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.