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CONSTITUTION OF CANBERRA POLICE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB LIMITED

A Company Limited by Guarantee

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1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

In this Constitution, unless context otherwise requires, or contrary intention appears:

- (a) Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
- **(b) ACNC** means the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission.
- (c) ACNC Act means the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth).
- (d) AFP means the Australian Federal Police.
- **(e) AFP Member** means any person who, at the relevant time, is a current or a former employee of the AFP.
- (f) Annual General Meeting means a General Meeting held annually in accordance with rule 12.1.
- (g) ASIC means the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.
- (a) Board means all of the Directors acting collectively under, and in accordance with, this Constitution.
- (h) Board Meeting means a meeting of the Board held in accordance with rule 10.
- (i) Business Day means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday in the Australian Capital Territory.
- (j) Chairperson means the Director who is appointed as the chairperson under rule 7.4.
- **(k) Charity** means an entity registered as a charity with the ACNC pursuant to the *Charities Act 2013* (Cth).
- (I) Committee means a group of persons forming a committee as established by the Board in accordance with rule 19.1.
- (m) Company means the Canberra Police Community Youth Club Limited.
- (n) Constitution means this constitution of the Company, including all annexures, schedules and documents annexed to it.
- (o) Civilian means any person who is not an AFP Member.
- (p) Deductible Gift Recipient means any entity or fund endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a deductible gift recipient at the relevant time.
- (q) **Deputy Chairperson** means the Director who is appointed as the deputy chairperson under rule 6.4.
- (r) Director means a natural person who is a director of the Company at the relevant time.
- (s) Extraordinary General Meeting means a meeting requisitioned in accordance with rule 12.3 and held in accordance with rule 13.
- **General Meeting** means a meeting of Members held in accordance with rule 13, and includes the Annual General Meeting.
- (u) Information System means a system for generating, sending, receiving, storing, or otherwise processing electronic communications.
- (v) Member means any individual that is listed as a member of the Company in the Register from time to time, and all of those members together (as applicable).
- (w) Membership Fee means the fee in accordance with, and as determined by rule 5.4
- (x) Objects means the objects of the Company as specified in rule 3.1.
- (y) Officer means an officer of the Company and includes all Directors and Secretaries.

- (z) Ordinary Resolution means a resolution which is passed when a majority (more than fifty percent (50%)) of the votes cast by those present and entitled to vote on the resolution are votes in favour of that resolution.
- (aa) Register means the register of Members kept in accordance sections 168 and 169 of the Act.
- (bb) Secretary means the person appointed at the relevant time as the secretary under rule 8.
- (cc) Special Resolution means a resolution which is passed when at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes cast by those present and entitled to vote on the resolution are votes in favour of that resolution.

1.2 General

In this Constitution, subject always to the Act and unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) words in singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (b) each gender includes the other genders;
- (c) if a word or phrase is defined its other grammatical forms have corresponding meanings;
- (d) the use of the word "including" (or any variation thereof) does not limit the generality of the subject matter which precedes it;
- (e) any covenants or obligations which bind two (2) or more persons bind them jointly and each of them severally;
- (f) a reference to:
 - (i) a person includes a partnership, joint venture, unincorporated or incorporated association, corporation and a government or statutory body or authority;
 - (ii) a person includes the person's executors, administrators, successors, substitutes and permitted assigns;
 - (iii) anything (including any amount) includes either the whole or any part of that thing;
 - (iv) an obligation includes a warranty or representation and a reference to a failure to comply with an obligation includes a breach of warranty or representation;
 - (v) a right includes a benefit, remedy, discretion and power;
 - (vi) time is to local time in the Australian Capital Territory;
 - (vii) "\$" or "dollars" is a reference to Australian currency;
 - (viii) this Constitution, or any other document referred to in this Constitution, includes the Constitution or document as novated, amended or varied from time to time;
 - (ix) writing includes:
 - (A) any mode of representing or reproducing words in tangible and permanently visible form, and includes facsimile transmission; and
 - (B) words created or stored in any electronic medium and retrievable in perceivable form;
 - (x) a group of persons includes all of them together, any two (2) or more of them together and each of them separately;
 - (xi) any rule means that rule in this Constitution;
 - (xii) legislation includes:
 - (A) any legislation passed in modification or amendment to that legislation;
 - (B) any legislation made in substitution for that legislation; and

 (C) any subordinate legislation including any rules, regulations, or by-laws made under that legislation,

from time to time;

- (g) where time is to be calculated by reference to a day or event, that day or the day of that event is included:
- (h) where general expressions are used in connection with (including in conferring) powers, discretions or things, those expressions are not limited to or restricted by the particular powers, discretions or things;
- (i) words and expressions conferring or granting any authority or permission do not, and are not intended to, denote directions or compulsory trusts; and
- the headings in this Constitution are for convenience only and do not affect its interpretation or construction.

2. PRELIMINARY

2.1 Company Limited by Guarantee

(a) The Company is limited by guarantee and the liability of Members is limited as provided in this Constitution.

2.2 Company Name

(a) The name of the Company is Canberra Police Community Youth Club Limited.

2.3 Exclusion of Replaceable Rules

(a) The replaceable rules referred to in the Act do not apply to the Company and are replaced by the rules set out in this Constitution.

2.4 Key Concept

For the purposes of this Constitution:

- (a) the term youth refers to any and all persons under the age of twenty-five (25) years; and
- (b) the term **vulnerable youth** refers to any and all youth who are, or may be at risk of becoming:
 - vulnerable due to their circumstance, attributes, or impact of external influences or pressures; and/or
 - (ii) disadvantaged, marginalised, or underserved in society or their community for any reason whatsoever and in any aspect of their life, including in respect of their:
 - (A) financial security and stability;
 - (B) access to shelter and basic necessities for life including food, water, clothing and healthcare services;
 - (C) physical, mental, emotional and/or relational safety and wellbeing;
 - (D) ability to make choices that a reasonable person of comparable age would ordinarily be able to make for their own life, benefit and wellbeing;
 - (E) access to and ability to engage in education; and/or
 - (F) ability to navigate life and function independently.
- (c) Without limiting the scope of the concept as described in rule 2.4(b), vulnerable youth also includes youth who have entered or come into contact with, or may be at risk of entering or coming into contact with, the criminal justice system in Australia.

2.5 Objects of the Company

- (a) The Company is established for the primary purpose of supporting and providing relief to youth including vulnerable youth in the Australian Capital Territory and surrounding region, including through the management of facilities and operation of activities which are aimed at:
 - empowering and supporting youth to reach their potential, achieve their goals and build resilience in the face of hardships, disadvantages, and challenges, with a particular focus on early intervention;
 - (ii) breaking the cycle of disadvantage;
 - (iii) providing safety, stability, security, shelter and/or other basic necessities for life to youth, their families and other people in their support network;
 - (iv) connecting youth, their families and their peers with people, resources, services and organisations which may benefit them;
 - (v) increasing awareness of:
 - (A) the cycle of disadvantage;
 - (B) the hardships, disadvantages and challenges which youth may face;
 - (C) strategies to support youth to reach their potential, achieve their goals and build resilience; and
 - (D) social inclusion and the importance and value of youth to the community (and vice versa);
 - (vi) promoting community safety and the prevention of risk taking and harmful behaviours.:
 - (vii) reducing occurrences of youth:
 - (A) disengagement from education
 - (B) criminal and recidivist behaviours;
 - (C) entering or coming into contact with the criminal justice system;
 - (D) detention and incarceration;
 - (viii) creating, improving and fostering healthy, respectful and mutually beneficial relationships between youth and:
 - (A) their families;
 - (B) their support network;
 - (C) educators and community workers;
 - (D) community leaders and organisations;
 - (E) AFP Members;
 - (F) persons working or otherwise involved in the AFP or law enforcement; and
 - (ix) providing and promoting educational, vocational training, leadership, social enterprise and employment opportunities.

2.6 Powers of the Company

- (a) In furtherance of the Objects, the Company may do any one (1) or more of the following:
 - (i) purchase, lease, exchange, hire and acquire any rights, privileges, building and real or personal property which may be necessary or convenient for the furtherance of, or used in connection with, any of the Objects;

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- (ii) enter into any arrangements with any government authority that may be beneficial for the furtherance of the Objects, and obtain from any such government authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Company considers desirable, and thereafter carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions;
- (iii) appoint, employ, remove or suspend any person as may be necessary or convenient for the furtherance of the Objects and remunerate such employees and any other persons who render services to the Company;
- (iv) establish and support (or assist any other person doing so) any associations, institutions, funds, trusts and conveniences which benefit the Company's employees (both past and present, and including their spouses or dependants);
- (v) subscribe or guarantee money for any charitable, benevolent, public, general or useful objects;
- (vi) construct, improve, maintain, develop, manage, alter or otherwise deal with any building, building works or other conveniences which advance (whether directly or indirectly) the Company's interests, and contribute to, subsidise, assist and take part in those matters;
- (vii) borrow, raise or secure the payment of money;
- (viii) invest and deal with the Company's money not immediately required in any manner that the Board sees fit from time to time;
- (ix) secure the repayment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be incurred by the Company in such manner as the Company determines, and in particular by the provision of securities charged upon any or all of the Company's property, and to take such steps necessary to have those securities released:
- (x) make, draw, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments;
- (xi) sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with any or all parts of the property and rights of the Company;
- (xii) take any gift of any property (whether subject to any special trust or not) but subject always to paragraph (xi) above;
- (xiii) act solely or jointly as trustee or custodian of any property, trust or fund;
- (xiv) take or hold mortgages, liens and charges to secure payment of any unpaid monies due (whether presently or in future) to the Company from any person;
- (xv) take any steps by person, written appeals, public meetings or other means which the Company considers may be appropriate, desirable or expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Company in any form whatsoever;
- (xvi) print and publish, by any means and in any medium including but not limited to hardcopy, online and electronic, any materials and publications that the Company considers desirable for the promotion and furtherance of the Objects or the Company, and adopt any such means as the Company considers expedient in doing so; or
- (xvii) amalgamate or affiliate with any company, institution, society, or association having objects similar to the Objects of the Company (whether wholly or in part).

2.7 Interpretation of Company Objects

- (a) In the interpretation of the Objects, the powers of the Company shall not be restricted by:
 - (i) reference to any other rule; or

- (ii) the name of the Company; or
- (iii) the contradiction or juxtaposition of, or relationship between, any two (2) or more of the Objects; and
- (b) in the event of any ambiguity, rule 2 shall be construed in such a way as to widen and not restrict the powers of the Company.

3. INCOME AND PROPERTY

3.1 Sources of Income

- (a) The Company may receive income from anyone (1) or more of the following sources:
 - (i) Membership Fees;
 - (ii) fundraising;
 - (iii) payments of interest;
 - (iv) grants;
 - (v) gifts and bequests; and
 - (vi) any other lawful source of income.
- **(b)** The Board may establish, implement, amend, vary, and revoke policies and guidelines in relation to the management of income of the Company from time to time and:
 - (i) those policies and guidelines will be subject to this Constitution; and
 - (ii) in the event of any inconsistency between this Constitution and any policy or guideline created by the Board pursuant to this rule 3.1(b), this Constitution will prevail to the extent of that inconsistency.

3.2 Application of Income and Not for Profit

- (a) Subject to this Constitution, the income and property of the Company shall be applied solely towards the promotion and furtherance of the Objects.
- **(b)** The Company must not, either directly or indirectly, distribute any income or assets to its Members or Directors (including by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise), except in accordance with rule 3.3.

3.3 Payments in Good Faith

- (a) Subject to chapter 2E of the Act, nothing in rule 3.2 shall be deemed to prevent the Company from making any one (1) or more of the following payments in good faith:
 - reasonable and proper remuneration of any Director as determined by Ordinary Resolution of the Members in a General Meeting;
 - (ii) reasonable remuneration of any Director for sitting fees, having regard to the circumstances of the Company;
 - (iii) reasonable and proper remuneration of any officer or employee of the Company;
 - (iv) payments for goods provided or services rendered to the Company by a Director or Member in any capacity (other than in their capacity as a Director or Member):
 - (A) at
 - (1) fair and reasonable rates; or
 - (2) rates more favourable to the Company than fair and reasonable rates; and
 - **(B)** where the provision of those goods or services by the Member or Director has the prior approval and full informed consent of the Board;

- (v) payment of interest on money borrowed at a rate not exceeding the rate of interest, at that time, charged by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia on overdrawn accounts not exceeding \$100,000.00;
- (vi) reasonable and proper rent and outgoings for premises leased by any Member or Director to the Company;
- (vii) reimbursing a Member or Director for expenses they have properly incurred on behalf of, and in furtherance of the Objects of, the Company; or
- (viii) making a payment which payment is made for the express purpose of causing the Member or Director to carry out or further the Objects.

3.4 Guarantee

- (a) Each Member must contribute an amount of not more than ten dollars (\$10.00) (**Guarantee**) to the assets and property of the Company on the earlier of:
 - (i) the winding up of the Company; or
 - (ii) the date that is twelve (12) months after the date upon which the Member ceased being a Member.

3.5 Winding Up

- (a) In the event that the Company is wound up, the Guarantees provided by the Members in accordance with rule 3.4 shall be collected by the Company and applied for the:
 - (i) payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before the person ceased to be a Member (where applicable);
 - (ii) payment of the costs, charges, and expenses of winding up; and
 - (iii) adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves.
- (b) If any assets or property whatsoever remain after the winding up or dissolution of the Company and following satisfaction of the Company's debts and liabilities (Residue Property), that Residue Property:
 - (i) shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members; and
 - (ii) shall be given or transferred to another entity that has similar objects to the Objects, as determined by the Members at or before the time of dissolution.
- (c) If rule 3.5(b)(ii) is unable to be effected then the Residue Property is to be given to another entity that has charitable objects, as determined by the Members at or before the time of dissolution.

3.6 Deductible Gift Recipient Status

- (a) In the event that the Company has its Deductible Gift Recipient status revoked (**Revocation**), any surplus of the following:
 - (i) gifts or donations given to the Company for the furtherance of the Objects;
 - (ii) contributions made or donations given during an eligible fundraising event held in pursuit of the Objects; or
 - (iii) amounts (including interest) received by the Company because of such gifts, contributions and donations in rules 3.6(a)(i) and 3.6(a)(ii) above,

remaining at the time of Revocation (collectively, the Surplus):

- (iv) shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members; and
- (v) shall be given or transferred to another Charity with objects similar to the Objects of the Company and which:

- (A) is entered, or is eligible to be entered, on the Register of Cultural Organisations; and
- **(B)** has rules prohibiting the distribution of its assets and income to its members, as determined by the Members at or before the time of Revocation.
- (b) If rule 3.6(a)(v) is unable to be effected then the Surplus is to be given to another Charity which has rules prohibiting the distribution of its assets and income to its members, as determined by the Members at or before the time of Revocation.
- (c) For the avoidance of doubt, this rule 3.6 applies in circumstances where the Company has its Deductible Gift Recipient Status revoked but is not wound up, while rule 3.5 applies in circumstances where the Company is wound up.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Membership

- (a) Subject to rule 4.7, the Members are:
 - (i) the initial Members named in the application for the Company's registration; and
 - (ii) persons who are admitted to membership in accordance with this Constitution.

4.2 Number of Members

(a) The Company must have at least three (3) Members at all times.

4.3 Admission to Membership

- (a) A person (**Prospective Member**) may apply to become a Member of the Company in writing to the Secretary, provided that:
 - (i) that Prospective Member is a natural person; and
 - (ii) the application by that Prospective Member is in a form acceptable to the Board.
- **(b)** A Prospective Member is admitted as a Member if the Board admits the Prospective Member as a Member in accordance with rule 4.3(a).

4.4 Board's Consideration for Admission to Membership

- (a) The Board may in its absolute discretion require a Prospective Member to supply any documents or evidence in support of that Prospective Member's application for membership that it considers reasonably necessary.
- (b) If the Board requires a Prospective Member to provide documents or evidence under rule 4.4(a):
 - subject to rule 4.4(b)(ii), determination of that Prospective Member's application for membership will be deferred until the documents or evidence have been supplied;
 and
 - (ii) if the Prospective Member does not supply the documents or evidence within a period of six (6) months (or such other period nominated by the Board in its absolute discretion and communicated to the Prospective Member) of the request by the Board, the Board may determine that Prospective Member's application for membership in the absence of the additional documents and evidence.
- (c) If the Board rejects a Prospective Member's application for membership, it is not required to give any reason(s) for the rejection.

4.5 Membership Fee

- (a) Each Member, upon their admission to membership, must pay the Membership Fee to the Company.
- **(b)** The amount of the Membership Fee shall be the greater of:

- (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00); or
- (ii) such other amount as determined by Ordinary Resolution of the Members at the Annual General Meeting immediately preceding the Member's admission to membership.
- (c) The Board may determine the timing and method for payment of Membership Fees.

4.6 No Categories of Members

(a) Membership of the Company shall not be separately classified, and all Members shall be ordinary Members.

4.7 Liability of Members

(a) The liability of each Member is limited to their respective guarantees to the Company pursuant to rule 3.4.

4.8 Cessation of Membership

- (a) A Member automatically ceases to be a member if:
 - (i) the Member ceases to be a Director;
 - (ii) the Member resigned by giving written notice addressed to the Secretary of that Member's intention to resign, with the resignation effective from the date of receipt of the resignation notice by the Secretary;
 - (iii) the Member commits an act of bankruptcy or is declared bankrupt under the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cth);
 - (iv) a controlling trustee is appointed to the Member or over any of the property of that Member:
 - (v) the Member or the Member's property becomes subject to a personal insolvency arrangement under part X Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cth) or a debt agreement under part IX Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cth);
 - (vi) judgment is entered into against the Member;
 - (vii) the Member is convicted for a criminal offence;
 - (viii) the Member is expelled in accordance with rule 4.8;
 - (ix) the Member fails to pay the Membership Fee within two (2) calendar months of the due date for payment, provided that the Board may reinstate the Member's membership on payment of all arrears if the Board in its absolute discretion decides to do so;
 - (x) the Member becomes of unsound mind or is otherwise legally incapacitated; or
 - (xi) the Member dies.

4.9 Expelling a Member

- (a) Subject to rule 4.9(b), the Board may, by Special Resolution in a meeting, expel any Member:
 - (i) who does not comply with this Constitution or any by-laws, rules, regulations, or policies of the Company; or
 - (ii) whose conduct in the opinion of the Board is prejudicial to the interest of the Company,

and remove that Member's name from the Register.

- (b) At least five (5) days before the Board holds a Board Meeting to expel a Member under rule 4.8(a), the Board must give written notice to the Member which states:
 - (i) the allegations against the Member;

- (ii) the proposed resolution for the Member's expulsion;
- (iii) that the Member has an opportunity at the Board Meeting to address the allegations either orally or in writing; and
- (iv) that, if the Member notifies the Secretary in writing at least forty-eight (48) hours before the Board Meeting, the Member may elect to have the question of that Member's expulsion dealt with by the Company in General Meeting.
- (c) The Company must expel a Member and remove the Member's name from the Register where, at a General Meeting, an Ordinary Resolution to expel the Member is passed.
- (d) The resolution referred to in rule 4.9(c) above shall be taken by ballot.
- (e) A Member who is expelled from the Company under this rule 4.9:
 - (i) does not have any claim on the Company, its funds or property;
 - (ii) will not be entitled to any refund of the whole or any part of the Membership Fee paid; and
 - (iii) will continue to be liable to pay any outstanding Membership Fees and all amounts owed by it to the Company at the date they ceased to be a Member, provided that those amounts do not exceed the amount of the Guarantee.

4.10 Register of Members

- (a) The Board must set up, maintain, and keep updated the Register.
- (b) In accordance with section 169 of the Act, the Register must contain the following information:
 - (i) the name and address of each Member;
 - (ii) the date on which the entry of the Member's name in the register is made;
 - (iii) the name and details of each person who stopped being a Member within the last seven (7) years;
 - (iv) the date on which the person stopped being a Member; and
 - (v) if the Company has more than fifty (50) Members and the Register itself is not kept in a form that operates effectively as an index, an index of Members' names.

4.11 Acceptance of Contributions from Members

(a) Subject to this Constitution, the Company may from time to time enter into arrangements to accept contributions, gifts or donations from any Member.

4.12 Rights and Privileges are Non-transferrable

(a) The rights and privileges of each Member are personal to that Member and are not transferable by any means whatsoever.

5. DIRECTORS

5.1 Eligibility

- (a) To be eligible to act as a Director, a person must:
 - (i) be a natural person;
 - (ii) be a Member, unless appointed under rule 5.11;
 - (iii) not be the auditor, nor any partner or employee of the auditor, of the Company; and
 - (iv) not be ineligible to be a Director under the Act; and
 - (v) while the Company is a Charity, not be ineligible to be a Director under the ACNC Act.

5.2 Initial Directors

(a) The persons who are specified in the application for registration of the Company as persons who consent to becoming Directors shall be the Initial Directors of the Company until the first Annual General Meeting of the Company, when Directors shall be elected in accordance with rule 5.7.

5.3 Number of Directors

- (a) The Board must not consist of less than three (3) Directors.
- (b) If the number of Directors is reduced below the minimum required by 5.3(a), the continuing Directors may act as the Board only:
 - (i) to fill a casual vacancy in accordance with rule 5.11;
 - (ii) to convene a General Meeting for the appointment of Directors; and
 - (iii) in emergencies.

5.4 Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

- (a) The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Board shall each:
 - (i) be Directors (and, for the avoidance of doubt, not be the same Director);
 - (ii) be elected by the Board;
 - (iii) hold that office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting occurring after their election; and
 - (iv) be eligible for reappointment.

5.5 Term of Directors

- (a) Subject to rule 5.5(b), the term of appointment for a Director shall be three (3) consecutive years (**Ordinary Term**).
- **(b)** The calculation of an Ordinary Term does not include:
 - (i) any period of time preceding the date of incorporation of the Company; and
 - (ii) any length of time that the Director was an Initial Director by operation of rule 5.2; and
 - (iii) any length of time that the Director was a Casual Director by operation of rule 5.11.

5.6 Reappointment of Directors

- (a) Unless varied at a General Meeting of Members:
 - (1) A Director may be appointed for a maximum of two (2) consecutive Ordinary Terms; and
 - (2) after which time a Director will be ineligible for reappointment as a Director for a period of twelve (12) months.

5.7 Appointment of Directors

- (a) Subject to rule 5.8, Directors shall be elected by the Members in a General Meeting, in accordance with the process set out in rule 5.7(b).
- **(b)** The process by which Directors are elected by the Members will be as follows:
 - (i) At least ten (10) Business Days before the General Meeting, the Members will submit any written nominations to the Board candidates who are eligible to be Directors under rule 5.1 (Candidates).
 - (ii) If there are insufficient Candidates nominated by the Members under rule 5.7(b)(i), the Directors will nominate additional Candidates such that the number of Candidates will be sufficient to fill the positions on the Board.

- (iii) The Secretary will provide a list of the Candidates to the Members at least seven (7) days before the General Meeting.
- (iv) If there is more than one (1) Nomination for any position on the Board, the election shall occur by ballot of the Members, conducted at the General Meeting in the following manner:
 - (A) Each Member shall:
 - (1) mark its voting paper by making a tick or cross beside the names of each Candidate for whom it votes;
 - (2) legibly write its name on the voting paper;
 - (3) sign the voting paper; and
 - (4) deliver the voting paper to the Secretary.
- (v) Each Member present at the General Meeting shall be entitled to vote for one (1) Candidate in respect of each vacant position on the Board to be filled.
- (vi) After the closing of the ballot, the Secretary assisted by two (2) scrutineers appointed by the Board shall:
 - examine the names and signatures on the voting papers and ensure each person's eligibility to vote;
 - (B) examine the voting papers and calculate the votes validly cast; and
 - (C) report in writing the result of the ballot to the presiding chair.
- (vii) The Candidate for each position receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed elected and a declaration to this effect shall be made at the General Meeting by the presiding chair.
- (viii) In any case of doubt as to the formality of any voting paper, the matter shall be referred to the presiding chair, whose decision shall be final.
- (ix) In the event of an equality of votes in favour of two (2) or more Candidates, the presiding chair shall have a casting vote so as to decide the election.
- (c) The Secretary must keep the voting papers for a period of at least one (1) month after the declaration of the election, after which time the Board may direct the Secretary to destroy the voting papers.

5.8 Appointment of Multiple Directors

- (a) The Members may not pass a resolution where that singular resolution seeks to appoint or confirm the appointment of two (2) or more Directors unless the Members unanimously resolve that the appointment or confirmations may be voted on together.
- (b) This rule 5.8 does not affect the appointment of casual Directors under rule 5.11.

5.9 Cessation of Directorship

- (a) A Director automatically ceases to be a Director if that person:
 - completes their Ordinary Term under rule 5.5 and is not, or is not eligible to be, reelected as a Director;
 - (ii) was appointed as a casual Director under rule 5.11 and is not elected as a Director at the next General Meeting;
 - (iii) ceases to be a Member;
 - (iv) is or becomes ineligible to be a Director under rule 5.1;
 - (v) is or becomes bankrupt, insolvent, under administration or makes any composition or arrangement with that Director's creditors or any class of creditors;

- (vi) is or becomes disqualified from managing corporations under Part 2D.6 of the Act and is not given permission or leave to manage the Company under Part 2D.6 of the Act:
- (vii) is or becomes of unsound mind or physically or mentally incapable of performing the functions of that office;
- (viii) dies;
- (ix) fails to attend three (3) consecutive Board Meetings without leave of absence by the Board;
- (x) fails to attend more than fifty percent (50%) of Board Meetings in any twelve (12) month period (whether or not consecutive) without leave of absence by the Board;
- (xi) is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Company and fails to disclose the nature of the interest as required by the Act and this Constitution;
- (xii) resigns by giving written notice addressed to the Secretary, with such resignation taking effect from the date of receipt by the Secretary of the resignation notice;
- (xiii) retires by giving written notice addressed to the Secretary, with such retirement taking effect from the date of receipt by the Secretary of the retirement notice; or
- (xiv) is removed from office under rule 5.10.

5.10 Removal of Director

- (a) The Members may at any time, by Special Resolution in a General Meeting, remove a Director from office.
- (b) The power to remove a Director under this rule 5.10, is in addition to any powers conferred by section 203D of the Act (if applicable).

5.11 Casual Vacancy

- (a) Should a Director's office become vacant under rule 5.9 and:
 - the number of remaining Directors is less than three (3), the Board must appoint a
 person to temporarily fill the vacancy; or
 - (ii) the number of remaining Directors is at least three (3), the Board **may** appoint a person to temporarily fill the vacancy and, subject to this Constitution.
- (b) Where a person is appointed to fill a vacancy as a Casual Director under rule 5.11(a):
 - (i) that person may be, but is not required to be, a Member; and
 - (ii) that person will hold office as a Casual Director from the date of their appointment until the next occurring Annual General Meeting, at which time a Director shall be elected in accordance with rule 5.7 to fill the vacancy on the Board.

6. DIRECTOR'S DUTIES

6.1 Duties under the Act

(a) Each Director must comply with the Act.

6.2 Disclosure of Interests

(a) Each Director must disclose its interests in accordance with sections 191 and 192 of the Act.

6.3 Director Interested in Matter

- (a) When voting on a matter in which a Director has a personal interest, the relevant Director must comply with section 195 of the Act.
- (b) Subject to section 195 of the Act and this Constitution:

- (i) a Director may be counted in a quorum at a Board Meeting that considers, and may vote on, any matter in which that Director has a personal interest;
- (ii) the Company may proceed with any transaction that relates to a Director's personal interest and the relevant Director may participate in the execution of any relevant documents by or on behalf of the Company;
- (iii) a Director may retain benefits under a transaction in which the Director has a personal interest; and
- (iv) the Company is not required to avoid a transaction merely of a Director's personal interest in it.

provided always that the Director has disclosed its personal interest if required to do so under section 191 and 192 of the Act.

(c) Without limiting the powers of the Company under this Constitution, the Company may enact a policy which deals with any personal interests held by Directors or conflicts of interest arising between a Director and the Company (including by establishing restrictions, compliance requirements or conditions in addition to those in rule 6.3(b) and the Act).

6.4 Holding other Offices

- (a) A Director is not disqualified from being a Director by reason only of:
 - holding any office or place of profit or employment (other than that of the Company's auditor);
 - being a member or creditor of any corporation, association, or partnership (other than the Company's auditor); or
 - (iii) entering into any agreement with the Company.

6.5 Agreements with Third Parties

- (a) The Company shall not avoid an agreement with a third party merely because a Director:
 - (i) fails to disclose an interest in accordance with rule 6.2; or
 - (ii) is present at, or counted in the quorum for, a Board Meeting that considers the votes on that agreement.

6.6 Obligation of Confidentiality

- (a) Each Director and the Secretary must keep the transactions and affairs of the Company and the state of its financial reports confidential unless required to disclose them:
 - (i) in the course of duties as an officer of the Company;
 - (ii) by the Board or the Company in General Meeting; or
 - (iii) by law,

in which case disclosure is permitted only to the extent necessary in the circumstances.

- (b) The Company may require any Director, Secretary, auditor, trustee, or any other person engaged by the Company in any capacity to sign a confidentiality undertaking consistent with this rule 6.6 (Confidentiality Undertaking).
- (c) A Director or Secretary must sign a Confidentiality Undertaking if required by the Company.

7. SECRETARY

7.1 Appointment of Secretary

(a) The Company must have one (1) Secretary at all times.

- (b) The Board must appoint at least one (1) individual to be a Secretary for the Company, either:
 - for a specified term, in which case the appointment will automatically end at the end of that specified period; or
 - (ii) without specifying a period, in which case the appointment will continue indefinitely until the cessation of the appointment by operation of rule 7.4.
- (c) The Secretary shall be the Public Officer of the Company.

7.2 Terms of Office

(a) A Secretary holds office on terms that the Board determines by Ordinary Resolution from time to time.

7.3 Secretary Voting Rights

- (a) The Secretary shall not have any voting rights at any Board meetings unless:
 - the Secretary is also a Director, in which case the Secretary may vote in its capacity as a Director only; or
 - (ii) otherwise determined by the Board.
- (b) The Secretary shall not have any voting rights at any General Meeting unless the Secretary is also a Member, in which case the Secretary may vote in its capacity as a Member only.

7.4 Cessation of Secretary's Appointment

- (a) A person automatically ceases to be the Secretary if the person;
 - (i) is not permitted by the Act to be a Secretary;
 - (ii) is or becomes bankrupt, insolvent, under administration or makes any composition or arrangement with that Secretary's creditors or any class of creditors;
 - (iii) is or becomes disqualified from managing corporations under Part 2D.6 of the Act and is not given permission or leave to manage the Company under Part 2D.6 of the Act;
 - (iv) is or becomes of unsound mind or physically or mentally incapable of performing the functions of that office;
 - (v) dies;
 - (vi) is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Company and fails to disclose the nature of the interest as required by the Act;
 - (vii) resigns by giving written notice addressed to the Company, with such resignation taking effect from the date of receipt by the Company of the resignation notice;
 - (viii) retires by giving written notice addressed to the Company, with such retirement taking effect from the date of receipt by the Company of the retirement notice; or
 - (ix) is removed from office under rule 7.5.

7.5 Removal of Secretary

- (a) The Board may by Special Resolution remove a Secretary from office at any time:
 - (i) whether or not the appointment was expressed to be a specified term; and
 - (ii) if the appointment was expressed to be for a specified term, prior to the end of that specified term.

8. PROCEEDINGS AT BOARD MEETINGS

8.1 Calling Board Meetings

- (a) Any Director may call a Board Meeting by giving at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice of the proposed meeting to all of the Directors, which notice must:
 - (i) be in writing;
 - (ii) state the date, time and location of the proposed Board Meeting; and
 - (iii) provide information in respect of the business that is to be conducted at the proposed Board Meeting.

8.2 Meetings

(a) The Board may meet, make decisions and deal with any other matter for the business of the Company (except for those matters, decisions and dealings which vest exclusively in the Members).

8.3 Quorum

- (a) The quorum for Board Meetings shall be the greater of:
 - (i) three (3) Directors; or
 - (ii) one greater than half the total number of all Directors.

8.4 Attendance by Conference

- (a) Subject to the Act, a Board Meeting may be held using any technology consented to by all the Directors, provided that each Director is able:
 - (i) to hear each Director present at the Board Meeting; and
 - (ii) if they so wish, to address each Director present at the Board Meeting simultaneously.
- **(b)** A Board Meeting held using technology in accordance with this rule 8.4 will be taken to have been held at the registered office of the Company, while the minutes of the Board Meeting must record:
 - (i) the method of attendance; and
 - (ii) the true location,
 - of each Director present at the Board Meetings.
- (c) A Director must not intentionally leave a Board Meeting held using technology by disconnecting its means of communication without the prior consent of the chair presiding at that meeting.

8.5 Chairperson

- (a) The Chairperson of the Board shall preside as chair at every Board Meeting.
- (b) If within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the Board Meeting, the Chairperson is not present or is unwilling to preside, then the following person shall preside as chair for that Board Meeting:
 - (i) the Deputy Chairperson; or
 - (ii) if the Deputy Chairperson is not present or is unwilling to act, a Director elected to act as Chairperson by majority of Directors present at the Board Meeting.

8.6 Voting

- (a) In respect of any matters or resolutions put to a vote of the Directors, each Director shall have one (1) vote.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution, no resolution of the Board shall be carried unless it is passed by:

- (i) where a Special Resolution is required under the Act or this Constitution at least seventy-five percent (75%) of all Directors;
- (ii) where another particular majority is required for that resolution under the Act or this Constitution – at least that particular majority of all Directors; or
- (iii) otherwise (being an Ordinary Resolution) a majority of all Directors.

8.7 Casting Vote

(a) In the event of an equality of votes of the Directors who attend and vote, the Chairperson of the Board Meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

8.8 Circular Resolution

- (a) A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors for the time being shall have the same force and effect as a resolution passed at a Board Meeting notwithstanding that such resolution shall not have been passed at a Board Meeting.
- (b) A resolution in writing may consist of several counterparts each signed by one (1) or more Directors.
- (c) Any resolution in writing passed in accordance with this rule 8.8 shall be deemed to have been passed on the day and at the time at which the document recording the resolution was last signed by a Director.

8.9 Valid Resolution Despite Defect in Appointment

- (a) All acts done by any Board Meeting or by any Director or the Board under this Constitution shall be valid, notwithstanding if it is later discovered that:
 - (i) there was some defect in the appointment of any Director;
 - (ii) any Director was disqualified from office; or
 - (iii) by accidental omission, notice of a Board Meeting was not given to a Director.

9. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

9.1 Powers Generally

- (a) Subject to the Act and any other applicable law from time to time, the powers to manage and control the business and affairs of the Company shall be vested in the Board, which may exercise all powers of the Company which are not by the Act or this Constitution required to be exercised only by the Company in General Meeting.
- (b) The Board shall meet in Board Meetings at least six (6) times in each calendar year.

9.2 Exercise of Powers

- (a) A power of the Board can be exercised only:
 - (i) by resolution passed at a Board Meeting or otherwise in accordance with rule 8; or
 - (ii) in accordance with the delegation power under rule 10.

9.3 Management

- (a) The business of the Company shall be managed by the Board.
- **(b)** The Board, in managing the business of the Company, shall pay all expenses incurred in promoting and registering the Company subject to:
 - (i) this Constitution;
 - (ii) the Act;
 - (iii) for as long as the Company is a Charity, the ACNC Act; and
 - (iv) any by-laws, regulations or policies made by the Company in General Meeting.

- (c) Any by-laws, regulations or policies made by the Company in General Meeting shall be null and void to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Constitution or the Act.
- (d) Any by-laws, regulations or policies made by the Company in General Meeting shall not invalidate any prior act of the Board which:
 - (i) was, at the time of the relevant act, valid; and
 - (ii) which, but for the by-law, regulation, or policy, would have been valid.

9.4 General Powers of Administration

- (a) Without prejudice to the general powers conferred by this Constitution, the Board may:
 - (i) determine who shall be entitled to sign cheques, notes, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, releases, contracts, deeds and all other documents on the Company's behalf, with such persons being subject to any condition determined by the Board from time to time;
 - (ii) make and give receipts, releases and other discharges for money payable to the Company and for the claims and demands of the Company;
 - (iii) exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money, mortgage or charge its property and to issue debentures and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company;
 - (iv) enter into all such negotiations and contracts and rescind and vary all such contracts and execute and do all such acts, deeds and things on behalf of the Company as they may consider expedient for the Company;
 - (v) employ or terminate the employment of any executive officer and any other staff they consider advisable for the Company and for the furtherance of the Objects;
 - (vi) adopt any other measures and do any acts they consider advisable for the carrying out and furtherance of the Objects;
 - (vii) invite any person(s) to attend any Board Meeting; and
 - (viii) exercise any of the powers conferred upon it by this Constitution or the Act.

9.5 Minutes Requirement

- (a) The Board shall cause minutes to be duly entered in the books and such minutes shall record:
 - (i) the names of Members present at General Meetings and the names of all Directors present at Board Meetings; and
 - (ii) the signature of the chair of each General Meeting and each Board Meeting.

9.6 Financial Records and Accounts

- (a) The Board shall cause proper accounting and other records to be kept.
- (b) The Board shall distribute to all Members copies of every profit and loss account and balance sheet, and all other documents and information required by law to be provided to the Members, accompanied by a copy of the auditor's report as required by the Act.
- (c) Subject to the Act, the Board may only allow the following persons to inspect the records of the Company:
 - (i) the Directors; and
 - (ii) any Members permitted by the Board to inspect the records.

10. DELEGATION OF BOARD POWERS

10.1 Power to Delegate

(a) The Board may delegate any of its powers as permitted by section 198D of the Act.

10.2 Terms of Delegation

- (a) A delegation under rule 10.1 may be made:
 - (i) for a specified period, in which case the delegation will automatically lapse at the end of that specified period;
 - (ii) without specifying a period, in which case the delegation will continue indefinitely until it is revoked by the Board;
 - (iii) on terms determined by the Board in its absolute discretion; and
 - (iv) subject to any restrictions determined by the Board in its absolute discretion.
- **(b)** A document of delegation may contain any provisions for the protection and convenience of those who deal with the delegate that the Board, in its absolute discretion, considers appropriate.
- (c) Powers delegated in accordance with this rule 10 cannot be assigned or delegated further.

10.3 Power to Revoke Delegation

- (a) The Board may in its absolute discretion and at any time revoke any delegation (including any part of a delegation) previously made:
 - (i) whether or not the delegation was expressed to be for a specified period; and
 - (ii) if the delegation was expressed to be for a specific period, prior to the end of that specified period.
- **(b)** A revocation by the Board under rule 10.3(a):
 - (i) must be communicated by the Board to the relevant delegate(s) as soon as practicable after the revocation; and
 - (ii) will take effect from the date and time specified by the Board at the time of the revocation or, if no date and time is specified, immediately.

10.4 Delegation to Committee

(a) Subject to the terms on which a power of the Board is delegated to a Committee, the meetings and proceedings of Committees are, to the greatest extent practical, governed by the rules of this Constitution.

10.5 Valid Acts Despite Defect in Appointment

- (a) All acts done by a delegate (including a Committee to which a power of the Board was delegated) shall be valid, notwithstanding if it is later discovered that:
 - there was some defect in the delegation of a power to that delegate or Committee;
 or
 - (ii) any member of the Committee was disqualified.

11. GENERAL MEETINGS

11.1 Annual General Meeting

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Company shall be held on a date between July and December each calendar year, on a date fixed by the Board.
- (b) Subject to the Act and rule 11.1(a), the Board may call a General Meeting in accordance with this Constitution at any time.

11.2 Agenda of Annual General Meetings

- (a) The business of each Annual General Meeting shall include, without limitation:
 - (i) receiving and considering the report of the Board;

- (ii) the appointment or termination of the appointment of any Directors and other office bearers as necessary;
- (iii) the appointment, termination of appointment or replacement of an auditor and the determination of that auditor's remuneration (if any); and
- (iv) receiving and considering financial accounts and the auditor's report.

11.3 Extraordinary General Meetings

(a) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Chairperson or, in their absence, the Deputy Chairperson upon receipt of a requisition for such a meeting signed by at least three (3) Members.

12. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

12.1 Calling Meetings

- (a) A General Meeting:
 - (i) may be convened at any time by the Board or anyone (1) or more Directors; and
 - (ii) must be convened by the Board when requested by a member in accordance with the Act.

12.2 Multiple Venues for Meetings

(a) A General Meeting may be convened at two (2) or more venues using any technology that gives the Members a reasonable opportunity to participate in the General Meeting.

12.3 Right to Attend Meetings

- (a) Every Member has the right to attend all General Meetings.
- (b) Every Director has the right to attend and speak at all General Meetings.
- (c) The auditor has the right to attend any General Meetings and to speak in relation to any part of the General Meeting concerning the auditor.

12.4 Notice of Meetings

- (a) Subject to rule 12.4(b), at least twenty-one (21) days written notice of a General Meeting must be given individually to:
 - (i) each Member;
 - (ii) each Director; and
 - (iii) the auditor.
- **(b)** A notice General Meeting given under rule 12.4(a) must comply with section 249L of the Act, including by specifying:
 - (i) the location, date and time of the General Meeting;
 - (ii) the nature of the business to be transacted at the General Meeting;
 - (iii) if a Special Resolution is to be proposed at the General Meeting, the details of and intention to propose that Special Resolution;
 - (iv) if the General Meeting is to be held in two (2) or more places, the technology that will be used to facilitate the General Meeting; and
 - (v) any other information required by the Act.

12.5 Shorter Notice

(a) Subject to section 249H of the Act and rule 12.5(b), a resolution may be proposed and passed at a General Meeting for which less than twenty-one (21) days' notice has been given if:

- (i) at an Annual General Meeting, all Members agree; or
- (ii) at any General Meeting other than the Annual General Meeting, at least ninety-five percent (95%) of Members agree.
- (b) Where a resolution is for:
 - (i) the removal of a Director under section 203D of the Act or this Constitution;
 - (ii) the appointment of a Director in place of a Director removed under section 203D of the Act or this Constitution; or
 - (iii) the removal of an auditor under section 329 of the Act or this Constitution,

then at least twenty-one (21) days' notice of the General Meeting in which the resolution is proposed and passed must be provided.

(c) Accidental omission to give a notice to any person entitled to receive a notice under rule 12.4 or rule 12.5 does not invalidate any resolution passed at a General Meeting.

12.6 Postponement or Cancellation of Meeting

- (a) Subject to sections 249D(5) and 250N of the Act, the Board may by written notice given in accordance with rule 13.4:
 - (i) postpone a General Meeting;
 - (ii) cancel a General Meeting if:
 - (A) that meeting was convened by the Board; or
 - **(B)** that meeting was convened by a member or Members pursuant to the Act, and the Board received written notice withdrawing the requisition signed by that Member or those Members; or
 - (iii) change the location of a General Meeting.
- (b) If a General Meeting is postponed for a consecutive period of more than twenty-one (21) days, the Board must give new notice of the General Meeting in accordance with rule 12.4 and 12.5.

12.7 Chairperson

- (a) The Chairperson shall preside as chair at every General Meeting.
- (b) If within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the General Meeting the Chairperson is not present or is unwilling to act, then the following person shall preside as chair for that General Meeting:
 - (i) the Deputy Chairperson; or
 - (ii) if the Deputy Chairperson is also not present or is unwilling to preside as chair, a Member elected by a majority of Members present at that General Meeting.
- (c) The rulings of the chair of a General Meeting on all matters relating to the order of business, procedure and conduct of the General Meeting shall be final and no motion of dissent from such rulings shall be accepted.

12.8 Quorum

- (a) The quorum for each General Meeting is the number of Members equal to one (1) greater than half of the total number of Members.
- **(b)** No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of Members is present.

12.9 Lack of Quorum

- (a) If within thirty (30) minutes of the time appointed for the General Meeting a quorum is not present, the General Meeting shall be dissolved and stand adjourned to:
 - (i) the same day in the following week at the same time and place; or
 - (ii) another day not more than fourteen (14) days after the General Meeting was adjourned and at a time and place nominated by the chair.
- (b) If a quorum is not present at the resumption of the General Meeting adjourned under rule 12.9, those Members who are present shall constitute a quorum and may transact the business for which the General Meeting was called.

12.10 One-Member Company

- (a) Where the Company only has one (1) Member, that Member may pass a resolution by recording it and signing the record.
- (d) If the Act requires information or a document relating to the resolution to be lodged with ASIC, that requirement is satisfied by lodging the information or document with the resolution as passed.

12.11 Adjournment Generally

- (a) The Chairperson may adjourn or change the location of a General Meeting from time to time if a quorum is present only:
 - (i) with the consent of a majority of Members present at the General Meeting; or
 - (ii) if directed to do so by the majority of Members present at the General Meeting.
- (b) No business shall be transacted at the resumption of any General Meeting adjourned under rule 13.11(a) other than the business left unfinished at the General Meeting which was adjourned.
- (c) A resolution passed at a General Meeting resumed after an adjournment under rule 13.11 is passed on the day that the resolution was actually passed.
- (d) Subject to rule 13.11(a), it is not necessary for the Board to give notice of the resumption of a General Meeting adjourned under this rule 13.11.
- (e) If a General Meeting is adjourned for a consecutive period of more than twenty-one (21) days, the Board must give new notice of the resumed General Meeting in accordance with rule 13.4 or rule 13.5 as if the resumption was a new General Meeting.

12.12 Voting

- (a) At any General Meeting, a resolution shall be decided by a show of hands which includes, for Members attending the General Meeting by technology, a vote expressed verbally and clearly through technology that is acceptable to the Board.
- (b) In respect of each resolution put to a vote of Members at a General Meeting, each Member present in person or by a proxy or by attorney shall have one (1) vote each.
- (c) No resolution shall be passed at a General Meeting unless it is passed by:
 - (i) where a particular majority is required for that resolution under the Act or this Constitution – at least that particular majority of all Members present and voting;
 - (ii) otherwise a majority of all Members present and voting.

- (d) In the event of an equality of votes of all Members, the Chairperson shall not have a second or casting vote.
- (e) A declaration by the Chairperson of the General Meeting of the result of a vote on a resolution and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the General Meeting signed by the Chairperson or the General Meeting or the next succeeding General Meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the outcome of a resolution and the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

12.13 Poll

- (a) A poll may be demanded on any resolution (except a resolution concerning the election of the Chairperson of the General Meeting) by:
 - (i) the Chairperson; or
 - (ii) at least two (2) Members present at the General Meeting in person or by proxy or attorney.
- (b) If a poll is demanded under rule 13.13(a), it shall be taken in such manner and at such time (being either immediately or after an interval or adjournment) as the Chairperson directs.
- (c) The result of the poll shall be the resolution of the General Meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- (d) The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

13. PROXIES AND ATTORNEYS

13.1 Appointment of Proxies or Attorneys

- (a) A Member may appoint a proxy or attorney to attend and act for the Member at a General Meeting.
- (b) A proxy or attorney appointed under rule 14.1(a) may be, but is not required to be, a Member.
- (c) An appointment of a proxy under rule 14.1(a) must be made by written notice to the Company:
 - (i) which complies with section 250A of the Act; or
 - (ii) in any other form that is acceptable to the Board.
- (d) An appointment of an attorney under rule 14.1(a) will be effective only if the power of attorney, or a certified copy of the same, is received by the Company at its registered office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the General Meeting.
- (e) A Member may:
 - (i) appoint a proxy or attorney to act at a particular General Meeting;
 - (ii) make a standing appointment of a proxy or attorney; and
 - (iii) may revoke any appointment of a proxy or attorney.

13.2 Suspension of Proxy or Attorney Powers

(e) A proxy or attorney has no power to act for a Member at a General Meeting if the Member is present.

13.3 Conflicting Appointments of Proxy or Attorney

- (a) If more than one (1) proxy or attorney is appointed by a Member and is present at a General Meeting, and no notice of revocation of appointment in respect of either has been received by the Company:
 - (i) the first in time is to be treated as revoked or suspended; and

(ii) the proxy or attorney most recently appointed may act in that General Meeting to the exclusion of any other proxy or attorney appointed by the relevant Member.

13.4 Continuing Authorities of Proxies or Attorneys

- (a) Unless the Company receives written notice before the start or resumption of a General Meeting, any act done at a General Meeting by a proxy or attorney is valid even if, before the act is done, the appointing Member:
 - (i) dies;
 - (ii) becomes mentally incapacitated;
 - (iii) becomes bankrupt, insolvent, under administration, or is wound up; or
 - (iv) revokes the appointment.

14. AUDITOR

14.1 Appointment

(a) Where an auditor is required under the Act, a properly qualified auditor shall be appointed by the Board.

14.2 Remuneration and Duties

- (a) The auditor's remuneration (if any) shall be determined by Ordinary Resolution of the Company in the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The auditor's duties shall be regulated by the Act.

14.3 Replacement and Removal

(a) Subject to the Act, the auditor may be replaced or removed by the Board from time to time.

15. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

15.1 Appointment

(a) The Board may appoint a Chief Executive Officer to be employed by the Company.

15.2 Term and Conditions of Employment

- (a) The Chief Executive Officer shall be employed by the Company for any such term and upon any conditions determined by the Board from time to time.
- (b) The Chief Executive Officer's remuneration (if any) shall be determined by the Board from time to time.

15.3 Powers and Rights

- (a) The Chief Executive Officer has and may exercise:
 - (i) the power to enter into contracts binding the Company up to a value determined by the Board from time to time;
 - (ii) such powers and functions as conferred or imposed upon them by the Board from time to time;
 - (iii) the right to receive notice of all General Meetings and Board Meetings; and
 - (iv) the right to attend and speak at all General Meetings and Board Meetings.
- **(b)** The Chief Executive Officer does not have the right to vote at any General Meeting or Board Meeting, except in their capacity as a Member in a General Meeting or a Director in a Board Meeting.

15.4 Delegation

- (a) The Board may, in the absence of the Chief Executive Officer, appoint a person to act in the place of the Chief Executive Officer, and that person, whilst so acting, has the powers and functions in rule 16.3 above.
- (b) The Chief Executive Officer may delegate to a person the exercise of any functions of the Chief Executive Officer;
 - (i) under this Constitution other than this power of delegation; or
 - (ii) delegated to the Chief Executive Officer by the Board from time to time.

15.5 Control

(a) In the exercise of any of its functions contained in this rule 16, the Chief Executive Officer is subject to control of the Board.

16. COMMITTEES

16.1 Establishment of Committees

- (a) The Board may establish or dissolve Committees from time to time for any purposes whatsoever.
- (b) Each Committee shall:
 - consist of at least one (1) Director and such other persons as the Board determines; and
 - (ii) appoint a chairperson for that Committee.

16.2 Role of Committees

- (a) Each Committee shall, in the exercise of the powers delegated to it, conform to any function and regulation that may be imposed on it by the Board.
- (b) Subject always to any regulation or direction given to it by the Board, each Committee may meet and adjourn as it considers proper.
- (c) Questions arising at any meeting of the Committee shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Committee members present and, in the case of an equality of votes, the chairperson of the Committee shall not have a second or casting vote.

17. OFFICERS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

17.1 Indemnity

Subject to the Act:

- (a) The Company indemnifies every Officer of the Company against any liability incurred by that person:
 - (i) in their capacity as an Officer of the Company; and
 - (ii) to a person other than the Company or a related body corporate of the Company. unless the liability arises out of conduct on the part of the Officer which involved a lack of good faith.
- **(b)** The Company indemnifies every Officer against any liability for costs and expenses incurred by the person in their capacity as an Officer of the Company:
 - (i) in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in favour of the person or in which the person is acquitted; or
 - (ii) in connection with an application, in relation to any proceedings, in which the Court grants relief to the person under the Act.

- (c) The Company may make a payment in respect of legal costs incurred by an Officer in defending an action for a liability incurred as an Officer in resisting or responding to actions taking by a government agency or liquidator.
- (d) This indemnity is a continuing indemnity which applies in respect of all acts done by a person while an Officer of the Company, even is the person is not an Officer at the time when the claim is made.

17.2 Deeds

(a) Subject to the Act, and without limiting rule 18.1, the Company may enter into an agreement with a person who is or has been an Officer, to give effect to the rights of the person under rule 18.1.

17.3 Insurance

(a) Subject to the Act, the Company may pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring a person who is or has been an Officer against any liability incurred by that person in that capacity.

18. AMENDMENT

18.1 Amendments to this Constitution

- (a) Subject to rule 19.1(b), the Members may amend this Constitution by passing a Special Resolution.
- (b) While the Company is a Charity, this Constitution cannot be amended in any manner that would:
 - (i) cause the Company to no longer be a Charity; or
 - (ii) otherwise adversely effect the Company's charitable status or status as a Deductible Gift Recipient.

19. NOTICES

19.1 Notice in Writing

(a) Every notice issued under this Constitution or under the Act must be in writing.

19.2 Method of Notices

- (a) A notice may be given by the Company to Members:
 - (i) personally;
 - (ii) by sending it by prepaid post to their respective registered addresses supplied by the Members to the Company for the giving of notices; or
 - (iii) by sending it to the electronic address supplied by the Members to the Company for the giving of notices.
- **(b)** A notice is deemed to be given by the sender and received by the addressee:
 - (i) if delivered in person, when delivered to the addressee;
 - (ii) if posted, four (4) Business Days (or six (6) Business Days, if addressed outside Australia) after the date of posting to the addressee whether delivered or not; and
 - (iii) in the case of an email, when it is received into the information system of the recipient and for the purposes of this rule, when a read receipt to the email has been received by the sender, the email is deemed to have been received into the information system.

EXECUTION

Signed by each person who consents to become a Member of the Company with effect from registration as evidence of that person's agreement to the terms of this Constitution:

Signature

STELLA CONROY

Name of Member

Signature

PETER MACFARLANE

Name of Member

HELEN BADGER

Name of Member

Signature

GRACE FERREIRA

Name of Member

Company Constitution Canberra Police Community Youth Club Limited

Signature

DEAN CHAPMAN

Name of Member