

AUSTRALIAN TRADITIONAL & BUSH DANCE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC—CONSTITUTION

- 1) NAME:- The name of the society shall be Australian Traditional & Bush Dance Society of South Australia Inc.
- 2) AIMS & OBJECTIVES
 - a) To foster & perpetuate Australian traditional & bush dancing in South Australia as a recreational activity.
 - b) Improve the standard of dancing of Society members & other interested parties.
 - c) Encourage the participation of musicians & bands in the Society's dances and practice evenings.
 - d) Establish a library of recorded music and dance instructions for the use of Society members.
 - e) Keep members informed of both local & interstate activities related to the Society's function.
 - f) Encourage those members who wish to become dance callers.
 - g) Hold regular dance sessions, at least twice per month that will enhance the social activities of the Society members through the dance.

3) POWERS

The Society shall have the following powers conferred by section 25 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985.

- a) acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of, any real or personal property; and
- b) administer any property on trust; and
- c) open and operate ADI (authorized deposit-taking institution) accounts; and
- d) invest its moneys-
 - (i) in any security in which trust moneys may, by Act of Parliament, be invested; or
 - (ii) in any other manner authorized by the rules of the association; and
- e) appoint agents to transact any business of the association on its behalf; and
- f) enter into any other contract it considers necessary or desirable.

4) MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership of the Society shall be open to any person expressing the aims and objectives of the Society.
- b) The Committee shall have the power to expel from the Society and cancel the membership of any member guilty of a breach of the Constitution or whose conduct is considered by the Committee detrimental to the well being of the Society.
- c) Non members may be admitted to the Society's practice evenings, with the first (1st) night free, then at the same rate as members for two occasions in any 12 month period, thereafter the rate will be twice that of the membership rate.

5) OFFICE BEARERS

The office bearers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Committee of five (5). All office bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office for a term of one year. All members are eligible for re-election. No member shall hold the office of President, for a greater period than three (3) consecutive years.

[Note: for the filling of vacancies arising between AGMs see 9(b) below.]

6) DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

In addition to any other powers hereby conferred the Committee shall:

- a) Convene all meetings of the Society and arrange agenda.
- b) Confirm the minutes of the AGM or any general meeting so as to facilitate the resolutions being put into effect.
- c) Be responsible for the safe custody of all properties of the Society.
- d) Receive the subscriptions and any monies of the Society & apply same to the objects of the Society.
- e) Generally conduct and guide the affairs of the Society in accordance with its aims and objectives stated above.

7) DUTIES OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

a) President

The President shall preside over all meetings of the Committee & Society, preserve order, enforce rules, put all motions & announce the result of same. Shall give casting vote when necessary and announce all results of voting and balloting. Consistently conduct all meetings under the usual rules of debate. Shall be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees appointed by the Society or Committee. Shall be one of the joint signatories for the payment of monies authorized by the Society or Committee. Shall have the power to call special meetings of the Society Members or Committee Members, with 21 days notice required.

b) Vice-President

The Vice-President shall assist the President and will act in that position during the absence of the President. Shall be one of the joint signatories for the payment of monies authorized by the Society or Committee.

c) Secretary

The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Society, distribute minutes to the Committee and display a copy on the notice board, keep a register of members and keep a record of all correspondence. Shall be one of the joint signatories for the payment of monies authorized by the Society or Committee. Generally carry out such duties as may normally be allocated, as Secretary of the Society.

d) Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep accounting records as are necessary to correctly record and explain the financial transactions and financial position of the Society. Shall present a financial report at committee meetings and shall present an Operating Statement and Bank Reconciliation at the AGM signed by the Auditor. The accounts to be audited annually by an Auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Cheques to be signed by two office holders. (President, Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer).

8) SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) Each person on being accepted as a member of the Society shall pay an annual subscription, due on the 1st of December.
- b) The annual subscription for membership shall be determined at the AGM.
- c) Fees shall be paid for each attendance at normal Society dance sessions as determined by the Committee.

(Children to be classified as such when 15 years & under).

9) MEETINGS

a) AGM

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October of each year.

b) COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet at least once in each two (2) month period. Should any member absent themselves from three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse, the Committee can declare the position vacant. A position declared vacant during the year can be filled by the Committee co-opting another Society member for the duration of that term of office. The Committee may co-opt further Society members to assist them in carrying out the aims and objectives of the Society. These additional co-opted members may not vote at committee meetings.

c) RESCISSION OF RESOLUTIONS

Notice of intention to move the rescinding of a resolution must be tabled in writing and submitted to the Committee and dealt with at the next committee meeting. Proposer or Seconder shall be present at the reading of such motion.

d) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Fifteen (15%) per cent of total members may petition a Special General Meeting. The reason for requesting such a meeting must be stated in the petition.

10) QUORUM

- a) Five members of the Committee will form a quorum to transact any authorized business.
- b) Thirty per cent plus one of the financial members will form a quorum at a General Meeting, Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

11) FINANCE

- a) The income and property of the Society whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Society and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Society or their relatives provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the Society or to any member of the Society in return for any services actually rendered to the Society or reasonable and proper rent for premises let by any members to the Society.
- b) Closure: Should the Society become defunct a meeting of all financial members will be called to dispose of all assets and monies to "The National Heart Foundation". Dissolution of the Society will be in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 as amended from time to time.
- c) The Financial year shall be from September 1st to August 31st.

12) LIABILITY

If a member shall incur a liability on behalf of the Society he/she shall have such liability met by the Society so as not to incur a loss, except where a member has mismanaged or contravened the Society's constitutional rules.

13) ALTERATIONS

The foregoing Rules shall be binding upon all meetings, and alterations to, additions to or rescission of the Rules shall not be permitted unless a majority of members present at a General Meeting have by resolution agreed to it and provided that at least one calendar month notice in writing of such alterations, additions or rescission shall have been lodged with the Secretary, and that 21 days notice of the General Meeting has been given to members.