



THE CORNISH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

CONSTITUTION

1. THE ASSOCIATION

- 1.1 The Association formed under this Constitution and hereinafter referred to as the association shall be known by the title The Cornish Association of South Australia Inc.
- 1.2 The association shall be non-party political and non-sectarian.
- 1.3 The motto of the association shall be "One and All"
- 1.4 The association shall have all the powers conferred by Section 25 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the association shall be to:

- 2.1 Foster the establishment and maintenance of fellowship of all those who have a connection with, or interest in, Cornwall.
- 2.2 Encourage and promote the appreciation of the heritage and traditions of Cornwall, and of the Cornish in South Australia.

3. PATRON

- 3.1 The patron shall be nominated by the committee and confirmed at each annual general meeting.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 All persons or organisations professing an interest in the objects of the association shall be eligible for membership.
- 4.2 The annual subscription, for the year commencing 1 July next, shall be set by the committee and confirmed at the annual general meeting.
- 4.3 Only financial members may vote, or be nominated for the committee.
- 4.4 Life membership shall be available to members.
- 4.5 Honorary life membership may be awarded by the committee for outstanding service.
- 4.6 Honorary membership may be awarded by the committee to persons during the duration of their service to the association.
- 4.7 A register of members must be kept and contain:
 - i the name and address of each member
 - ii the date on which each member was admitted to the association, and
 - iii the date and reason(s) for termination of membership

5 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- 5.1 The officers shall be a president, vice-president, an honorary secretary, and an honorary treasurer.
- 5.2 The committee shall consist of the above officers and up to six other members, to be elected at the annual general meeting.
- 5.3 Nominations of all officers must reach the secretary before the commencement of the annual general meeting, and all officers shall be elected at the annual general meeting.
- 5.4 Nominations for committee members will be accepted from the floor during the annual general meeting.
- 5.5 The public officer shall be appointed at the annual general meeting.
- 5.6 The quorum for the committee shall consist of at least one half of the committee members
- 5.7 The committee shall have the power to co-opt persons to serve on the committee until the next annual general meeting.
- 5.8 Committee members failing to attend three committee meetings in succession, without prior leave of absence or without tendering their apologies, shall be considered to have negated their position on the committee.

6 MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 The annual general meeting shall be held in the period between 1 August and 31 October.
- 6.2 Notice of all general meetings must be given at least three weeks in advance.
- 6.3 The president's report covering the year's activities of the association shall be presented at the annual general meeting.
- 6.4 The treasurer's annual report of the association's finances shall be approved and noted by the committee prior to its presentation at the annual general meeting.
- 6.5 All contested elections shall be by secret ballot.
- 6.6 An extra-ordinary general meeting shall be called by the secretary if requested by
 - i the president, or
 - ii three committee members, or
 - iii ten members
- 6.7 Payment of accounts shall be approved by the committee, and two signatories shall be required for cheques.
- 6.8 The constitution may be amended at the annual general meeting, or a special general meeting. At least one months' notice of amendments shall be given to all members. Amendments shall be deemed passed only if voted for by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the meeting.
- 6.9 The interpretation of the constitution, or any question arising out of or not provided for in the constitution, shall be at the discretion of the committee, whose decision thereon shall be final and binding on all members.
- 6.10 Management and control shall be vested in the committee, which shall act under the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 and subsequent amendments and regulations, and the constitution and bylaws of the association.

7. BRANCHES

7.1 Branches of the association may be created, under the bylaws of the association.

8. WINDING UP

8.1 Upon the winding up of the association, any property, real or personal, remaining, shall not be distributed among members, but shall be transferred to any branch of the association, or some other association or associations having objects wholly, or in part, similar to the objects of the association.

Adopted at the annual general meeting held on 20 August 2019.