

**The Objectives and Rules of the
Australian Blouza Association Incorporated**

Adopted by Annual General Committee for operational use in 1993

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES OF THE AUSTRALIAN BLOUZA ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

The objectives of The Australian Blouza Association Incorporated are:

- a. To support and uphold the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth of Australia and every state
- b. To encourage and assist all people in Australia of ancestry in the town of Blouza in the North of Lebanon to become integrated in Australian Society and to foster and encourage social relationships and good fellowship between them and Australians.
- c. To foster and encourage amongst all people in Australia of ancestry in the town of Blouza in the North of Lebanon intellectual and social pursuits and to assist them in adjusting themselves to the conditions of society in Australia.
- d. To inspire and train by self imposed standards and example all people in Australia of ancestry in Blouza in the North of Lebanon in the qualities and elements of leadership and according to the highest social ideals and aims to enable them to mutually support each other in their participation in civic, educational, social, charitable, cultural, professional and sporting opportunities and pursuits.
- e. To foster and encourage amongst all people in the Australia of ancestry in Blouza in the North of Lebanon the concept of family life and family awareness and togetherness, ensuring that the traditions of respect for that way of life are always maintained, practiced and appreciated by.
- f. To assist Arabic speaking people with any social welfare problems they may have by the supply of advice and information.
- g. To consider, deal with, and assist in the resolution of the special problems encountered by Arabic speaking women in Australian society and to advise on and the take such remedial action as to the committee shall from time to time deem fit.
- h. To raise funds by way of donations, levies, organising social gatherings, selling lotteries in the form of art unions.
- i. To promote and encourage the speaking of the English and Arabic languages by those people in Australia by Lebanese ancestry who are unable to speak both languages and for this purpose to procure the delivery of lectures and instructions and to form and maintain a library of historic, artistic, sporting and other literature of the use.
- j. To promote the education and development of Lebanese and Australian youth including the encouragement of high school and tertiary studies and of Lebanese music, art and literature in.

- k. To promote the establishment of and/or to establish infant welfare centers, infant clinics, infants' supervised playgroups and pre-school education centers.
- l. To assist in the relief of poverty and genuine hardship amongst people in Australia and Lebanon and in particular those from, or with ancestry from the town of Blouza in North Lebanon.
- m. To make donations for patriotic or charitable purposes.
- n. To assist with the care of the elderly and those bereaved amongst people in Australia with ancestry from the town of Blouza in the North of Lebanon.
- o. To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and exercise of the powers of the organisation.

RULES OF AUSTRALIAN BLOUZA ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

PART I - PRELIMINARY

1.

- 1) In these rules, except in so far as the context or subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires-

“ordinary member” means a member of the committee who is not an office-bearer of the Association, as referred to in rule 13(2);

“Secretary” means

- a. the person holding office under these rules as Secretary of the Association; or
- b. where 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, 1984;

“the Regulation” means the Associations Incorporation Regulation, 1985.

- 2) In these rules:-

- 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, where the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty.

- 3) The provisions of the Interpretation Act, 1987, apply to and in respect of these rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these rules were an instrument made under the Act.

PART II – MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

2. A person is qualified to be a member of the Association if, but only if:-

- (a) the person is a person referred to in section 15(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Act and has not ceased to be a member of the Association at any time after incorporation of the Association under the Act; or
- (b) the person is a natural person who;-
 - (i) is either from the town of Blouza in the North of Lebanon, has ancestry from the town of Blouza in the North of Lebanon, or is the spouse of a person with ancestry from the town of Blouza in the North of Lebanon.
 - (ii) has been approved for membership of the Association by the Committee of the Association.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

3. A person ceases to be a member of the Association if the person;-

- (a) dies;
- (b) resigns that membership; or
- (c) is expelled from the Association.

MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENTS NOT TRANSFERABLE

4. 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 upon cessation of the person's membership.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

5.

- 1) A member of the Association is not entitled to resign that membership except in accordance with this rule.
- 2) A member of the Association who has paid all amounts payable by the member to the Association in respect of the member's membership may resign from membership of the Association by first giving notice (being not less than 1 month or not less than such other period as the committee may determine) in writing to the Secretary of the member's intention to resign and, upon the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.

- 3) Where a member of the Association ceases to be a member pursuant to clause (2), and in every other case where a member ceases to hold membership, the Secretary shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

6.

- 1) The Public Officer of the Association shall establish and maintain a register of members of the Association specifying the name and address of each person who is a member of the Association
- 2) The register of members shall be kept by the Secretary of the Association and shall be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the Association at any reasonable hour on request.

FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ETC

7.

- 1) A member of the Association shall, upon admission to membership, pay to the Association a fee of \$1.00 or, where some other amount is determined by the Committee, of that amount, provided however that the Committee may waive the said fee at it's discretion.
- 2) In addition to any amount payable by the member under clause (1), a member of the Association shall pay to the Association an annual membership fee of \$2,00 or, where some other amount is determined by the Committee, of that other amount provided however that the Committee may waive the said annual membership fee at it's discretion:-
 - (a) except as provided by paragraph (b), before 1st July in each calendar year; or
 - (b) where the member becomes a member on or after 1st July in any calendar year – upon becoming a member and before 1st July in each succeeding calendar year.

MEMBERS' LIABILITIES

8. The liability of a member of the Association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association or the cost, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the Association for the immediate past year as required by rule 8.

DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS

9.

- 1) Where the Committee is of the opinion that a member of the Association;-
 - (a) has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of these rules; or
 - (b) has persistently and willfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association,

the Committee may, by resolution:-

- (c) expel the member from the Association; or
 - (d) suspend the member from membership of the Association for a specified period.
- 2) A resolution of the Committee under clause (1) is of no effect unless the Committee, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service on the member of a notice under clause (3), confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.
- 3) Where the Committee passes a resolution under clause (1), the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause notice in writing to be served on the member:-
 - (a) setting out the resolution of the Committee and the grounds on which it is based;
 - (b) stating that the member may address the committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service of the notice;
 - (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and

- (d) informing the member that the member may do either or both of the following;-
- i. attend and speak at that meeting; and/or
 - ii. submit to the Committee at or prior to the date of that meeting written representation relating to the resolution.
- 4) At a meeting of the committee held as referred to in clause (3), the Committee shall ;-
- (a) give to the member an opportunity to make oral representation;
 - (b) give due consideration to any written representations submitted to the Committee by the member at or prior to the meeting; and
 - (c) by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.
- 5) Where the Committee confirms a resolution under clause (4), the Secretary shall, within 7 days after that confirmation, by notice in writing inform the member of the fact.

PART III – THE COMMITTEE

POWERS, ETC., OF COMMITTEE

- 10.** The Committee shall be called the Committee of Management of the Association and, subject to the Act, the Regulation and these rules and to any resolution passed by the Association in general meeting;-
- (a) shall control and manage the affairs of the Association;
 - (b) may exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by a general meeting of members of the Association; and
 - (c) has the power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the Committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Association.

COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP

11.

- 1) Subject in the case of the first members of the Committee to section 21 of the Act, the Committee shall consist of;-
 - (a) the Office – Bearers of the Association each of whom shall first be qualified by having been an ordinary member of the Committee of Management for at least one (1) year;
 - (b) at least three (3) ordinary members,

each of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association pursuant to rule 14.
- 2) The office-bearers of the Association shall be;-
 - (a) The President;
 - (b) The Vice-President;
 - (c) The Treasurer; and
 - (d) The Secretary
- 3) Each member of the Committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election.
- 4) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the Committee, the Committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

12.

- 1) Nominations of candidates for election as office- bearers of the Association or as ordinary members of the Committee;-
 - (a) shall only be made on the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place; and

- (b) may only be made by a member of the Association provided that;-
- a person shall not nominate himself; and
 - the person nominated consents to the nomination
- 2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and any vacant positions remaining on the Committee shall be deemed to be casual vacancies.
 - 3) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
 - 4) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
 - 5) The ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary members of the Committee shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Committee may direct
 - 6) A nomination of a candidate for election under this clause is not valid if that candidate has been nominated for election to another office at the same election.

SECRETARY

13.

- 1) The Secretary of the Association shall, 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 of;-
 - (a) all appointments of office-bearers and members of the Committee;
 - (b) the names of the members of Committee present at all committee meetings or a general meeting; and
 - (c) all proceedings at Committee meetings and general meetings.
- 3) Minutes of proceedings at a meeting shall be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.

TREASURER

14. It is the duty of the Treasurer of the Association to ensure that;-

- (a) all money due to the Association is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the Association are made;
- (b) correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the Association including full details of all receipts and expenditures connected with the activities of the Association; and
- (c) the accounts are audited as appropriate.

CASUAL VACANCIES

15. For the purposes of these rules, a casual vacancy in the office of a member of the committee occurs if the member;-

- (a) dies;
- (b) ceases to be a member of the Association;
- (c) becomes an insolvent under administration with the meaning of the Companies (new South Wales) Code;
- (d) resigns office by notice in writing given to the Secretary;
- (e) is removed from the office under rule 18;
- (f) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health; or
- (g) is absent without the consent of the Committee from all meetings of the Committee held during a period of six (6) months.

REMOVAL OF MEMBER

16. The Association in a general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the Committee 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.

MEETINGS AND QUORUM**17.**

- 1) The Committee shall meet at least three (3) times in each period of 12 months at such place and time as the Committee may determine.
- 2) Additional meetings of the Committee may be convened by the President or by any member of the Committee.
- 3) Oral or written notice of a meeting of the Committee shall be given by the Secretary to each member of the Committee at least 48 hours (or such other period as may be unanimously agreed upon by the members of the Committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
- 4) Notice of a meeting given under clause (3) shall specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business shall be transacted at the meeting, except business which the Committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.
- 5) Any three (3) members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.
- 6) No business shall be transacted by the Committee 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 stands 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 shall be dissolved.
- 8) At a meeting of the Committee;-
 - a) the President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President shall preside; or
 - b) if the President and the Vice-President are absent or unwilling to act such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by the members present at the meeting shall preside.

DELEGATION BY COMMITTEE TO SUB-COMMITTEE

18.

- 1) The Committee may, by instrument in writing, delegate to one or more sub-Committees (consisting of such member or members of the Association as the Committee thinks fit) the exercise of such of the functions of the Committee as are specified in the instrument, other than;
 - a) this power of delegation; and
 - b) a function which is a duty imposed on the committee by the Act or by any other law.
- 2) A function the exercise of which has been delegated to a sub-Committee under this rule may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time by the sub-Committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation.
- 3) A delegation under this section may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function the subject thereof, or as to time or circumstances, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation.
- 4) Notwithstanding any delegation under this rule, the Committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.
- 5) Any act or thing done or suffered by a sub-Committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this rule has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the Committee.
- 6) The committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this rule.
- 7) A sub-Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

VOTING AND DECISIONS

19.

- 1) Questions arising at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-Committee appointed by the Committee shall be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the Committee or sub-Committee present at the meeting.

- 2) Each member present at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-Committee appointed by the Committee (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 rule 19(5), the Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Committee.
- 4) Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the Committee or by a sub-Committee appointed by the Committee, is valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the Committee or sub-Committee.

PART IV - GENERAL MEETINGS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS - HOLDING OF

20.

- 1) With the exception of the first annual general meeting of the Association, the Association shall, at least once in each calendar year and within the period of six (6) months after the expiration of each financial year of the Association, convene an annual general meeting of its members.
- 2) The Association shall hold its first annual general meeting;-
 - a) within the period of 18 months after its incorporation under the Act; and
 - b) within the period of two (2) months after the expiration of the first financial year of the Association.
- 3) Clauses (1) and (2) have effect subject to any extension or permission granted by the Commission under section 26 (3) of the Act.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS – CALLING OF AND BUSINESS AT

21.

- 1) The annual general meeting of the Association shall subject to the Act and to rule 22, be convened on such date and at such place and time as the Committee thinks fit.

- 2) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at any annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting shall be;-
 - 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 Committee reports upon the activities of the Association during the last preceding financial year;
 - c) to elect office-bearers of the Association and ordinary member of the Committee; and
 - d) to receive and consider the statement which is required to be submitted to members pursuant to section 26 (6) of the Act.
- 3) An annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice conveying it

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS – CALLING OF

22.

- 1) The committee may whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Association.
- 2) The Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than 5 per cent 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) shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting;
 - b) shall be signed by the members making the requisitions;
 - c) shall be lodged with the Secretary; and
 - d) may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisitions.
- 4) If the Committee fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within one (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 three (3) months after that date.

- 5) A special general meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in clause (4) shall be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the Committee and any member who thereby incurs expense is entitled to be reimbursed by the Association for any expense so incurred.

NOTICE

23.

- 1) Except where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the Association, the Secretary shall, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause to be sent by pre-paid post to each member at the member's address appearing in the register of members, a notice specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.
- 2) Where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the Association, the Secretary shall, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be sent to each member in the manner provided in clause (1) specifying, in addition to the matter required under clause (1), the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.
- 3) No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting shall be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an annual general meeting, business which may be transacted pursuant to rule 23(2).
- 4) A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the Secretary who shall include that business in the next notice calling a general meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.
- 5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this clause, notice as required shall be deemed to be sufficiently given if such notice is included in a bulletin or publication used by the Association to keep members informed of the activities of the Association and the said bulletin or publication is sent by pre-paid post to the address of the members household appearing in the register of members.

PROCEDURE**24.**

- 1) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.
- 2) Five (5) members present in person (being members entitled under these rules 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 if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the 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 commencement of the meeting, the members present (being not less than 3) shall constitute a quorum.

PRESIDING MEMBER**25.**

- 1) The President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as chairperson at each general meeting of the Association.
- 2) If the President and the Vice-President are absent from a general meeting or unwilling to act, the members present shall elect one of their members to preside as chairperson at the meeting.
- 3) The President, or in the President's absence, the Vice-President shall be responsible for ensuring all statutory reporting requirements are complied with in a timely manner; and
- 4) The President shall for all purposes be deemed to be the Public Officer of the Association.

ADJOURNMENT

26.

- 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 shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- 2) Where a general meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the Secretary shall 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 clauses (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.

MAKING OF DECISIONS

27.

- 1) A question arising at a general meeting of the Association shall be determined on a show of hands and, unless before or on declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried 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.
- 2) At a general meeting of the Association, a poll may be demanded by the chairperson or by not less than three (3) members present in person or by proxy at the meeting.
- 3) Where a poll is demanded at a general meeting, the poll shall be taken;-
 - a. immediately in the case of a poll which relates to the election of the chairperson of the meeting or to the question of an adjournment; or
 - b. in any other case, in such manner and at such time before the close of the meeting as the chairperson directs, and the resolution of the poll on the matter shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting on that matter.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

- 28.** (1) A resolution of the Association is a special resolution if:
- a. It is passed by a two-thirds majority of those members of the Association as, being entitled under these rules of to do, vote in person or by proxy at a general meeting of which not less than 21 days written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution was given in accordance with these rules PROVIDED that a least twenty-five (25) members are present at the said general meeting.
 - b. Where it is made to appear to the commission that it is not possible or practicable for the resolution to be passed in the manner specified in paragraph (a) – the resolution is passed in a manner specified by the commission.
- (2) Any decision of the Committee involving expenditure of an amount of money equal to or exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) shall not be valid and such expenditure shall not be effected by the Association until such decision is ratified by Special Resolution of the Association at a general meeting of the Association.

VOTING

- 29.**
- 1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Association a member has one vote only.
 - 2) All votes shall be given personally or by proxy but no member may hold more than five (5) proxies.
 - 3) 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.
 - 4) A member or proxy is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Association unless all money due and payable by the member or proxy to the Association has been paid, other than the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the then current year.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES**30.**

- 1) Each member shall 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 shall be in the form set out in Appendix to these rules.

PART V – MISCELLANEOUS

31.

- 1) The Association shall effect and maintain insurance pursuant to section 44 of the Act.
- 2) In addition to the insurance required under clause (1), the Association may effect and maintain other insurance.

FUNDS – SOURCE**32.**

- 1) The funds of the Association shall be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the Association in general meeting, such other sources as the Committee determines.
- 2) All money received by the Association shall be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the Association's bank account.
- 3) The Association shall as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

FUNDS – MANAGEMENT**33.**

- 1) Subject to any resolution passed by the Association in general meeting, the funds of the Association shall be used in pursuant of the objects of the Association in such manner as the Committee determines.
- 2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two (2) members of the Committee or employees of the Association, being members or employees authorised to do so by the Committee.

ALTERATION OF OBJECTS AND RULES

34. The statement of objects and these rules may be altered, rescinded or added to only by a special resolution of the Association.

COMMON SEAL

35.

- 1) The common seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the Public Officer.
- 2) The common seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Committee and the affixing of the seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two (2) members of the Committee or of one (1) member of the Committee and of the Public Officer or Secretary.

CUSTODY OF BOOKS, ETC.

36. Except as otherwise provided by these rules, the public officer shall keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents relating to the Association.

INSPECTION OF BOOKS, ETC.

37. The records, books and other documents of the Association shall be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the Association at any reasonable hour.

SERVICE OF NOTICES

38.

- 1) For the purpose of these rules, a notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it by post to the member at the member's address shown in the register of members.
- 2) Where a document is sent to a person by properly addressing, prepaying and posting to the person a letter containing the document, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed for the purposes of these rules to have been served on the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

39.

1) If upon the winding up, dissolution or cancellation of incorporation of the Association, there remains any surplus property after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities of the Association, the said surplus property shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the Associations but shall be given or transferred;-

- a. as to one half of the said surplus property, to some other institution or institutions, Association or Associations, operating within Australia, having objects similar to this Association and which shall prohibit the distribution of it's or their income and property among it's or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on this Association under these rules such institutions or Associations to be determined by members of the Association at or before the time of winding up, dissolution or cancellation of incorporation of the Association; and
- b. as to the other half of the said surplus property to some other institution or institutions, Association or Associations being registered charities operating in Lebanon, which also prohibits the distribution of its or their income and property amongst its or their members such institution or institutions, Association or Associations to be determined by members of the Association at or before the time of winding up, dissolution or cancellation of incorporation of the Association;

PROVIDED that in the event that the Association defaults in the determination of which institutions or Associations are to received the said surplus property, such determination shall be made by the Chief Jude in Equity of the Supreme Court of New South Wales having regard to the provisions of these rules.

2) The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred by way of dividend bonus or otherwise by way of profit to the members provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants or to any members of the Association in return for any services actually rendered to the Association or for any materials or goods supplied.

PART VI - ADDITIONAL RULES APPLICABLE TO CHARITIES

APPLICATION OF PART

- 40.** This Part applies where the Association is registered under or is exempted for registration by or under the Charitable Collections Act, 1934.

PAYMENT, ETC., OF OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS

- 41.** A member of the Committee shall not be appointed to any salaried office of the Association or any office of the Association paid by fees, and no remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be given by the Association to any member of the Committee except;-
- a) Repayment of out-of-pocket expenses;
 - b) Interest at a rate not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being which is or would be charged by the Association's bankers for money lent to the Association; and
 - c) Reasonable and proper rent for premises let to the Association.

VACATION OF OFFICE

- 42.** Without limiting the operation of rule 17, the office of a member of the Committee shall become vacant if;-
- a) The member holds an office of profit in the Association;
 - b) The member is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Association.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

- 43.**
- 1) At a general meeting of the Association, the Association may notwithstanding rule 41, pass a special resolution nominating a charity registered under the Charitable Collections Act, 1934, or exempted from registration by or under that Act, in which is to vest its surplus property in the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the incorporation of the Association.
 - 2) Distribution to members of the association in form of money, property or otherwise is prohibited.

NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED ALTERATION OF RULES

44. A proposed alteration of the rules or of the statement of objects of the Association shall be notified to the Minister administering the Charitable Collections Act, 1934, in the manner required by the regulations under that Act.

COMPLIANCE WITH CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS ACT, 1934

45. The Association shall comply with such of the provisions of the Charitable Collections Act, 1934, and the regulations thereunder as are applicable to it.

APPENDIX 1
(Rule 30(2))
FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I,
(full name)

Of
(address)

Being a member of
(name of incorporated Association)

Hereby appoint
(full name of proxy)

Of
(address)

Being a member of that incorporated Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the general meeting of the Association (annual general meeting or special general meeting, as the case may be) to be held on theday of.....20

And at any adjournment of that meeting.

*My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate) the resolution (insert details).

*To be inserted if desired.

.....
Signature of member appointing proxy

Dated.....

NOTE: A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the Association.