

CASV Constitution

Centre Against Sexual Violence Inc

CONSTITUTION

ASSOCIATION RULES

1. NAME

The name of the incorporated association shall be the **CENTRE AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE INC.**

(in these rules called "the association").

2. OBJECTS

The objects for which the association is established are:

- (1) To provide free, high quality sexual assault services in the Logan, Beenleigh, Beaudesert and surrounding region, for the benefit of all women, including young women aged 12 years and over, who have been victims of sexual violence.
- (2) To provide a not for profit, community based, client driven service, that recognises the multiple disadvantage of the region, including:
 - higher than average rates of unemployment, crime, domestic and sexual violence, and people living in poverty; and
 - social isolation. high population rates of young people, young parenting women, people with disabilities, people from non-English speaking background, and Aboriginal and Islander people,
 - poor social infrastructure
- (3) To promote equity of access to services for all women who have been victims of sexual violence, particularly those most marginalised on the basis of their race, culture, ability, age, religion, sexuality, socio-economic status or geographic location.
- (4) To provide direct crisis support services to all women victims of recent rape, including support in accessing legal and medical and other, necessary emergency assistance.

- (5) To provide direct support, information, and individual and/or group counselling for all women suffering distress from child, past or recent sexual assault.
- (6) To provide direct support and information to friends, families and specific communities suffering distress from their involvement with women victims of sexual violence.
- (7) To undertake community education and awareness raising activities about sexual violence aimed at improving the status of women, and eliminating violence against women.
- (8) To provide training and skill development opportunities for police, health, education and other professionals aimed at enabling them to respond more appropriately to the diverse needs of women victims of sexual violence.
- (9) To provide information and education to government bodies and other relevant organisations about policy and program initiatives that may impact on women, and others, affected by sexual violence.
- (10) To contribute to statewide and national networks aimed at changing the factors, which contribute, to the continuation of sexual violence.

3. **POWERS**

- (1) The association has, in the exercise of its affairs, all the powers of an individual.
- (2) The association may, for example -
 - (a) enter into contracts; and
 - (b) acquire, hold, deal with and dispose of property; and
 - (c) make charges for services and facilities it supplies; and
 - (d) do other things necessary or convenient to be done in carrying out its affairs.
- (3) The association may take over the funds and other assets and liabilities of the present unincorporated association known as the **'Logan Women's Health Centre's Sexual Assault Program'**
- (4) The association may also issue secured and unsecured notes, debentures and debenture stock for the association.

- (5) The assets and income of the association shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the organisation except as bonafide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation.

4. **CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP**

- (1) The membership of the association shall consist of ordinary, associate, organisation and employee members.

- (2) The number of ordinary, associate, organisation and employee members shall be unlimited.

- (3) Limitations relating to the class of membership are as follows:

(a) Ordinary members: Nil

(b) Associate members: May not vote

Not eligible for election to the management committee

(c) Organisation member: Shall be granted to any organization who, in the opinion of the committee of Management have interest in and support the objectives of the Association.

An organisation member will be allowed one (1) vote at any annual or general meeting. This vote is to be cast by a representative of the aforementioned organisation.

(d) Employee member: Nil

- (4) Entry requirements for class of membership are as follows:

(a) Ordinary member: Must be female
Must be 18 years of age or over

- (b) Associate member: Nil
- (c) Organisation member: Nil
- (d) Employee member: For the term of their employment all employees of the association are automatically members, with all the rights and privileges of the association, without payment of an annual subscription fee

- 5. (1) Every person who at the date of incorporation of the association was a member of the unincorporated association and who on or before a date fixed by the management committee for the purpose agrees in writing to become a member of the association shall be admitted by the management committee to the same class of membership of the association as that member held in the unincorporated association.
- (2) Every member of the association who previously to agreeing to become a member of the association has paid the member's subscription on or before the date fixed by the management committee for the purpose, as a member of the unincorporated association, shall not be liable to pay any further sum by way of annual subscription to the association for the period before the date fixed by the management committee as the date the next annual subscription becomes due.
- (3) Every applicant for any class of membership of the association (other than the members of the unincorporated association referred to in sub-rule (1)) shall be proposed by 1 member of the association and seconded by another member.
- (4) The application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and the applicant's proposer and seconder and shall be in such form as the management committee from time to time prescribes.

6. **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

- (1) The membership fees for each class of membership shall be such sum as the members shall from time to time at any general meeting so determine.

- (2) The membership fees for each class of membership shall be payable at such time and in such manner as the management committee shall from time to time determine.

7. ADMISSION AND REJECTION OF MEMBERS

- (1) At the next meeting of the management committee after the receipt of any application and the fee applicable for any class of membership, such application shall be considered by the management committee, who shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant.
- (2) Any applicant who receives a majority of the votes of the members of the management committee present at the meeting at which such application is being considered shall be accepted as a member to the class of membership applied for.
- (3) Upon the acceptance or rejection of an application for any class of membership the secretary shall forthwith give the applicant notice in writing of such acceptance or rejection.

8. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A member may resign from the association at any time by giving notice in writing to the secretary.
- (2) Such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date.
- (3) If a member -
 - (a) is convicted of an indictable offence; or
 - (b) fails to comply with any of the provisions of these rules; or
 - (c) has membership fees in arrears for a period of 2 months or more; or
 - (d) conducts himself or herself in a manner considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the association, the management committee shall consider whether the member's membership shall be terminated.

- (4) The member concerned shall be given a full and fair opportunity of presenting the member's case and if the management committee resolves to terminate the membership it shall instruct the secretary to advise the member in writing accordingly.

9. APPEAL AGAINST REJECTION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A person whose application for membership has been rejected or whose membership has been terminated may within 1 month of receiving written notification thereof, lodge with the secretary written notice of the person's intention to appeal against the decision of the management committee.
- (2) Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against rejection or termination of membership the secretary shall convene, within 3 months of the date of receipt by the secretary of such notice, a general meeting to determine the appeal.
- (3) At any such meeting the applicant shall be given the opportunity to fully present the applicant's case and the management committee or those members thereof who rejected the application for membership or terminated the membership subsequently shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting its or their case.
- (4) The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such meeting.
- (5) Where a person whose application is rejected, does not appeal against the decision of the management committee within the time prescribed by these rules or so appeals but the appeal is unsuccessful, the secretary shall forthwith refund the amount of any fee paid.

10. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- (1) The management committee shall cause a register to be kept in which shall be entered the names and residential addresses of all person admitted to membership of the association and the dates of their admission.
- (2) Particulars shall also be entered into the register of deaths, resignations, terminations and re-instatements of membership and any further particulars as the management committee or the members at any general meeting may require from time to time.

- (3) The register shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any member who previously applies to the secretary for such inspection.

11. **SECRETARY**

- (1) If the association has not elected an interim officer as secretary for the association before its incorporation, the members of the management committee must appoint or elect a secretary for the association within 1 month after incorporation.
- (2) If a vacancy happens in the office of secretary, the members of the management committee must appoint or elect a secretary within 1 month after the vacancy happens.

The secretary must be an individual residing in Queensland, or in another State but not more than 65km from the Queensland border, who is -

- (a) a member of the association elected by the association as secretary; or
 - (b) a member of the association's management committee appointed by the committee as secretary; or
 - (c) appointed by the management committee as secretary (whether or not the individual is a member of the association).
- (4) The management committee may appoint and remove the secretary at any time.

12. **MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- (1) The management committee of the association shall consist of a **chairperson (president), vice-chairperson (vice-president), treasurer and secretary, all of whom shall be members of the association**, and such number of other **ordinary** members as the members of the association at any general meeting may from time to time elect or appoint.

Two positions of the ordinary members shall be allocated for employee members of the association.

- (2) At the annual general meeting of the association, all the members of the management committee for the time being shall retire from office, but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election.
- (3) The election of officers and other members of the management committee shall take place in the following manner:
 - (a) any 2 members of the association shall be at liberty to nominate any other member to serve as an officer or other member of the management committee;
 - (b) the nomination, which shall be in writing and signed by the member and her proposer and seconder, shall be lodged with the secretary at least 14 days before the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place;
 - (c) a list of the candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the proposers' and seconds' names, shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office or usual place of meeting of the association for at least 7 days immediately preceding the annual general meeting;
 - (d) balloting lists shall be prepared (if necessary) containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order, and each member present at the annual general meeting shall be entitled to vote for any number of such candidates not exceeding the number of vacancies;
 - (e) should, at the commencement of such meeting, there be an insufficient number of candidates nominated, nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.

13. RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF MEMBER OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- (1) Any member of the management committee may resign from membership of the management committee at any time by giving notice in writing to the secretary but such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date or such member may be removed from office at a general meeting of the association where that member shall be given the opportunity to fully present her case.
- (2) The question of removal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such a general meeting.

- (3) There is no right of appeal against a member's removal from office under this section.

14. **VACANCIES ON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- (1) The management committee shall have power at any time to appoint any **ordinary member** of the association to fill any casual vacancy on the management committee until the next annual general meeting.
- (2) The continuing members of the management committee may act notwithstanding any casual vacancy in the management committee, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to these rules as the necessary quorum of the management committee, the continuing member or members may act for the purpose of increasing the number of members of the management committee to that number or of summoning a general meeting of the association, but for no other purpose.

15. **FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- (1) Except as otherwise provided by these rules and subject to resolutions of the members of the association carried at any general meeting the management committee -
 - (a) shall have the general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of the association; and
 - (b) shall have authority to interpret the meaning of these rules and any matter relating to the association on which these rules are silent.
- (2) The management committee may exercise all the powers of the association -
 - (a) to borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the members of the association may think fit and secure the same or the payment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the association in any way and in particular by the issue of debentures, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the association's property, both present and future, and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities;

- (b) to borrow amounts from members and to pay interest on the amounts borrowed and to mortgage or charge its property or any part thereof and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the association, and to provide and pay off any such securities; and
 - (c) to invest in such manner as the members of the association may from time to time determine.
- (3) For sub-section (2)(b) the rate of interest must not be more than the rate for the time being charged for overdrawn accounts for money lent (whatever the term of the loan) by -
- (a) the financial institution for the association; or
 - (b) if there is more than 1 financial institution for the association - the financial institution nominated by the association.

16. **MEETINGS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- (1) The management committee shall meet at least **8 times each year** to exercise its functions.
- (2) The management committee must decide how a meeting is to be called.
- (3) Notice of a meeting is to be given in the way decided by the management committee.
- (4) A special meeting of the management committee shall be convened by the secretary on the requisition in writing signed by not less than one-third of the members of the management committee, which requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such special meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.
- (5) At every meeting of the management committee a simple majority of a number equal to the number of members elected and/or appointed to the management committee as at the close of the last general meeting of the members, shall constitute a quorum.
- (6) Subject as previously provided in this section, the management committee may meet together and regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit.

- (7) However, questions arising at any meeting of the management committee shall be decided by a majority of votes and, in the case of equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative.
- (8) A member of the management committee shall not vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract with the association in which the member is interested, or any matter arising thereout, and if the member does so vote the member's vote shall not be counted.
- (9) Not less than 14 days notice shall be given by the secretary to members of the management committee of any special meeting of the management committee.
- (10) Such notice shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.
- (11) The ***chairperson (president)*** shall preside as chairperson at every meeting of the management committee, or if there is no ***chairperson (president)***, or if at any meeting the ***chairperson (president)*** is not present within 10 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the ***vice-chairperson (vice-president)*** shall be chairperson or if the ***vice-chairperson (vice-president)*** is not present at the meeting then the members may choose 1 of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.
- (12) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of a management committee meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members of the management committee, shall lapse.
- (13) In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the management committee may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall lapse.

17. **DELEGATION OF POWERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- (1) The management committee may delegate any of its powers to a subcommittee consisting of such members of the association as the management committee thinks fit.

- (2) Any subcommittee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the management committee.
- (3) A subcommittee may elect a chairperson of its meetings.
- (4) If no such chairperson is elected, or if at any meeting the chairperson is not present within 10 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose 1 of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.
- (5) A subcommittee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.
- (6) Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and, in the case of an equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative.

18. ACTS NOT AFFECTED BY DEFECTS OR DISQUALIFICATIONS

All acts done by any meeting of the management committee or of a subcommittee or by any person acting as a member of the management committee shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such member of the management committee or person acting as aforesaid, or that the members of the management committee or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the management committee.

19. RESOLUTIONS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WITHOUT MEETING

- (1) A resolution in writing signed by all the members of the management committee for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the management committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the management committee duly convened and held.
- (2) Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by 1 or more members of the management committee.

20. FIRST GENERAL MEETING

- (1) The first general meeting must be held not less than 1 month, and not more than 3 months, after the day the association is incorporated.

- (2) The management committee must decide where the meeting is to be held.
- (3) The business to be transacted at the first general meeting must include the appointment of an auditor.

21. **FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The first annual general meeting must be held within 18 months after the day the association is incorporated.

22. **SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

Each subsequent annual general meeting must be held -

- (a) at least once each year; and
- (b) within 6 months after the end of the association's previous financial year.

23. **BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The following business must be transacted at every annual general meeting -

- (a) the receiving of the statement of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and of mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the association for the last financial year;
- (b) the receiving of the auditor's report on the financial affairs of the association for the last financial year;
- (c) the presenting of the audited statement to the meeting for adoption;
- (d) ***the receiving of a chairperson's (president's) report and a coordinator's report;***
- (e) the election of members of the management committee;
- (f) the appointment of an auditor.

24. **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

- (1) The secretary shall convene a special general meeting by sending out notice of the meeting within 14 days of:-

- (a) being directed to do so by the management committee; or
 - (b) being given a requisition in writing signed by not less than one-third of the members presently on the management committee or not less than the number of ordinary members of the association which equals double the number of members presently on the management committee plus one;
 - (c) being given a notice in writing of an intention to appeal against the decision of the management committee to reject an application for membership or to terminate the membership of any person.
- (2) A requisition mentioned in subsection (1)(b) shall clearly state the reasons why such special general meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.

25. QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETING

- (1) At any general meeting the number of members required to constitute a quorum shall be double the number of members presently on the management committee plus 1.
- (2) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business.
- (3) For the purposes of this rule -

"member" includes a person attending as a proxy or as representing an organisation which is a member.
- (4) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members of the management committee or the association, shall lapse.
- (5) In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the management committee may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.
- (6) The chairperson (president) may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting),

adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

- (7) When a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting.
- (8) Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

26. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

- (1) The secretary shall convene all general meetings of the association by giving not less than 14 days notice of any such meeting to the members of the association.
- (2) The manner by which such notice shall be given shall be determined by the management committee.
- (3) However, notice of any meeting convened for the purpose of hearing and determining the appeal of a member against the rejection or termination of his membership by the management committee, shall be given in writing.
- (4) Notice of a general meeting shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.

27. PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETING

- (1) Unless otherwise provided by these rules, at every general meeting -
 - (a) the **chairperson (president)** shall preside as chairperson, or if there is no **chairperson (president)**, or if the **chairperson (president)** is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act, the **vice-chairperson (vice-president)** shall be the chairperson or if the **vice-chairperson (vice-president)** is not present or is unwilling to act then the members present shall elect 1 of their number to be chairperson of the meeting; and
 - (b) the chairperson shall maintain order and conduct the meeting in a proper and orderly manner; and

- (c) every question, matter or resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present; and
- (d) every member present shall be entitled to 1 vote and in the case of an equality of votes the chairperson shall have a second or casting vote; and
- (e) however, no member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting if the member's annual subscription is more than 1 month in arrears at the date of the meeting; **or if being unable to vote is a limitation relating to their class of membership** and
- (f) voting shall be by show of hands or a division of members, unless not less than one-fifth of the members present demand a ballot, in which event there shall be a secret ballot; and
- (g) the chairperson shall appoint 2 members to conduct the secret ballot in such manner as the chairperson shall determine and the result of the ballot as declared by the chairperson shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the ballot was demanded; and
- (h) a member may vote in person or by proxy or by attorney and on a show of hands every person present who is a **voting** member or a representative of a **voting** member shall have 1 vote and in a secret ballot every **voting** member present in person or by proxy or by attorney or other duly authorised representative shall have 1 vote; and
- (i) the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing, in the common or usual form under the hand of the appointor or of the appointor's attorney duly authorised in writing
- (j) a proxy may but need not be a member of the association; and
- (k) the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a secret ballot; and
- (l) where it is desired to afford members an opportunity of voting for or against a resolution the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances permit -

- (2) For the purposes of ensuring the accuracy of the recording of such minutes, the minutes of every management committee meeting shall be signed by the chairperson of that meeting or the chairperson of the next succeeding management committee meeting verifying their accuracy.
- (3) Similarly, the minutes of every general meeting shall be signed by the chairperson of that meeting or the chairperson of the next succeeding general meeting.
- (4) However, the minutes of any annual general meeting shall be signed by the chairperson of that meeting or the chairperson of the next succeeding general meeting or annual general meeting.

28. **BY-LAWS**

The management committee may from time to time make, amend or repeal by-laws, not inconsistent with these rules, for the internal management of the association and any by-law may be set aside by a general meeting of members.

29. **ALTERATION OF RULES**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*, these rules may be amended, rescinded or added to from time to time by a special resolution carried at any general meeting.
- (2) However an amendment, rescission or addition is valid only if it is registered by the chief executive.

30. **COMMON SEAL**

- (1) The management committee shall provide for a common seal and for its safe custody.
- (2) The common seal shall only be used by the authority of the management committee and every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by a member of the management committee, and shall be countersigned by the secretary or by a second member of the management committee or by some other person appointed by the management committee for the purpose.

31. **FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS**

- (1) The funds of the association must be kept in the name of the association in a financial institution decided by the management committee.
- (2) Proper books and accounts shall be kept and maintained either in written or printed form in the English language showing correctly the financial affairs of the association and the particulars usually shown in books of a like nature.
- (3) All moneys shall be deposited as soon as practicable after receipt thereof.
- (4) Payments of \$100 or more must be made by cheque or electronic funds transfer. All Negotiable instruments issues by the association must be signed by any two of the following members –
 - a) The president/chair
 - b) The secretary
 - c) The treasurer
 - d) Other member authorised from time to time by the management committee.
- (5) Cheques shall be crossed "not negotiable" except those in payment of wages, allowances or petty cash re-couplements which may be open.
- (6) The management committee shall determine the amount of petty cash, which shall be kept, on the imprest system.
- (7) All expenditure shall be approved or ratified at a management committee meeting.
- (8) As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year the treasurer shall cause to be prepared a statement containing the particulars of -
 - (a) the income and expenditure for the financial year just ended; and
 - (b) the assets and liabilities and of all mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the association at the close of that year.
- (9) If the association is incorporated within 3 months of the end of the association's financial year, subsection (8) does not apply for the financial year the association is incorporated.

- (10) The auditor must examine the statement prepared under subsection (8) and present a report on it to the secretary before the next annual general meeting following the financial year for which the audit was made.
- (11) The income and property of the association must be used solely in promoting the association's objects and exercising the association's powers.
- (12) The association shall maintain a Gift fund as follows:
 - (a) The name of the Gift Fund shall be CASV Gift Fund Account. The purpose of the Gift Fund is to support the organisation's objects.
 - (b) All gifts of money or property donated to the Association for the above purpose will be credited to the Gift Fund. The fund must be managed by members of a Committee, a majority of whom have a degree of responsibility to the general community, and will be appointed to administer its activities and confirm that each purchase falls legitimately within the association objects criteria.
 - (c) Members of the public are to be invited to make gifts of money or property to the fund for the objects of the organisation
 - (d) All donations, interest on donations, income derived from donated property, and money from the realisation of such property are to be deposited into this separate gift fund in the name of CASV and apart from other funds of the organisation. A separate bank account is to be opened to deposit money donated to The Fund, including interest accruing thereon, and gifts to it are to be kept from other funds of the organisation.
 - (e) Receipts are to be issued in the name of CASV Gift Fund Account and proper accounting records and procedures are to be kept and used for the fund.
 - (f) Withdrawals from the Gift Fund will be permissible for the purchase of items relating to the organisation's objects and subject to the Gift Fund Management Committee's approval.
 - (g) The fund will be operated on a not-for-profit basis.
 - (h) If the Gift Fund is wound up or if the endorsement (if any) or the organisation as a deductible recipient is revoked, any surplus assets of the Gift Fund remaining after the payment of liabilities attributable to it, shall be transferred to a fund, authority or institution to which income tax deductible gifts can be made.

- (i) The Fund is subject to the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and the resolutions of the management committee of the Association.

32. **DOCUMENTS**

The management committee shall provide for the safe custody of books, documents, instruments of title and securities of the association.

33. **FINANCIAL YEAR**

The financial year of the association shall close on **30th June** in each year.

34. **DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS ASSETS TO ANOTHER ENTITY**

- (1) This section applies if the association is wound-up under part 10 of the Act and there are surplus assets.
- (2) In the event of the association being dissolved, the amount which remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be distributed among the members but transferred to another organisation --
 - (a) which is approved by the Commissioner of Taxation as a public benevolent institution for the purposes of any Commonwealth taxation Act
 - (b) which has objects similar to the association's objects; and
 - (b) the rules of which prohibit the distribution of the organisation's income and assets to its members.

- (3) In this section -

"surplus assets" has the meaning given by section 92(3) of the Act.

35. **AMALGAMATION WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Where it furthers the objects of the association to amalgamate with any one or more other organisations having similar objects, the other organisation/s must have rules prohibiting the distribution of its/their assets and income to members; and must be approved by the Commissioner of Taxation as a public benevolent institution for the purposes of any Commonwealth Taxation Act.

