

Narwee Baptist Community Broadcasters Ltd

Community Broadcasting Code of Practice Compliance Policy

1. Purpose

This policy aims to ensure that Narwee Baptist Community Broadcasters Ltd complies with the Community Radio Broadcasting Codes of Practice (2025), reflecting our commitment to access, diversity, independence, local content, and legal obligations.

2. Guiding Principles

- **Access & Participation:** We provide opportunities for community members to participate in all aspects of station operations and programming.
- **Diversity & Inclusion:** We actively promote diversity, including First Nations engagement, cultural and linguistic variety, and representation of under-served groups.
- **Independence:** Our station maintains editorial independence and operates free from undue influence.
- **Local Content:** We prioritise local news, music, and programming relevant to our community.

3. Governance

- The Board oversees compliance with the Codes and all relevant legislation.
- Policies on corporate governance, membership, internal conflict, complaints-handling, community participation, programming, volunteering, and sponsorship are maintained and reviewed annually.
- All policies are accessible to members and the public via our website or upon request. Where policy documents may breach individual privacy then redactions may be indicated.

4. Programming

- Programs are selected through a transparent process involving community input, program sub-committee(s), and regular review.
- We encourage proposals for new programs and provide clear guidelines for submission and selection.
- Programming reflects community interests, diversity, and complies with community standards for material not suitable for broadcast.

5. News & Journalistic Content

- News and current affairs are presented accurately, fairly, and impartially.
- Journalistic standards are maintained, including verification of sources and avoidance of sensationalism.

6. Emergency Information

- The station is prepared to broadcast emergency information promptly and accurately, when required, in accordance with Code 6.

7. First Nations Engagement

- We acknowledge and honour Traditional Custodians and actively seek First Nations participation in programming and decision-making.

8. Australian Music

- We champion Australian music, ensuring compliance with minimum content requirements.

9. Sponsorship

- Sponsorship announcements are clearly identified and comply with Code 9.
- Sponsorship does not influence editorial content.

10. Complaints & Disputes

- Complaints are handled promptly, respectfully, and in accordance with our complaints-handling policy.
- Unresolved complaints may be escalated to ACMA.

11. Policy Review & Accessibility

- This policy is reviewed annually or as required by changes in the Codes.
- All policies are published on our website: <https://www.901nbcfm.com.au> or available on request.