

Programming Policy

Narwee Baptist Community Broadcasters Ltd

Compliance with Community Broadcasting Code of Practice – Code 2.2

1. Purpose

This policy aims to ensure that the programming of Narwee Baptist Community Broadcasters Ltd reflects the needs, interests, and diversity of the community, and complies with all relevant Codes and legislation.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all programs broadcast by Narwee Baptist Community Broadcasters Ltd, including live, pre-recorded, and syndicated content.

3. Principles

- Programming will reflect the aims and objectives of the station and the needs of the community it serves.
- The station will provide a diverse range of programs, including content not adequately represented by other media.
- Programming will be accessible, inclusive, and free from discrimination.
- The station will comply with all relevant laws, including copyright, defamation, and privacy.

4. Program Selection and Review

- Program proposals may be submitted by any member of the community.
- The Programming Committee will assess proposals based on relevance, diversity, quality, and compliance with the Codes.
- Programs will be reviewed regularly to ensure they continue to meet community needs and station objectives.
- The station will encourage new program ideas and support the development of new presenters.

5. Community Access and Participation

- Community members are encouraged to participate in program production and presentation.
- Training and support will be provided to volunteers and community members wishing to contribute.
- The station will actively seek feedback from listeners and the community on programming.

6. Content Standards

- All programs must comply with the Community Broadcasting Codes of Practice, including standards for accuracy, fairness, and respect.
- Content must not incite hatred, contempt, or violence against any person or group.

- Programs must not broadcast material that is likely to cause offence or distress, unless it is justified in the public interest and presented appropriately.
- Sponsorship announcements will be clearly identified and will not exceed the limits set by the Codes.

7. Australian Content and Local Significance

- The station will meet or exceed minimum requirements for Australian music and content.
- Programs of local significance, including news, interviews, and community events, will be prioritised.

8. Complaints and Breaches

- Any complaints about programming will be handled in accordance with the station's Complaints-Handling Policy.
- Breaches of this policy or the Codes will be addressed promptly by the Programming Committee and Management.

9. Policy Review

- This policy will be reviewed annually or as required by changes in the Codes of Practice.