Noticeboard Terms of Use

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The Burnett Ledger Noticeboard is a community bulletin board. We host notices on behalf of locals, businesses and community organisations - we do not vet, endorse or guarantee them. By using the Noticeboard you confirm you are 18+ (or supervised by a guardian), agree to post honestly, follow the Community Standards, and accept that the Curator can remove notices or accounts that breach these rules.

1. About these Terms

These Terms form a binding agreement between you and Burnett Ledger ("the Ledger", "we", "us") in respect of the Noticeboard available at burnettledger.com.au/noticeboard. By creating an account, subscribing to a Noticeboard tier, posting a notice, or subscribing to notice alerts you accept these Terms, the Community Standards and the Privacy Policy.

2. Our role - conduit only

The Ledger operates the Noticeboard as a passive conduit for community-supplied content. We are not the author, agent, or guarantor of any notice. Transactions, arrangements and dealings that arise from a notice are entirely between the parties involved. Subject to the Australian Consumer Law, we accept no liability for the accuracy, legality or outcome of any notice.

3. Eligibility

You must be 18 years or older, or posting with the express permission and active supervision of a parent or guardian who accepts responsibility for your account and notices. You will be asked to confirm this when you subscribe or apply for access, and again each time you post a notice; we capture each confirmation with a timestamp. You must provide accurate contact details and keep them up to date. You may hold accounts under more than one tier (for example, Community Member plus Business Bundle, plus a Free Community Organisation account) where the purpose of each account is genuinely different.

4. Tiers and access

Access to post on the Noticeboard is available through: (a) Community Member subscription; (b) Business Bundle subscription; or (c) Free Community Organisation verification for eligible not-for-profits, schools, councils, hospitals, emergency services, churches and museums. Subscription fees, terms and renewal cycles are shown at the point of purchase. Free Community access is granted at the Curator's discretion and may be revoked if the organisation no longer qualifies.

5. Posting rules

Every notice must comply with the Community Standards. In particular, notices must be honest, lawful, relevant to the Burnett Region, and free of misleading claims. Photography must be your own or used with the rights-holder's permission. AI-generated or AI-edited imagery is permitted, but you must disclose it at upload by ticking the "AI-generated" box; disclosed AI images carry a visible "AI-generated image" label on your notice. AI imagery must still comply with every Community Standard and must not depict real, identifiable people, businesses, premises, livestock or events as though they were photographs, and must not fabricate prices, awards, certifications, testimonials or endorsements. Stock photography is not permitted. Undisclosed AI imagery is treated as a serious breach. One genuine item, event or service per notice.

6. Review, removal and suspension

Notices are reviewed within one business day. The Curator may decline, edit, hide, archive or remove any notice at any time without notice, and may suspend or close any account that breaches these Terms or the Community Standards. Repeated or serious breaches may result in a permanent ban and forfeiture of any unused subscription period.

7. Your content and licence

You retain ownership of the words, images and other material you submit. By submitting a notice you grant Burnett Ledger a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide licence to host, display, reformat, archive and promote that notice in connection with the Noticeboard, the site, and reasonable promotional use of the Noticeboard. You warrant that you have the right to grant this licence and that your content does not infringe any third-party rights.

8. Subscription emails and alerts

Notice subscribers receive email alerts that match the tags and filters they selected. Every alert includes a one-click unsubscribe. Account-related emails (confirmation of posting, approval, renewal, breach notices) are operational and will continue while your account is active.

9. Acceptable use

You must not: post unlawful, fraudulent or misleading material; impersonate any person or organisation; scrape or bulk-download Noticeboard data; circumvent review; or use the Noticeboard to harass, defame, or distribute content prohibited by the Community Standards.

10. Indemnity and liability

To the maximum extent permitted by law, and subject to your rights under the Australian Consumer Law, you indemnify Burnett Ledger against any claim arising from your notices or your use of the Noticeboard. Our aggregate liability to you for any matter arising out of the Noticeboard is limited to the amount you paid for your current subscription period (if any).

11. Changes to these Terms

We may update these Terms from time to time. For material changes we will notify active account holders by email at least 14 days before the change takes effect. Continued use after that date constitutes acceptance of the revised Terms.

12. Governing law

These Terms are governed by the laws of Queensland, Australia. The parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Queensland.

13. Contact

Questions, complaints or removal requests: curator@burnettledger.com.au.

Noticeboard Community Standards

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Be honest, be decent, post real or properly-disclosed AI imagery, and keep it lawful and relevant to the Burnett. Don't use the Noticeboard for scams, hate, political campaigning, adult or gambling promotions, firearms sales, or anything you wouldn't pin on the noticeboard at your local hall. Under-18s only with a guardian's supervision.

1. Respectful conduct

Treat fellow locals and the Curator team with respect. No harassment, hate speech, threats, discrimination, doxxing, or content that targets a person or group by race, religion, gender, sexuality, disability or background.

2. Honest notices

Notices must be accurate and not misleading. Describe items, events and services truthfully. Do not exaggerate prices, dates, availability or qualifications. Correct errors promptly through your My Notices page or by contacting the Curator.

3. Authentic photography and AI imagery

Photography you post must be your own or used with the rights-holder's permission. Stock photography is not permitted - it dilutes the regional character of the Ledger. AI-generated and AI-edited imagery IS permitted, provided you tick the "AI-generated" box for each AI image at upload; disclosed AI images carry a visible "AI-generated image" label on your notice. AI imagery must comply with every other Standard (lawful, honest, no hate, no prohibited categories) and must not: (a) depict real, identifiable people, businesses, livestock, premises or events as though they were photographs; (b) fabricate prices, awards, certifications, testimonials or endorsements; or (c) imitate news photography, official notices or emergency communications. Undisclosed AI imagery is a serious breach and will be removed under §9. If you don't have a suitable image, leave it blank - we use a 'Photo Coming Soon' placeholder.

4. Prohibited notices

The following are not permitted: unlawful goods or services; scams, pyramid or multi-level marketing schemes; stolen, replica or restricted goods; cultural heritage items, sacred objects or First Nations artefacts offered for sale; firearms, ammunition, prohibited weapons; tobacco, vape or alcohol promotions; adult services or sexual content; gambling promotions; political campaigning, election material or partisan advocacy; medical, financial or legal advice that should be obtained from a qualified professional.

5. Fair dealing between locals

If a notice leads to a sale, booking, donation or arrangement, honour what you advertised. Don't bait-and-switch, don't take deposits you can't fulfil, and respond to enquirers in a reasonable timeframe.

6. One notice, one purpose

Don't post duplicates, spam, or near-identical notices across multiple categories. If your notice covers more than one offering, post it once and use tags to make it findable.

7. Intellectual property

Respect copyright and trade marks. Don't reproduce other people's writing, logos or photographs without permission. The same rule applies to AI imagery - you must hold the rights to any source images or prompts that depict third-party trade marks, logos or likenesses.

8. Reporting a problem

If you see a notice that breaches these Standards, use the report link on the notice or email curator@burnettledger.com.au with the notice reference and a short description. Reports are confidential.

9. Breach and consequences

Minor breaches usually result in a warning and an edit request. Serious or repeated breaches result in removal of the notice, suspension of the account, loss of any remaining subscription period, and - for severe matters - a permanent ban and referral to authorities where appropriate. Failing to disclose AI imagery, or using AI imagery to misrepresent real people, premises or events, is treated as a serious breach.

10. Appeals

If your notice is removed or your account is suspended, you may appeal by replying to the Curator's notification within 14 days. The Curator's decision on appeal is final.

11. Age and guardian supervision

The Noticeboard is for users aged 18 and over. Under-18s may participate only with the express permission and active supervision of a parent or guardian, who is treated as the responsible account holder. We capture a timestamped attestation at signup and each time a notice is posted. Posts made by under-18s without a confirmed guardian attestation will be removed and the account suspended.

Noticeboard Privacy Policy

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We collect only what we need to run the Noticeboard: your account details, the notices you post, alert preferences, and basic technical data for abuse prevention. We don't sell your data, and we use a small set of trusted service providers to host the site and send email. You can ask for your data at any time.

1. Who we are

Burnett Ledger (burnettledger.com.au) operates the Noticeboard. We comply with the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).

2. What we collect

Account data: name, organisation, email, phone, role. Notice content: the text, images, AI-imagery disclosure flag, location, tags and contact details you submit with each notice. Subscription data: the tier you hold, payment status (we do not store full card details - payments are processed by Stripe), and renewal dates. Age attestations: a timestamp each time you confirm you are 18+ or supervised by a guardian. Alert preferences: the email and filter/tag selections you choose. Technical data: IP address, browser/user-agent and minimal log data for security, debugging and abuse prevention.

3. How we use it

To display your notices to the public; to send operational emails (posting confirmations, approvals, renewals, breach notices); to send the tag-matched alerts you opted into; to detect and prevent abuse; and to meet our legal obligations.

4. Who we share it with

We use a small number of trusted processors who act on our instructions: Replit (application hosting and API), Neon (database), Resend (transactional email), and Stripe (subscription payments). These providers may process data outside Australia (typically in the United States and European Union). We do not sell or rent your personal information.

5. Cookies and local storage

We use first-party cookies and local storage to keep you signed in, remember your preferences, and (for wizard forms) autosave your in-progress notice locally on your device. We do not use third-party advertising trackers.

6. Retention

Active notices remain visible while current. After expiry, notices are archived for two months and then removed. Account records are kept while your account is active and for a reasonable period afterwards to meet record-keeping, tax and dispute obligations. Alert subscriptions are kept until you unsubscribe.

7. Your rights

You may request access to your personal information, correction of inaccurate information, or deletion (subject to legal record-keeping requirements). Email curator@burnettledger.com.au - we respond within 30 days.

8. Security

Passwords are hashed and never stored in plain text. Connections to the site are encrypted in transit (HTTPS). Access to administrative tools is limited to the Curator team and protected by individual logins.

9. Children

The Noticeboard is intended for users aged 18 and over. Under-18s may use the Noticeboard only with the express permission and active supervision of a parent or guardian, who is treated as the responsible account holder. We capture a timestamped attestation each time a user subscribes, applies for access, and each time a notice is posted. We do not knowingly collect personal information from a child without that attestation; if we become aware that we have, we will delete it.

10. Complaints

If you believe we have mishandled your personal information, contact the Curator first at curator@burnettledger.com.au. If you are not satisfied with our response, you may contact the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) at oaic.gov.au.

11. Changes

We may update this Policy. Material changes will be notified by email to active account holders at least 14 days before they take effect.