



South Australian Local Government Financial Management Group Inc

A G E N D A

2018 Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday, 31 August 2018

Breakfast: 7:45am

Guest Speaker Presentation: 8:00am – Andrew Leunig

AGM: 9:00am to 10:00am

Venue: Adelaide Zoo Sanctuary, Gate 1 Plane Tree Drive Adelaide SA 5000

1. Apologies

- Annette Martin
- Craig Mudge
- David Hope
- John Wright

2. Confirmation of Minutes

***Recommendation:** That the minutes of the SALGFMG AGM held on 25 August 2017 are confirmed as a true and correct record.*

3. Business Arising from Minutes

4. President's Report

***Recommendation:** That the President's report be noted.*

5. Treasurer's Report

***Recommendation:** That the Treasurer's report and audited financial statements for 2017/18 be noted.*

6. Election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members

***Recommendation:** That the Returning Officer's report be noted and that all Executive Committee Members be duly elected commencing today until the 2019 Annual General Meeting.*

7. Appointment of Auditor

Recommendation: That Ian McDonald be provided with a letter of engagement as Auditor of the SA Local Government Financial Management Group for the 2018/19 financial year.

8. Constitution

Recommendation: That the Constitution be adopted as amended.

9. Setting of Fees

Recommendation: That the Membership fees for 2018/19 be increased from \$120 (incl. GST) to \$125 (incl. GST) for renewing members and from \$145 (incl. GST) to \$150 (incl. GST) for new members. It is to be noted that there was no membership fee increase in 2017/18.

10. Membership

Recommendation: That Mick Wetherall be offered Honorary Membership in recognition of his significant contributions to the Group.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT GROUP Inc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2018



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Statement of Income and Expenditure For the period ending 30 June 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
<u>Income</u>		
Membership subscriptions	22,554	22,161
Seminars and events	75,108	80,941
Sponsorship	87,027	74,227
Projects and new initiatives	20,374	39,652
Investment income	3,361	3,236
Other income	1,124	3,436
<i>Total income</i>	209,549	223,654
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Seminars and events	141,026	143,690
Projects and new initiatives	17,824	39,652
Newsletter and website	7,118	6,415
Accounting, secretarial and office expenses	18,015	17,567
Other expenditure	11,827	10,061
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	195,810	217,385
Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	13,739	6,269



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Balance Sheet As at 30 June 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash & cash equivalents	210,691	266,734
Accounts receivable	3,635	17,640
Accrued interest	-	670
Prepayments	13,773	8,125
	228,099	293,169
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	548	2,721
Income in advance	24,355	93,439
Tax payable	(329)	7,223
Total Liabilities	24,573	103,383
Net Assets	203,526	189,787
Accumulated Surplus		
At beginning of period	189,787	183,518
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for year	13,739	6,269
Accumulated surplus at end of period	203,526	189,787



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Statement of Cashflow For the year ended 30 June 2018

		2018 \$	2017 \$
Investment income		4,031	3,373
Membership subscriptions		22,554	22,161
Receipts - Other		128,555	209,758
Payments - Other		(211,183)	(205,764)
Net cash provided by/(used) by operating activities	5	<u>(56,043)</u>	<u>29,527</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of reporting period		266,734	237,207
Cash & cash equivalents at end of reporting period	5	<u>210,691</u>	<u>266,734</u>



Notes to the Annual Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 1 - Statement of significant accounting policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use only by the Association.

The Association has determined that it is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards.

AASB 1031: Materiality

AASB 110: Events occurring after reporting date.

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authorities pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of current valuations of non-current assets.

Note 2 - Income

Seminars and events

	2018 \$	2017 \$
AGM	273	-
Seminar March	33,823	27,514
Seminar December	41,013	53,427
Sponsorship	87,027	74,227
	162,136	155,168

Projects and new initiatives

Better Practice Model	12,686	3,265
Fees & Charges Project	4,988	36,388
	17,674	39,652

Note 3 - Expenditure

Seminars and events

AGM	16,179	7,033
Seminar March	40,133	46,326
Seminar December	84,714	90,331
	141,026	143,690



Notes to the Annual Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 4 - Income in advance

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
LGA R&D - Better Practice Model	-	12,686
LGA R&D - Fee & Charges Project	5,037	10,025
LGA R&D - Long Term Financial Plan	20,000	20,000
Sponsorship	-	50,619
Membership subscriptions	-	109
	<u>25,037</u>	<u>93,439</u>

Note 5 - Cash and cash equivalents

Reconciliation Cash from operating activities		
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	13,739	6,269
(increase)/decrease in receivables	9,027	(12,606)
increase/(decrease) in creditors	(78,809)	35,865
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(56,043)</u>	<u>29,528</u>
Cash at bank - NAB	18,233	77,601
NAB Corporate debit cards	10,000	10,000
Deposit held at call with the LGFA	182,458	179,133
	<u>210,691</u>	<u>266,734</u>

To the Member of the South Australian Local Government Financial Management Group Inc. Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the attached financial statements, being a special purpose financial report, of The South Australian Local Government Financial Management Group Inc. (Association), for the year ended 30 June 2018.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of the Association are properly drawn up:

- a) to present fairly the financial position of the Association as at the 30 June 2018 and the results of its operations for the period then ended, and;
- b) according to applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

For the audit of the Association we have maintained our independence in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Section 290. We believe that the audit evidence that we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985 and regulations. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the members.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Report

The Board of Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985 and regulations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedule is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement in the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Ian G McDonald FCA
Registered Company Auditor

Dated at Grange this 9th day of August 2018

Constitution

The South Australian Local Government Financial Management Group Inc. (SALGFMG) is an active incorporated body which has over ~~200-190~~ members representing over 95% of all Councils.

Adopted 25 August 2017





**CONSTITUTION OF THE
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT GROUP INC.**

**Adopted 25 August 2017 Draft as at July 2018
(post consultation and adopted by the
Executive Committee)**

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1. Name

The name of the Group shall be The South Australian Local Government Financial Management Group Inc.

To be known as Financial Management Group (FMG), referred to herein as “the Group”.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Group are:

- 2.1** To unite in a common organisation, persons who have a professional interest in Local Government in South Australia, including the following functions:
 - 2.1.1** Treasury
 - 2.1.2** Accounting Services
 - 2.1.3** Budgeting
 - 2.1.4** Financial Management
 - 2.1.5** Asset Management
 - 2.1.6** Financial Governance
- 2.2** To provide a forum for discussion of financial, accounting issues relevant to the Local Government sector.
- 2.3** To promote and facilitate the interchange of information, procedures and policies to support continuous improvement in the areas of interest of the Group.
- 2.4** To promote the status of the Group's Members' by facilitating appropriate education/professional development for persons operating in the sphere of the Group's activities of financial management.
- 2.5** To review current and proposed legislation with a view to promoting united submissions regarding proposed changes.
- 2.6** To provide a forum for discussion of the applicability of generally accepted accounting principles and the adherence to the standards developed by the accounting bodies.
- 2.7** To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Group.



- 2.8** To support and encourage co-operation/liaison with other relevant, professional organisations.
- 2.9** To provide representation on special interest working parties and committees relating to Local Government issues.
- 2.10** To promote and develop employment opportunities in Local Government for the functions identified in Clause 2.1.
- 2.11** Promote the finance discipline within Local Government as a satisfying and rewarding environment within which to work.
- 2.12** To provide leadership to and advocacy on behalf of its members in relation to issues relevant to the finance function of Local Government.

3. Powers

The Group shall have the following powers:

- 3.1** The powers conferred by Section 25 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 ("the Act") to the extent that such powers are not excluded or modified by implication by the provisions of this clause.
- 3.2** To acquire, hold, sell, lease, hire, gift, exchange, partition, invest or otherwise dispose of or deal with the whole or any part of the real or personal property of the Group or any interest in it as fully and effectually as if they were the absolute powers.
- 3.3** Subject to Section 53 of the Act to invite and accept deposits of money from any person on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Committee from time to time.
- 3.4** To borrow or raise money for the objects and purposes of the Group and for all incidental purposes with or without giving security over any real or personal assets of the Group and otherwise upon such terms or conditions approved by the Executive Committee.
- 3.5** To invest in any investment of which the Executive Committee approves or in the purchase or improvement of any real or personal property and to vary and transpose any such investments.
- 3.6** To pay all expenses and outgoings incidental to the objects and purposes of the Group.
- 3.7** To enter into any contracts, agreements, arrangements or understandings considered necessary by the Executive Committee.



- 3.8** To employ, hire, appoint, remove, terminate or suspend employees, agents, contractors or consultants for any purpose that the Executive Committee approves and to determine the fees, salaries, wages, commissions or remuneration for such employees, agents, contractors and consultants.
- 3.9** To improve, repair and maintain and insure against loss or damage of the Group's property and to pay all outgoings properly payable in respect of the Group's property.
- 3.10** To do all things necessary or considered desirable for the purposes of implementing the objectives and purposes of the Group.
- 3.11** To make rules, laws and by-laws in respect of all matters relating to the objectives and purposes of the Group as it sees fit.

4. Membership

4.1 General Membership

General Membership is open to any person employed in the Local Government sector or to any person having an interest in the activities of the Group and Members shall be classified into one of the following categories of Membership.

4.1.1 Ordinary Member

4.1.2 Honorary Member

4.1.3 Life Member

Criteria and definitions for the types of membership is provided for in the Membership Guidelines. The Guidelines must be read in conjunction with the Constitution.

4.2 Eligibility for Membership

- 4.2.1** Eligibility for Membership of the Group by any individual shall be decided by the Executive Committee having regard to the criteria and definitions provided in the Membership Guidelines.
- 4.2.2** Membership of the Group shall be for one (1) year commencing 1 September and concluding 31 August.
- 4.2.3** Any person who wishes to become a Member of the Group shall make application in writing in such form as the Executive Committee shall prescribe from time to time. Upon the acceptance of the application by the Executive Committee and payment of the first annual subscription the applicant shall be a Member of the Group.



4.3 Professional Conduct

A member must display high standards of integrity, objectivity and confidentiality and must not:

- 4.3.1** breach the constitution;
- 4.3.2** be guilty of dishonourable practice in any profession or undertaking;
- 4.3.3** be guilty of conduct which is derogatory to or not in the best interests of the Group;
- 4.3.4** fail to observe a proper standard of professional care, skill or competence.

4.4 Resignation of a Member

A Member may resign from the Group by giving written notice to the Secretariat of the Group. Any Member so resigning shall be liable for any outstanding subscription fees. Subscription fees that have already been paid in full prior to resignation of the Member will not be refunded by the Group.

4.5 Termination of Membership

The Executive Committee may by resolution, terminate the membership of any Member on the basis that the Executive Committee is satisfied that the Member no longer meets the eligibility criteria.

4.6 Expulsion of a Member

- 4.6.1** Subject to giving a Member an opportunity to be heard or to make a written submission, the Executive Committee may resolve to expel a member upon a charge of misconduct detrimental to the interests of the Group.
- 4.6.2** Particulars of the charge shall be communicated to the Member at least one (1) calendar month before the meeting of the Executive Committee at which the matter will be determined.
- 4.6.3** The determination of the Executive Committee shall be communicated to the Member, and in the event of an adverse determination the Member shall, subject to Clause 4.6.4, cease to be a Member fourteen (14) days after the Executive Committee has communicated its determination to him or her.



4.6.4 It shall be open to a Member to appeal to the Group at a General Meeting against the expulsion. The intention to appeal shall be communicated to the Secretary of the Group within fourteen (14) days after the determination of the Executive Committee has been communicated to the Member.

4.6.5 In the event of an appeal under Clause 4.6.4 the appellant's membership of the Group shall not be terminated unless the determination of the Executive Committee to expel the Member is upheld by the Members of the Group at a General Meeting after the appellant has been heard.

4.7 Fees and Subscriptions

4.7.1 The Members at a General Meeting may from time to time determine entrance fees/subscriptions for Membership.

4.7.2 No fees/subscriptions shall be payable by Honorary or Life Members of the Group.

4.7.3 Fees/Subscriptions shall be due and payable in advance on the first day of September each year.

4.7.4 If the subscription of any Member remains unpaid for a period in excess of three (3) months from the due date of such subscription, the Member first having been given notice thereof, the Membership of such Member shall lapse. A Member whose Membership has lapsed may reinstate the Membership by paying all outstanding subscriptions.

4.7.5 Membership and membership fees are not transferrable.

5. Management

5.1 Management of the Group shall be vested in an Executive Committee of not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty six (26) Executive Committee Members including the Office Bearers of the Group, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Only one (1) Executive Committee member may be appointed to the committee per individual Council. An Executive Committee member must be an employee of a South Australian Council at the time of nomination.

5.2 The Office Bearers of the Group shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected by the Members at the Annual General Meeting prior to the election of the remainder of the Executive Committee Members.



- 5.3** The Office Bearers shall have at least twelve (12) months standing as a Member of the Executive Committee and Executive Committee Members must have been a Member of the Group for at least twelve (12) months.
- 5.4** The Executive Committee shall meet as often as may be required to conduct the business of the Group but not less than four (4) times in each calendar year.
- 5.5** An Executive Committee Member should make every effort to~~may~~ appoint a proxy for an Executive Committee or Project Workgroup meeting provided that proxy is a financial member of the Group.
- 5.6** The quorum of an Executive Committee shall be half the number of Executive Committee Members plus one (1).
- 5.7** The President or any three (3) other Members of the Executive Committee shall have power to call a meeting of the Executive Committee. Notice of meetings shall be given at the previous Executive Committee Meeting or by seven (7) days written notice distributed to all Executive Committee Members, or in an emergency, by such other notice as shall be ratified by the Executive Committee.
- 5.8** An Office Bearer or Member of the Executive Committee shall cease to hold such Office upon:
- 5.8.1** Resignation in writing.
 - 5.8.2** Expulsion as a member of the Group.
 - 5.8.3** Absence for three (3) successive Executive Committee Meetings without sending a Proxy or an explanation acceptable to the Executive Committee.
 - 5.8.4** Death.
 - 5.8.5** Becoming ineligible for membership.
 - 5.8.6** Being so mentally or physically incapacitated as to be unable to carry out official duties satisfactorily.
 - 5.8.7** Being convicted of an indictable offence.
 - 5.8.8** Removal of such Office Bearer or Member of the Executive Committee upon a resolution being passed by the members of the Group at a General Meeting removing such Office Bearer or Members of the Executive Committee.
- 5.9** Vacancies unfilled or arising in the Office Bearers or other Executive Committee Members may be filled by the Executive Committee by co-opting Members for the unexpired period of the term.



- 5.10** The Executive Committee may function validly notwithstanding any vacancies so long as its number is not reduced below the quorum.
- 5.11** The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint such Officers and employees or establish such sub-committees/workgroups as are required to carry out the objects of the Group and may delegate any of its powers to such Officers, employees and sub-committees/workgroups, provided that those Officers, employees and sub-committees/workgroups shall meet as they see fit or as directed by the Executive Committee and shall report to the Executive Committee on a regular basis.
- 5.12** The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall meet to carry out the day to day business of the Group, together with any other business delegated by the Executive Committee and shall report to the subsequent Executive Committee Meeting.
- 5.13** All Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members shall assume office on the day following the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected and hold office until the next occurring Annual General Meeting, at which time they will be eligible for re-election to the Executive Committee.
- 5.14** When an Office Bearer or Member of the Executive Committee may directly or indirectly benefit from a resolution or decision of the Executive Committee then he/she must declare an interest in that item and remove himself/herself from the room where the Executive Committee meeting is being convened for the duration of that item.

6. General Meetings

- 6.1** General Meetings shall include the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting.
- 6.2** Written notice of not more than twenty eight (28) days nor less than seven (7) days, of all General Meetings shall be given to all Members. Such notice shall state the date, place and hour of the Meeting, and in the case of a Special General Meeting, the nature of the business to be conducted at the Meeting.
 - 6.2.1** The Executive Committee will call the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the requirements of this clause.
 - 6.2.2** A Special General Meeting may be called by the President or two (2) Executive Committee Members or three (3) Members of the Group.
- 6.3** The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt thereof by any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.
- 6.4** Members shall each be entitled to one (1) vote at any General Meeting.



- 6.5** A quorum at any General Meeting shall be twenty (20) Members.
- 6.6** If at any General Meeting there is no quorum within thirty (30) minutes of the time appointed for the meeting then a majority of Members present may decide to adjourn the Meeting to a future date.
- 6.7** The Annual General Meeting shall be held once in each calendar year.
- 6.8** The Audited Financial Statements shall be distributed to Members not more than three (3) months after the close of the financial year which shall be 30 June.
- 6.9** The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - 6.9.1** To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings if any. No discussion shall be permitted thereon except as to the accuracy of the minutes.
 - 6.9.2** To receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Group and the Audited Financial Statements for the preceding financial year.
 - 6.9.3** To elect Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members of the Group for the ensuing year.
 - 6.9.4** To elect Auditors for the ensuing year.
 - 6.9.5** To transact business of which at least seven (7) days prior notice has been given.
 - 6.9.6** To determine the amount of annual subscriptions for Members for the following financial year.
 - 6.9.7** To adopt a revised Constitution if applicable.
 - 6.9.8** To confirm any Honorary or Life members.

7. Voting at General Meetings

- 7.1** Only Ordinary or Life Members shall be entitled to vote.
- 7.2** Voting shall be by show of hands except that:
 - 7.2.1** Any contested election at an Annual General Meeting or otherwise shall be conducted by secret ballot.
 - 7.2.2** The meeting may, by a show of hands require any other vote to be by poll or secret ballot.



- 7.3** At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the Meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded:
- 7.3.1** by the Chairperson; or
- 7.3.2** by at least three (3) Members present in person or by proxy.
- 7.4** A declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has been carried or lost and an entry to that effect in the Minutes is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.
- 7.5** Demand for a poll may be withdrawn.
- 7.6** Voting may be by proxy. The proxy must produce written notice of their appointment as proxy for any Member of the Group to the Chairperson prior to any matter being put to the vote at a meeting.

8. President

- 8.1** The President shall be Chairperson of all General Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings, but if he/she shall not be present within five (5) minutes after the time appointed for the same, or shall be unwilling to act, the Vice President or Secretary shall be Chairperson of such meetings, and if no Vice President or Secretary shall be present within five (5) minutes after the time appointed for the Meeting or be unwilling to act, the Members present shall appoint one (1) of their number to be Chairperson.
- 8.2** The President together with the Secretariat shall prepare the agenda for Executive Committee and General Meetings.

9. Treasurer

- 9.1** The Treasurer shall cause monies received to be paid into such account or accounts authorised by the Executive Committee in the name of the Group. Payments shall be by electronic funds transfer approved by two (2) Executive Committee Members authorised by the Executive Committee for that purpose, or by cheque signed by two (2) Executive Committee Members authorised by the Executive Committee for that purpose, provided that there shall be not more than five (5) Executive Committee Members so authorised by the Executive Committee. Major or unusual expenditures shall be authorised in advance by the Executive Committee or a General Meeting.
- 9.2** The Treasurer shall cause records to be kept of all receipts and payments and other financial transactions which records shall be available for inspection by any Member upon request.



9.3 The Treasurer shall cause to be prepared financial budgets and statements and shall submit a report on the finances to each Executive Committee Meeting.

9.4 The Treasurer shall present audited accounts to the Annual General Meeting.

10. Vice President

10.1 The Vice President shall assist the President and the Secretary and deputise for the President when the President is absent.

10.2 In the absence of the Secretary and Secretariat, the Vice President shall be appointed as Minute Secretary.

10.3 The Vice President shall assist the President to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Group.

11. Secretary and Secretariat

11.1 The Secretary shall assist the President and deputise for the Vice President when the Vice President is absent.

11.2 The Secretariat shall be the Public Officer of the Group.

11.3 The Secretariat shall call meetings in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

11.4 The Secretariat shall cause records to be kept of the business of the Group, including the Constitution and Policies, records of Members, a register of minutes of meetings and of notices, a file of correspondence and records of submissions or reports made by or on behalf of the Group.

11.5 In the absence of the Secretary and Secretariat, the Vice President shall be appointed as Minute Secretary. In the absence of both the Secretary, Secretariat and Vice President, another Member shall be appointed by the Executive Committee Members as Minute Secretary.

11.6 The Secretary shall be responsible for obtaining insurance information for the Group to be provided to the Executive Committee for decision.



12. Elections and Duties of Chairperson

12.1 Voting

The Chairperson at any meeting shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

12.2 Balanced Participation

The Chairperson shall encourage full balanced participation in meetings by all Members and shall decide on matters of order.

12.3 Dissent

In the event of a motion of dissent being moved and seconded, the Chairperson shall vacate his/her position in favour of an alternative Chairperson for the duration of that item. The Chairperson may then speak in support of the ruling.

13. Rules

The Group may make, alter or repeal such Rules as may be deemed necessary for the conduct and management of the affairs of the Group.

14. Amendment of Constitution and Rules

14.1 This Constitution may be repealed, altered or amended by resolution of three-quarters of Members present and voting at a General Meeting. Not less than seven (7) days written notice including a copy of the proposed repeal, alteration or amendment must be given to all Members at the address listed in the books of the Group.

14.2 A General Meeting may make, repeal, alter or amend Rules for the proper administration of meetings or business of the Group provided that not less than seven (7) days written notice, including notice of any proposed new Rules, or the repeal, alteration or amendment of any such Rules has been distributed to all Members.

15. Finances and Property

15.1 Members who by authority of the Executive Committee accept or incur any pecuniary liability on behalf of the Group shall be indemnified against any personal loss in respect of such liability.

15.2 The income, property and funds of the Group shall be used and applied solely towards the promotion of the objects and shall not be paid or transferred to the Members or relatives of Members provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith to any person in return for services actually rendered.



16. Dissolution of the Group

- 16.1** The Group may be dissolved in the manner provided for under the Associations Incorporation Act (1985) which requires a special resolution by approval of not less than three quarters of Members present and voting at a General Meeting called for that purpose of which not less than twenty one (21) days written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution including notice of the proposed dissolution has been given to all Members.
- 16.2** Subject to Clause 16.1 above, upon dissolution of the Group, all property of the Group, whether real or personal, remaining after payment of all debts and legal liabilities shall be transferred to such other body formed for promoting similar objects or for charitable objects as shall be approved by the Group provided that if the Group shall have been approved pursuant to Section 78(1) of the Income Tax Assessment Act then such other body shall also be so approved.

17. Auditor

- 17.1** At each general meeting the members shall appoint a person to be Auditor of the Group providing that person:
- 17.1.1** is a registered company Auditor, a firm of registered company Auditors, a person who is a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia;
- 17.1.2** if a Member of the Group, is not an Executive Committee Member.
- The terms of engagement of an Auditor will be agreed and signed at the time of appointment.
- 17.2** The Auditor shall have access at all times to the financial books, accounts and vouchers of the Group and shall be entitled to require from Executive Committee Members, Officers and Office Bearers of the Group such information or explanations as he/she may deem necessary for the performance of his/her duties.
- 17.3** The Auditor shall audit the Annual Balance Sheet and Statements of Accounts and present a report at the Annual General Meeting.
- 17.4** The Auditor shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting and is eligible for re-appointment.
- 17.5** If an appointment is not made at an Annual General Meeting or the Auditor ceases to act during the year, the committee shall appoint an Auditor for the current financial year.



18. Notices

A Notice may be given by the Group to any Member by sending it by post to the registered address of the Member, or by email. Where Notice is sent by post, service of the Notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter.

19. Common Seal

- 19.1** The common seal of the Group must not be affixed to a document except to give effect to a resolution of the Executive Committee.
- 19.2** The affixation of the common seal must be attested by the President, or Vice President and Secretary of the Group.
- 19.3** An apparently genuine document purporting to bear the common seal of the Group and the signatures of the President or Vice President and Secretary of the Group attesting the affixation of the seal will, in the absence of proof to the contrary, be taken to have been duly executed by the Group.
- 19.4** The common seal of the Group must be kept in the custody of the Secretary.

20. Indemnity

- 20.1** Every person who is or has been a member of the Executive Committee or Officer of the Group or its related bodies corporate is indemnified to the maximum extent permitted by law out of the property of the Group against any liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by that person:
 - 20.1.1** in defending any proceedings relating to that person's position with the Group, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in that person's favour or in which that person is acquitted or which proceedings are withdrawn before judgment; or
 - 20.1.2** in connection with any application in relation to any proceedings relating to that person's position with the Group, whether civil or criminal, in which relief is granted to that person under the Act by the Court.
- 20.2** Every person who is or has been a member of the Executive Committee or Officer of the Group or its related bodies corporate is indemnified to the maximum extent permitted by law out of the property of the Group against any liability incurred by the person as such a member of the Executive Committee or Officer to another person (other than the Group or its related bodies corporate) unless the liability arises out of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust of which such member or Officer may be guilty in relation to the Group.



- 20.3** The Group may confirm the indemnities in this clause by separate contract with or on behalf of one or more of the person's mentioned in this clause.
- 20.4** The Group need not indemnify a person under this clause in respect of a liability to the extent that the person is entitled to an indemnity in respect of that liability under a contract of insurance.
- 20.5** Where a person seeks to rely on the indemnity contained in this clause that person shall:
- 20.5.1** immediately notify the Group of any claim which gives rise or could give rise to a liability of the group to that person;
 - 20.5.2** permit the Group to conduct any negotiations and legal proceedings in respect of a claim in the name of the person and to have the sole arrangement and control of such negotiations or proceedings and to settle or compromise a claim or make any admission or payment in relation thereto;
 - 20.5.3** not make any admission without the prior written consent of the Group; and
 - 20.5.4** promptly render all reasonable assurance and co-operation as requested by the Group.