



**Cruising Yacht Club
of South Australia**

Code of conduct and Policy for observance by Club officials and members leading up to and including the election of Board members pursuant to the Constitution

Due to a situation that occurred during the election process in 2017 a new Club policy has been introduced.

The Board wishes to advise members that ...

During the electoral process any member should be at liberty to debate the suitability of any candidate in comparison with another or others and freedom of expression should be preserved. However, comments that might be interpreted as being the official or specific view of the Board about a candidate or candidates should not be disseminated by members holding official positions within the Club.

They may of course express their private preferences but ensure that the demarcation is made clear.

The only person who should make official observations about the electoral process is the President, or in his or her absence, the Deputy.

Therefore...

1. No official comment shall be made about the annual election of Board members or the electoral process except by the President of the Board (with the approval of the Board), or in his or her absence, by the appointed Deputy.
2. Any member in an official capacity within the Club (including all committee members) shall be at liberty any time to express his or her personal views about a candidate or candidates and the electoral process, but if called upon to do so, confirm that it is a personal conviction.