Not for Profit Registration and Operation

Presented by Nick Wolf

Water

Who Am I?

Nick Wolf

- Caligo Mundi Member
- Medusa NPC
- Dance of Ribbons
- Meditations on Betrayal
- Melbourne Megagamer
- Sydney Megagamer
- Fields of Honour
- Midnight in Melbourne

- Vice President of SYN Media
- Board Member of SYN Media
- Treasurer of RMITV
- Secretary of Laneway Learning
- Board Member of Laneway Learning
- President of Ruby Australia
- Secretary of Ruby Australia
- Committee Member of Ruby Australia

What is a Not for Profit?

A Not-for-profit is generally an organisation that does not operate for the profit, personal gain or other benefit of particular people

Benefits of Not for Profit?

Benefits

- Independent Legal Entity
- Banking Independence
- Legal Protection
- Legal Support (Justice Connect)
- ABN Registration
- Venue Hire
- public liability insurance
- Google / Microsoft emails
- Web Hosting
- Mailing List Management
- Code Hosting (Github)
- 50% Zoom Discount
- SMS Provision (Twilio)

What do you have to do?
What Format?

Incorporated Associations

A club or community group becomes a ‘legal person’, which is a legal entity that stays the same even if its members change. The legal entity can enter into contracts in its own name;

How to do it?

Steps

- Set a "purpose"
- Pick a name
- Set your organizational rules
- Set a Type (Community / Sport)
- Maintain a list of Members (Spreadsheet)
- * Quarterly "meetings" (Can be Async)
- Annual General Meetup (Can be Async)
- Annual Tax Exemption process

Hesitations

Meetings

Circular Meetings

That _____ be appointed as _____ of _____ Inc. until the next Annual General Meeting or until a further resolution of the committee.

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

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- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

That the committee authorises _____ to be added as an authorised user and signatory on the association's bank account with Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Further, that the authorised signatory may access and operate the account individually, consistent with the association's existing banking authority arrangements and any requirements of the bank.

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Submit

Clear form

ABN

ABN

- Organization Name
- Date the ABN required
- Contact Details of Public Officer
- Address
- Email
- RN / ARBN
- Business Activity

ABN

4/10/25, 16:49
Want me to apply for an ABN?

NickWolf 4/10/25, 16:51
Yeah, looks like if we want access we'll have to. Just want to make sure we're applying in the right way so our tax each year is just filling in the exemption paperwork.

4/10/25, 16:54
I think we are operating more in the form of a business than a charity at the moment. Or do we want to register as a charity?

NickWolf 4/10/25, 16:57
I think charity would be nice as a long term project if we push more for the advocacy side of things, but I think we'd definitely be at the edge, whereas business is probably easier to sell.

4/10/25, 17:00
We don't need a tfn at the stage i wouldn't think

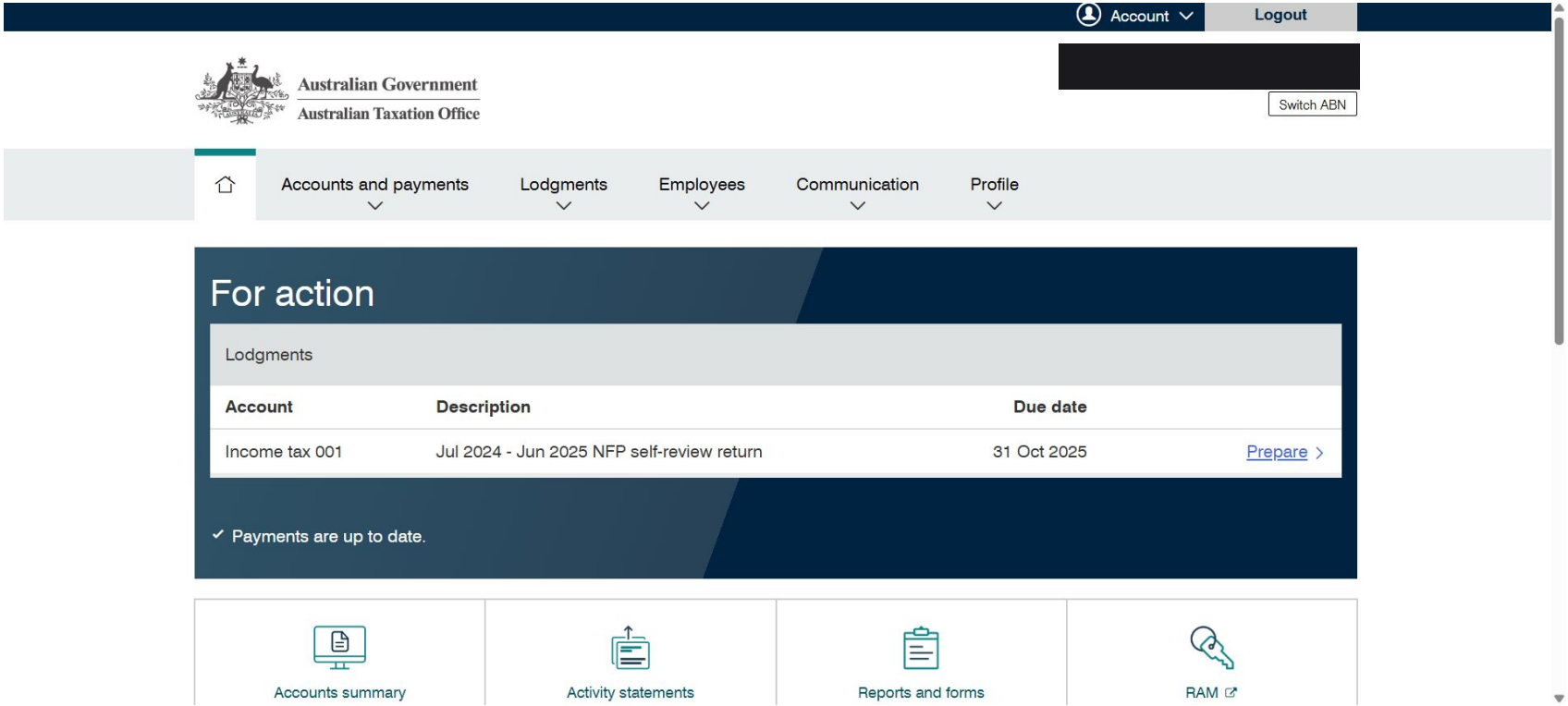
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NickWolf 4/10/25, 17:00
I don't think so.
Want to keep the paperwork to a minimum.

Lessa_Flux 4/10/25, 17:11
ABN: 51 9

Taxation Reporting

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Contact details

Provide the details for who is lodging this return on behalf of the organisation. This could be a trustee, partner, director, public officer or office bearer of a club, association or society, or anyone authorised by the organisation's primary contact, including a registered Tax Agent.

Name *

Email *

Provide at least one contact phone number *

Mobile phone

Business hours phone

Area

Number

Additional details

We will use this information to give tailored support to not-for-profits of different sizes.

What was the **estimated** annual gross revenue for the organisation? *

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What was the **estimated** annual gross revenue for the organisation? *

- (•) Small - $0 to $150,000
- ( ) Medium - Over $150,000 to $3,000,000
- ( ) Large - Over $3,000,000

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Income tax self-assessment

All fields marked with * are mandatory.

Choose a category that best reflects the main purpose of the organisation *

Community service

Community service

A society, association or club established for community service purposes, except political or lobbying purposes. It promotes, provides or carries out activities, facilities or projects for the benefit or welfare of the community. Organisations that advance the common interests of their members or provide private member benefits cannot be community service organisations .

Does the organisation have and follow clauses in its governing documents that prohibit the distribution of income or assets to members, while it is operating and winding up? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

Does the organisation exist, operate and incur its expenditure entirely in Australia? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

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Does the organisation exist, operate and incur its expenditure entirely in Australia? *

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

Does the organisation have any charitable purposes? *

- ( ) Yes
- (•) No
- ( ) Unsure

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Summary

All fields marked with * are mandatory.

Income tax exempt

Based on the information provided, the organisation has self-assessed as **income tax exempt** for this income year.

Organisation details

Contact details

Name
[redacted]

Email
[redacted]@gmail.com

Provide at least one contact phone number

Mobile phone

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2024-25 NFP self-review return

Successfully submitted the NFP self-review return

This organisation has self-assessed as an **income tax exempt** not-for-profit organisation for the 2024-25 income year.

ATO receipt ID: [redacted]

This means the organisation:

> Has met its NFP self-review return obligations for the 2024-25 income year.
> Must lodge an NFP self-review return in future years, unless its circumstances change and it is no longer income tax exempt.

Open print friendly version to **print** or **save as a PDF** including:

> ATO receipt ID
> Return details

Print-friendly version

Related actions

> Return to NFP self-review return
> Return to Home

How much does it cost?

Cost

- Registration
  - $86.40 (model rules)
  - $518.10 (own rules)
- Migration
  - $138.20 (model rules)
  - $569.90 (own rules)
- Change Rules
  - $449.00
- Annual Statement
  - **Tier 1:** $51.80 ($150,000)
  - **Tier 2:**$103.60

Questions

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