



Coast Community Broadcasters Incorporated

CONSTITUTION

As Voted by Association Members

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OBJECTS OF COAST COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS INC.

1. To apply for and hold a community broadcasting licence and any other telecommunications licences.
2. To establish and to operate a community broadcasting station and to erect, furnish and equip audio studios and production facilities of broadcast standard for use by the community.
3. To operate the association as a not for profit community institution and to undertake all measures necessary to provide a radio broadcasting service to encourage, enable and facilitate communication within the community by operating and developing community media activities serving the country music community on the Central Coast of NSW and in particular: **a)** to enable and facilitate communication within the community by broadcasting programs dealing with local issues, events, culture and activities; **b)** to promote the work of Australian musicians and performers, especially those from within the Central Coast region, and regularly play throughout the day, new material and music of upcoming Australian bands and performers or those not recorded or distributed by major record companies and to this end to provide broadcasting and recording facilities to encourage Australian music talent. **c)** to exceed at all times the minimum Australian content provisions determined from time to time by statute or broadcasting industry adopted codes of practice; **d)** to provide the opportunity for community groups and related associations, organisations and individuals to be involved in the production and presentation of original programs.
4. In accordance with the previous point, and as the Association determines, to provide programming of a type not adequately covered by existing broadcasters, and in particular: **a)** to encourage and develop uses of radio for community and public affairs, education, culture, information, entertainment and recreation by, for and directed to the local community, particularly those interested in and connected with country music; **b)** to become a "town crier" of cultural and community information by compiling community resource data and information with respect to local activities, events and developments affecting the community; **c)** to promote and encourage innovative and experimental uses of radio; **d)** to commission musical, dramatic and literary works for use relating to objects of the Association.
5. To teach train, instruct, prepare and assist members to produce material for transmission and to provide facilities for members to learn and practise the technical and aesthetic aspects of radio broadcasting and production.
6. To foster the development and ideals of community broadcasting in such ways as the Association may determine, and to become a member of the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia and to subscribe to the Community Broadcasting Code of Practice, and in particular: **a)** to seek all possible participation of members in all aspects of the Association including management, operations, programming and program production; **b)** to actively discourage the broadcast of material which is sexist or racist.
7. To conduct, either solely or jointly with others, entertainments, promotions, concerts, cultural activities, meetings, conferences, community information resource centres, lectures, seminars, courses, on matters of interest relating to the objects of the Association, (and to broadcast the same as are relevant) and to publish either solely or jointly with others, program and other material relating to the objects of the Association. To carry out research



into radio and other media including all technical, economic, social and marketing aspects specifically related to the use of these means towards the objects of the Association.

8. To produce either solely or jointly with others, publications and other products for sale, loan or hire including recorded programs suitable for dissemination through access arrangements with other community broadcasters and programmers and other outlets.
9. To inform members and other interested individuals about the aims and operations of the Association, about community broadcasting, Australian, and alternative music, and about the aims and activities of participating groups and individuals, through station programming and the establishment of a newsletter or programming guide.
10. To support and cooperate with any kindred body.
11. To appoint, employ, remove or suspend staff as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Association.
12. To do or cease to do from time to time any such things as may be determined to be in keeping with the general aims of the Association.
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RULES OF

COAST COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS INC.

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. DEFINITIONS

(1) In these Rules:

ordinary Board member means a member of the Board who is not an office bearer of the association, as referred to in Rule 15 (2);

secretary means:

- (a) The person holding office under these rules as secretary of the Association; or
- (b) if no such person holds that office – the Public Officer of the Association.

special general meeting means a general meeting of the Association other than an Annual General Meeting.

The Act means the Associations Incorporation Act 2009;

The Regulation means the Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016.

(2) In this Constitution:

- (a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty, and
- (b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, if the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty.



The provisions of the *Interpretation Act* 1987 apply to and in respect of this constitution in the same manner as these provisions would so apply if this constitution were an instrument made under the Act.

PART II – MEMBERSHIP

2. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

A person is eligible to be a member of the Association if

- a) the person is a natural person
- b) The person has applied for membership of the Association and has been approved for membership of the Association by the Board in accordance with Clause (3).

2.1 . CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

(1) The Association shall admit members under the following categories:

- (a) Ordinary Member
- (b) Presenter – must be an ordinary or Life member
- (c) Life Member
- (d) Associate Member – not a natural person

(2) Members covered by (1) (a) – (b) shall pay a membership fee determined each year by the Board under Clause (8) and shall have full voting rights.

(3) Life Membership may be granted under (1) (c) by the Board in recognition of services rendered to the Association. Criteria for Life Membership will be determined by the Board. Life Members will enjoy the same privileges as Ordinary Members, including voting rights.

(a) An Application for Life Membership shall first be approved by the Board before consideration by the Members at the next Annual General Meeting.

(4) Associate Membership may be granted under (1) (d) on payment of a membership fee determined by the Board under Clause (8) but will not include voting rights.

3. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(1) An application by a person for membership of the association:

- (a) must be made in writing (including by email or other electronic means, if the Board so determines) in the form determined by the Board, and
- (b) must be lodged (including by electronic means, if the Board so determines) with the secretary of the association or the membership officer.



- (2) As soon as practicable after receiving an application for membership, the Secretary or Membership Officer shall refer the application to the Board which shall determine whether to approve or reject the application.
- (3) As soon as practicable after the Board makes that determination, the secretary must:
 - (a) notify the applicant in writing (including by email or other electronic means, if the Board so determines) that the Board approved or rejected the application (whichever is applicable), and
 - (b) if the Board approved the application, request the applicant to pay (within the period of 28 days after receipt by the applicant of the notification) the sum payable under this constitution by a member as entrance fee and annual subscription.
- (4) The Secretary or Membership Officer shall: on payment by the applicant of the amounts referred to in Clause (3) within the period referred to in that Clause, enter the applicant's name in the Register of Members, and on the name being so entered, the applicant becomes a Member of the Association

4. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A person ceases to be a Member of the Association if the person:

- (a) dies; or
- (b) resigns membership; or
- (c) is expelled from the Association
- (d) fails to pay the annual membership fee under clause 8 (2) within 14 days after the fee is due.

5. MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENTS NOT TRANSFERABLE

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a Member of the Association:

- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
- (b) terminates on cessation of the person or organisation's membership.

6. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A member of the association may resign from membership of the association by first giving to the secretary written notice of at least 1 month (or any other period that the Board may determine) of the member's intention to resign and, on the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.



- (2) If a member of the association ceases to be a member under subclause (1), and in every other case where a member ceases to hold membership, the secretary must make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.
- (3) ceased to be a member.

7. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- (1) The Public Officer or Membership Officer must establish and maintain a register of members of the association (whether in written or electronic form) specifying the name and postal, residential or email address of each person who is a member of the association together with the date on which the person became a member.
- (2) The register of members must be kept in New South Wales:
 - (a) at the main premises of the association, or
 - (b) if the association has no premises, at the association's official address.
- (3) The register of members must be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the association at any reasonable hour.
- (4) A member of the association may obtain a copy of any part of the register on payment of a fee of not more than \$1 for each page copied.
- (5) If a member requests that any information contained on the register about the member (other than the member's name) not be available for inspection, that information must not be made available for inspection.
- (6) A member must not use information about a person obtained from the register to contact or send material to the person, other than for:
 - (a) the purposes of sending the person a newsletter, a notice in respect of a meeting or other event relating to the association or other material relating to the association, or
 - (b) any other purpose necessary to comply with a requirement of the Act or the Regulation.
- (7) If the register of members is kept in electronic form:
 - (a) it must be convertible into hard copy, and
 - (b) the requirements in subclauses (2) and (3) apply as if a reference to the register of members is a reference to a current hard copy of the register of members.

8. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (1) A member of the association must, on admission to membership, pay to the association a fee of \$1 or, if some other amount is determined by the Board, that other amount.



- (2) In addition to any amount payable by the member under subclause (1), a member of the association must pay to the association an annual membership fee as determined by the Board:
 - (a) except as provided by paragraph (b), before the first day of the financial year of the association in each calendar year, or
 - (b) if the member becomes a member on or after the first day of the financial year of the association in any calendar year—on becoming a member and before the first day of the financial year of the association in each succeeding calendar year.

9. MEMBER'S LIABILITY

The liability of a Member of the Association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association or the costs, charges and expenses of winding up of the Association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the Member in respect of membership of the Association as required by Clause (8).

10. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

- (1) A dispute between a member and another member (in their capacity as members) of the association, or a dispute between a member or members and the association, are to be referred to a Community Justice Centre for mediation under the *Community Justice Centres Act 1983*.
- (2) If a dispute is not resolved by mediation within 3 months of the referral to a Community Justice Centre, the dispute is to be referred to arbitration.
- (3) The *Commercial Arbitration Act 2010* applies to a dispute referred to arbitration.

11. DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS

- (1) A complaint may be made to the Board by any person **who is** a member of the association:
 - (a) has refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of this constitution, or
 - (b) has wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the association.
- (2) The Board may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be trivial or vexatious in nature.
- (3) If the Board decides to deal with the complaint, the Board:
 - (a) must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned, and
 - (b) must give the member at least 14 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the Board in connection with the complaint, and



- (c) must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.
- (4) The Board may, by resolution, expel the member from the association or suspend the member from membership of the association if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved and the expulsion or suspension is warranted in the circumstances.
- (5) If the Board expels or suspends a member, the secretary must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the Board for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal under clause 12.
- (6) The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:
 - (a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned, or
 - (b) if within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the association confirms the resolution under clause 12, whichever is the later.

12. RIGHT OF REPLY OF REJECTED APPLICANT OR DISCIPLINED MEMBER

- (1) A member may appeal to the association in general meeting against a resolution of the Board under clause (11), within 14 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.
- (2) The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.
- (3) On receipt of a notice from a member under subclause (1), the secretary must notify the Board, which is to convene a general meeting of the association to be held within 28 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice.
- (4) At a general meeting of the association convened under subclause (3):
 - (a) no business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted, and
 - (b) the Board and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both, and
 - (c) the members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (5) The appeal is to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by members of the association.



PART III THE BOARD

13. POWERS OF THE BOARD

Subject to the Act, the Regulation, this constitution and any resolution passed by the association in general meeting, the Board:

- (a) is to control and manage the affairs of the association, and
- (b) may exercise all the functions that may be exercised by the association, other than those functions that are required by this constitution to be exercised by a general meeting of members of the association, and
- (c) has power to perform all the acts and do all things that appear to the Board to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the association.

14. COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

- (1) The Board is to consist of:
 - (a) the office-bearers of the association, and
 - (b) up to 5 ordinary Board members, each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the association under clause 15.
- (2) The total number of Board members is to be no more than 9.
- (3) The office-bearers of the association are as follows:
 - (a) the Chairperson (Chair),
 - (b) the Deputy Chairperson (Deputy Chair),
 - (c) the Treasurer,
 - (d) the Secretary.
- (4) A Board member may hold up to 2 offices (other than both the offices of chairperson and deputy chairperson).
- (5) There is no maximum number of consecutive terms for which a Board member may hold office.
- (6) Each member of the board is, subject to this Constitution, to hold office for a period of two (2) years from the date of election to the date of the Annual General Meeting held two (2) years following the members election and is eligible for re-election.

15. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD



- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the association or as ordinary Board members:
 - (a) must be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination), and
 - (b) must be delivered to the secretary of the association at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Board, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected and further nominations are to be received at the annual general meeting.
- (3) If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the Board are taken to be casual vacancies.
- (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.
- (5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.
- (6) The ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary members of the Board is to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting in any usual and proper manner that the Board directs.
- (7) A person nominated as a candidate for election as an office-bearer or as an ordinary Board member of the association must be a member of the association.
- (8) In order to elect a suitably skilled Board, a Board Office Bearer Policy Position Statement has been prepared for each Office Bearer and Ordinary Member Position. Applicants for Board positions will need to demonstrate the required skills before nominating for a position on the Board.
- (9) Only members of the Association can be Board Members.

16. SECRETARY

- (1) The secretary of the association must, as soon as practicable after being appointed as secretary, lodge notice with the association of his or her address.
- (2) It is the duty of the secretary to keep minutes (whether in written or electronic form) of:
 - (a) all appointments of office-bearers and members of the Board, and
 - (b) the names of members of the Board present at a Board meeting or a general meeting, and
 - (c) all proceedings at Board meetings and general meetings.
- (3) Minutes of proceedings at a meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.
- (4) The signature of the chairperson may be transmitted by electronic means for the purposes of subclause (3).



17. TREASURER

It is the duty of the treasurer of the association to ensure:

- (a) that all money due to the association is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the association are made, and
- (b) that correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the association, including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the association.

18. CASUAL VACANCIES

- (1) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the Board, the Board may appoint a member of the association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed is to hold office, subject to this constitution, until the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.
- (2) A casual vacancy in the office of a member of the Board occurs if the member:
 - (a) dies, or
 - (b) ceases to be a member of the association, or
 - (c) is or becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Corporations Act 2001 of the Commonwealth, or
 - (d) resigns office by notice in writing given to the secretary, or
 - (e) is removed from office under clause 19, or
 - (f) becomes a mentally incapacitated person, or
 - (g) is absent without the consent of the Board from 2 consecutive meetings of the Board, or
 - (h) is convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty for which the maximum penalty on conviction is imprisonment for not less than 3 months, or
 - (i) is prohibited from being a director of a company under Part 2D.6 (Disqualification from managing corporations) of the Corporations Act 2001 of the Commonwealth

19. REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBER

- (1) The association in general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the Board from the office of member before the expiration of the member's term of office and may by resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the member so removed.
- (2) If a member of the Board to whom a proposed resolution referred to in subclause (1) relates makes representations in writing to the secretary or chair (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that the representations be notified to the members of the association, the secretary or the chair may send a copy of the representations to each



member of the association or, if the representations are not so sent, the member is entitled to require that the representations be read out at the meeting at which the resolution is considered.

20. BOARD MEETINGS AND QUORUM

- (1) The Board must meet at least **4** times in each period of 12 months at the place and time that the Board may determine.
- (2) Additional meetings of the Board may be convened by the chair or by any member of the Board.
- (3) Oral or written notice of a meeting of the Board must be given by the secretary to each member of the Board at least 48 hours (or any other period that may be unanimously agreed on by the members of the Board) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
- (4) Notice of a meeting given under subclause (3) must specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business is to be transacted at the meeting, except business which the Board members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.
- (5) Any 3 members of the Board constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Board.
- (6) No business is to be transacted by the Board unless a quorum is present and if, within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting is to stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week.
- (7) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting is to be dissolved.
- (8) At a meeting of the Board:
 - (a) the chair or, in the chair's absence, the deputy chair is to preside, or
 - (b) if the chair and the deputy chair are absent or unwilling to act, one of the remaining members of the Board chosen by the members present at the meeting is to preside.

21. Appointment of association members as Board members to constitute quorum

- (1) If at any time the number of Board members is less than the number required to constitute a quorum for a Board meeting, the existing Board members may appoint a sufficient



number of members of the association as Board members to enable the quorum to be constituted.

- (2) A member of the Board so appointed is to hold office, subject to this constitution, until the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.
- (3) This clause does not apply to the filling of a casual vacancy to which clause 18 applies.

22. Use of technology at Board meetings

- (1) A Board meeting may be held at 2 or more venues using any technology approved by the Board that gives each of the Board's members a reasonable opportunity to participate.
- (2) A Board member who participates in a Board meeting using that technology is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the member votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.

23. DELEGATION BY BOARD TO COMMITTEE

- (1) The Board may, by instrument in writing, delegate to one or more committees (consisting of the member or members of the association that the Board thinks fit) the exercise of any of the functions of the Board that are specified in the instrument, other than:
 - (a) this power of delegation, and
 - (b) a function which is a duty imposed on the Board by the Act or by any other law.
- (2) A function, the exercise of which, has been delegated to a committee under this clause may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time by the committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation, without further reference to the Board.
- (3) A delegation under this clause, may be made subject to any conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function, or as to time or circumstances, that may be specified in the instrument of delegation.
- (3) Despite any delegation under this clause, the Board may continue to exercise any function delegated.
- (4) Any act or thing done or suffered by a committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this clause has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the Board.
- (5) The Board may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this clause.
- (6) A committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.
- (7) The committee shall report regularly to the Board meetings.

24. VOTING AND DECISIONS



- (1) Questions arising at a meeting of the Board or of any committee appointed by the Board are to be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the Board or committee present at the meeting.
- (2) Each member present at a meeting of the Board or of any committee appointed by the Board (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (3) Subject to clause 20 (5), the Board may act despite any vacancy on the Board.
- (4) Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the Board or by a committee appointed by the Board, is valid and effectual despite any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the Board or committee.

PART IV – GENERAL MEETINGS

25. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS – HOLDING OF

- (1) The Association must, at least once in each calendar year convene an Annual General Meeting of its Members.
- (2) The association must hold its annual general meetings:
 - (a) within 6 months after the close of the association's financial year, or
 - (b) within any later time that may be allowed or prescribed under section 37 (2) (b) of the Act.

26. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - CALLING OF AND BUSINESS AT

- (1) The annual general meeting of the association is, subject to the Act and to clause 25, to be convened on the date and at the place and time that the Board thinks fit.
- (2) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting is to include the following:
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting,
 - (b) to receive from the Board reports on the activities of the association during the last preceding financial year,
 - (c) to elect office-bearers of the association and ordinary Board members,
 - (d) to receive and consider any financial statement or report required to be submitted to members under the Act.
- (3) An annual general meeting must be specified as that type of meeting in the notice convening it.

27. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS – CALLING OF



- (1) The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the association.
- (2) The Board must, on the requisition of at least 5% of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the association.
- (3) A requisition of members for a special general meeting:
 - (a) must be in writing, and
 - (b) must state the purpose or purposes of the meeting, and
 - (c) must be signed by the members making the requisition, and
 - (d) must be lodged with the secretary, and
 - (e) may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
- (4) If the Board fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within 1 month after the date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the secretary, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- (5) A special general meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in subclause (4) must be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the Board.
- (6) For the purposes of subclause (3):
 - (a) a requisition may be in electronic form, and
 - (b) a signature may be transmitted, and a requisition may be lodged, by electronic means.

28. NOTICE

- (1) Except if the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the secretary must, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, give a notice to each member specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.
- (2) If the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the secretary must, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be given to each member specifying, in addition to the matter required under subclause (1), the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.

29. QUORUM FOR GENERAL MEETINGS



- (1) No item of business is to be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under this constitution to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.
- (2) Five members present (being members entitled under this constitution to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
- (3) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting:
 - (a) if convened on the requisition of members—is to be dissolved, and
 - (b) in any other case—is to stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and (unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.
- (4) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being at least 3) are to constitute a quorum.

30. PRESIDING MEMBER

- (1) The chair or, in the chair's absence, the deputy chair, is to preside as chairperson at each general meeting of the association.
- (2) If the chair and the deputy chair are absent or unwilling to act, the members present must elect one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

31. ADJOURNMENT

- (1) The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business is to be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- (2) If a general meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the secretary must give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of the association stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- (3) Except as provided in subclauses (1) and (2), notice of an adjournment of a general meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

32. MAKING DECISIONS

- (1) A question arising at a general meeting of the association is to be determined by:
 - (a) a show of hands or, if the meeting is one to which clause 37 applies, any appropriate corresponding method that the Board may determine, or



- (b) if on the motion of the chairperson or if 5 or more members present at the meeting decide that the question should be determined by a written ballot—a written ballot.
- (2) If the question is to be determined by a show of hands, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, or an entry to that effect in the minute book of the association, is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.
- (3) Subclause (2) applies to a method determined by the Board under subclause (1) (a) in the same way as it applies to a show of hands.
- (4) If the question is to be determined by a written ballot, the ballot is to be conducted in accordance with the directions of the chairperson

33. SPECIAL RESOLUTION

A special resolution may only be passed by the association in accordance with section 39 of the Act.

34. VOTING

- (1) On any question arising at a general meeting of the association a member has one vote only.
- (2) In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a general meeting, the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- (3) A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the association unless all money due and payable by the member to the association has been paid.
- (4) A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the association if the member is under 18 years of age.
- (5) No Member may hold more than two proxies.

35. APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES

- (1) Each Member is to be entitled to appoint another Member as proxy by notice given to the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- (2) The notice appointing the proxy is to be in the form set out by the Board from time to time.

36 POSTAL OR ELECTRONIC BALLOTS

- (1) The association may hold a postal or electronic ballot (as the Board determines) to determine any issue or proposal (other than an appeal under clause 12).



- (2) A postal or electronic ballot is to be conducted in accordance with Schedule 3 to the Regulation

37 USE OF TECHNOLOGY AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) A general meeting may be held at 2 or more venues using any technology approved by the Board that gives each of the association's members a reasonable opportunity to participate.

A member of an association who participates in a general meeting using that technology is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the member votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.

PART V MISCELLANEOUS

38. INSURANCE

- (1) The Association must effect and maintain insurance as required under the Act.
- (2) In addition to the insurance required under clause (1), the Association may effect and maintain other insurance.

39. FUNDS – SOURCE

- (1) The funds of the Association are to be derived from membership fees, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the Association in General Meeting, such other sources as the Board determines.
- (2) All money received by the association must be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the association's bank or other authorised deposit-taking institution account.
- (3) The Association must, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

40. FUNDS – MANAGEMENT

- (1) Subject to any resolution passed by the Association in General Meeting, the funds of the Association are to be used in pursuance of the objects of the Association in such manner as the Board determines.
- (2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by 2 authorised signatories.

41 ASSOCIATION IS NOT-FOR-PROFIT



Subject to the Act and the Regulation, the association must apply its funds and assets solely in pursuance of the objects of the association and must not conduct its affairs so as to provide a pecuniary gain for any of its members.

42 DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY ON WINDING UP OF ASSOCIATION

- (1) Subject to the Act and the Regulations, in a winding up of the association, any surplus property of the association is to be transferred to another organisation with similar objects and which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members.
- (2) In this clause, a reference to the surplus property of an association is a reference to that property of the association remaining after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of the association and the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the association.

43 CHANGE OF NAME, OBJECTS AND CONSTITUTION

An application for registration of a change in the association's name, objects or constitution in accordance with section 10 of the Act is to be made by the public officer or a Board member.

44. CUSTODY OF BOOKS

Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, all records, books and other documents relating to the association must be kept in New South Wales:

- (a) at the main premises of the association, in the custody of the public officer or a member of the association (as the Board determines), or
- (b) if the association has no premises, at the association's official address, in the custody of the public officer.

45. INSPECTION OF BOOKS

- (1) The following documents must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the association at any reasonable hour:
 - (a) records, books and other financial documents of the association,
 - (b) this constitution,
 - (c) minutes of all Board meetings and general meetings of the association.
- (2) A member of the association may obtain a copy of any of the documents referred to in subclause (1) on payment of a fee of not more than \$1 for each page copied.
- (3) Despite subclauses (1) and (2), the committee may refuse to permit a member of the association to inspect or obtain a copy of records of the association that relate to confidential, personal, employment, commercial or legal matters or where to do so may be prejudicial to the interests of the association.

46. SERVICE OF NOTICES



- (1) For the purpose of this constitution, a notice may be served on or given to a person:
 - (a) by delivering it to the person personally, or
 - (b) by sending it by pre-paid post to the address of the person, or
 - (c) by sending it by facsimile transmission or some other form of electronic transmission to an address specified by the person for giving or serving the notice.
- (2) For the purpose of this constitution, a notice is taken, unless the contrary is proved, to have been given or served:
 - (a) in the case of a notice given or served personally, on the date on which it is received by the addressee, and
 - (b) in the case of a notice sent by pre-paid post, on the date when it would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post, and
 - (c) in the case of a notice sent by facsimile transmission or some other form of electronic transmission, on the date it was sent or, if the machine from which the transmission was sent produces a report indicating that the notice was sent on a later date, on that date.

47 FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the association is each period of 12 months after the expiration of the previous financial year of the association, commencing on 1 July and ending on the following 30 June

48 PUBLIC FUND

The Association will establish and maintain a Public Fund. The name of the Public Fund will be "The Friends Of Today'sCountry94one Public Fund", or such other approved name.

49 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

The public will be invited to contribute to the fund.

50 SEGREGATION OF FUNDS

Donations will be deposited into the Public Fund listed on the Register of Cultural Organisations. These monies will be kept separate from other funds of the organisation and will only be used to further the principal purpose of the Association. Investment of monies in this fund will be made in accordance with guidelines for Public Funds as specified by the ATO.

51 FUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Fund will be administered by a management committee or a subcommittee of the management committee, the majority of whom, because of their tenure of some public office or their professional standing, have an underlying community responsibility, as distinct from obligations solely in regard to the cultural objectives of the Association.

52 RESTRICTION ON DONATED FUNDS



No monies/assets in this fund will be distributed to members or office bearers of the organisation, except as reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the fund or proper remuneration for administrative services.

This not-for-profit requirement is separate to the requirement for the Association, as a whole, to operate on a not-for-profit basis.

53 AMENDMENTS OR ALTERATIONS TO PUBLIC FUND

The Department responsible for the administration of the Register of Cultural Organisations will be notified of any proposed amendments or alterations to provisions for the Public Fund, to assess the effect of any amendments on the Public Fund's continuing Deductible Gift Recipient status.

54 RECEIPTS FOR GIFTS TO THE PUBLIC FUND

Receipts for gifts to the Public Fund must state:

- the name of the Public Fund and that the receipt is for a gift made to the Public Fund
- the Australian Business Number of the Association
- the fact that the receipt is for a gift, and
- any other matter required to be included on the receipt pursuant to the requirements of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

55 WINDING UP OR REVOCATION OF DGR STATUS

If the Association is wound up or its endorsement as a Deductible Gift Recipient is revoked (whichever occurs first), any surplus of the following assets shall be transferred to another organisation with similar objects, which is charitable at law, to which income tax deductible gifts can be made:

- gifts of money or property for the principal purpose of the organisation
- contributions made in relation to an eligible fundraising event held for the principal purpose of the organisation
- money received by the organisation because of such gifts and contributions.

56 RESTATED RESTRICTIONS ON DONATED FUNDS

The assets and income of the organisation shall be applied solely to further its objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the organisation except as genuine compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation.

(This clause is separate to the not-for-profit requirement for the Public Fund).

57 COMPLIANCE WITH RULES

The Association must comply with any rules that the Treasury Minister and the Minister for the Arts make to ensure that gifts made to the Public Fund will only be used for the company's principal purpose.

58 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS



The Association must provide to the Department responsible for the administration of the Register of Cultural Organisations, statistical information on the gifts made to the Public Fund every 6 months.