

**CACMC Membership Fees
Recommendation for CACMC General Meeting 10 March 2020.**

REASONS FOR CHANGES

The Club's income from the current membership fee structure is more than adequate for the Club's current level of activity. However, we could more fairly distribute the costs of membership across the different classes of membership.

The Management Committee is also considering some revisions to the By-Laws to clarify rights and entitlement of each class of membership.

The largest per-member cost item in the annual Club budget is the printing and posting of hard-copy Colonials. On this year's figures so far, it will cost the Club approx \$5200 to print and post 132 subscriptions, at a cost to the Club of around \$40 per posted subscription per year. The cost per member for delivering e-Colonials is close to zero.

About half the posted Colonials go to about 70 club members who also have email addresses. Some of these members will have reasons why they need to receive posted Colonials fully funded by the Club, but for others it is an optional preference. If the number of fully-subsidised posted Colonial subscriptions is reduced, we can reduce the annual membership fees for members generally.

This fee adjustment recommendation will reduce the basic membership fees for all members, and also allow for members to receive the posted Colonial either on the basis of need, or if they choose to pay a small extra optional subscription towards the extra costs of production and postage.

The proposed extra subscription cost of \$20 per year (net \$15 increase) is well below the actual unit costs incurred in production, without taking into account the work put in by the Publications Committee to print, label and post each copy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Membership Fees and Colonial Subscriptions be amended as follows:

Single Membership	\$40pa	Reduced from \$45
Family Membership	\$45pa	Reduced from \$50
Colonial subscription for non-members	\$25pa	No change
Printed Colonial option for Single and Family memberships	\$20pa	New optional charge.

The Committee may waive the Printed Colonial subscription fee on a case by case basis, based on either the Member's needs or a decision that it is in the overall interest of the Club.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Richard Thwaites,
Membership Officer.

EFFECT ON BUDGET:

The proposal would continue to deliver printed Colonials at a subsidised rate in all cases, but would provide a reduced subsidy for those printed Colonials that are an optional choice by Single and Family members.

The effect of these proposed fees on the Club’s income would depend on how many members opted to pay extra for printed Colonials. If the outcome were that 20 were assessed by the Committee as requiring printed Colonials, another 20 decided to pay the extra \$20 per year, and 30 decided to receive only e-Colonials in future, the effect on the budget would be minor and the great majority of members would pay slightly reduced membership fees.

	CURRENT SYSTEM		PROPOSED SYSTEM	
150 Single	@ \$45=	\$6750	@\$40=	\$6000
234 Family	@\$50 =	\$11700	@\$45=	\$10530
8 Colonial-only subs	@\$25 =	\$200	@25=	\$240
20 Optional postal subs			@20=	\$400
Production cost saved (30 less)			@\$40=	\$1200
TOTALS		\$18650		\$18370