In the event of a tie the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(13) Unless otherwise specially authorised by the Executive Committee all moneys belonging to the Association shall be deposited by the Treasurer in a bank account approved by the Executive Committee in the name of the Molewood Estate Ratepayers' Association. All cheques drawn thereon shall be signed by any two of the following :- Chairman
Hon.Treasurer.
Hon.Secretary.
No member shall be permitted to incur any expense or liability in the name of the Association without the prior sanction of the Executive Committee.

(14) The Association may affiliate to other similar bodies at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

(15) The foregoing Rules shall not be altered except at the Annual General Meeting. Any proposed alteration of Rules shall be notified in writing to all members when giving notice of the Annual General Meeting.

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