

Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Capital divided into Shares

**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF**  
**ACL FOUNDATION LIMITED**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The name of the Company is "ACL Foundation Limited" ABN 62 003 407 681 (hereinafter called "Foundation").

1.2 In this Constitution:

- (1) ACNC Act means the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act, 2012;
- (2) "**Act**" means the Corporations Act, 2001;
- (3) "**Board**" means the Board of Directors of the Foundation;
- (4) "**ACL**" means Assisted Community Living Limited;
- (5) "**disability**" has its ordinary meaning and includes intellectual disability
- (6) "**Director**" means a member for the time being of the Board of Directors;
- (7) "**Gift Fund**" means a fund established by the Foundation in accordance with clause 21
- (8) "**Honorary Life Member**" means a Member who is elected and appointed as an honorary life member in accordance with clause 8.5
- (9) "**Objects**" means the objects of the Foundation as set out in clause 2
- (10) "**Office**" means the registered office for the time being of the Foundation;
- (11) "**Register**" means the register of members to be kept in accordance with this Constitution;
- (12) "**Seal**" means the Common Seal of the Foundation;
- (13) "**Secretary**" means any person appointed to perform the duties of Secretary of the Foundation;
- (14) "**State**" means the State of New South Wales; and
- (15) "**Tax Act**" means the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997.

1.3 In this Constitution, unless the contrary intention appears:

- (1) a reference to:
  - (a) any statute, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other statutory instruments under any of them and consolidations,

- amendments, re-enactments or a replacement of any of them by any government agency;
- (b) any officer of the Foundation includes any person acting for the time being as such as officer;
  - (c) writing includes any mode of representing or reproducing words in a tangible or visible form, and includes facsimile transmission;
- (2) words importing:
- (a) the singular include the plural and vice versa;
  - (b) a gender include all other genders;
  - (c) natural persons include partnerships, associations and corporations;
- (3) headings do not affect the construction of this Constitution;
- (4) is a word or phrase is defined cognate words and phrases have corresponding meanings;
- (5) references to notices in this Constitution include not only formal notices of meetings but also all documents and other communications from the Foundation to its Members but do not include cheques; and
- (6) an expressed used in a particular Part or Division of the Act that is given by that Part or Division a special meaning for the purposes of that or any other Part or Division has, in any of this Constitution, that deals with a matter dealt with by the relevant Part or Division, the same meaning as applies in or in respect of that Part or Division.
- 1.4 The replaceable rules contained in the Act are displaced under section 135(2) of the Act and do not apply to the Foundation.
- 1.5 This Constitution is subject to the Act and where there is any inconsistency between a clause of this Constitution and the Act which is not permissible under the Act, the Act prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.
- 1.6 Everything done under this Constitution continues to have the same operation and effect after the adoption of any successor Constitution as if properly done under that Constitution.
- 1.7 if any doubt arises as to the construction or interpretation of any clause of the Constitution, or of any of the regulations for the time being of the Board, the decision of the Board shall be conclusive and binding on all Members of the Foundation provided that such decision is reduced into writing and duly minuted.

## **2. Objects and powers of the Foundation:**

2.1 The Objects for which the Foundation is established are to:

- (1) financially support Chatswood Sheltered Industries Vocational Services a division of the Sunnyfield Association, and Chatswood Supported Living Services, a division of ACL, and their successors, to assist in the provision of

training, support, employment and living accommodation for persons with disabilities.

- (2) subject to the Board's sole discretion, financially support any other body whose specific task is to provide training, support and services to persons with disabilities in their living accommodation and to assist any body whose specific task it is to provide vocational training to persons with disabilities in their workplace, but paying due consideration where practical to benefit those disabled persons, who, have historically been entitled to particular support from ACL.
- (3) encourage members of the public to become members of the Foundation and through such membership to actively support and further its aims and objectives
- (4) encourage the making of gifts and testamentary dispositions to or for the benefit of the Foundation;
- (5) raise money for the above purposes by any method that seems appropriate; and
- (6) act as the Trustee of "Chatswood Sheltered Industries Foundation Trust".

2.2 The Foundation has all the powers of a company as set out in the Act. The Foundation may use its powers to do:

- (1) anything which it considers will advance or achieve the Objects; and
- (2) all other things that are incidental or conducive to carrying out the Objects.

### **3. APPLICATION OF INCOME AND PROPERTY**

3.1 The income and property of the Foundation shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Foundation as set forth in this constitution;

3.2 No portion of the income and property of the Foundation 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 Foundation;

3.3 Nothing in this Clause 2 prevents the payment, in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or employee of the Foundation or to any Member of the Foundation, in return for any services actually rendered to the Foundation, nor prevent the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being charged by Bankers in Sydney for overdrawn accounts on money lent, or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any Member to the Foundation;

3.4 Subject always to the prior compliance with any act governing charitable fund raising bodies, the Foundation may pay to a director:

- (1) out of pocket expenses reasonably incurred by a director in the performance of any duty as director of the Foundation where the amount payable does not exceed an amount previously approved by the directors of the Foundation;
- (2) for any service rendered to the Foundation by the director in a professional or technical capacity, other than in the capacity as director, where the provision of the service has the prior approval of the directors of the Foundation and where the amount payable is approved by the directors of the Foundation and is not

more than an amount which commercially would be reasonable payment for the service.

- 3.5 The Foundation is not prohibited from contracting with and/or paying fees to a company of which a director is a member where the director holds no more than one percent of the capital of such company and in such case the director is not obliged to account for any share of profit in respect thereto.

#### **4. AMENDMENTS**

- 4.1 Subject to the Act and this Constitution, the Foundation may by Special Resolution alter or add to this Constitution, but no addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in this Constitution for the time being in force, unless the same shall have been submitted to the Ministers of the Crown for the time being respectively administering the Act and the Charitable Fundraising Act, 1991 (NSW) on such occasions and in such terms as the relevant Act or regulations thereunder require.

#### **5. LIMITED LIABILITY**

- 5.1 The liability of Members is limited.

#### **6. CONTRIBUTION**

- 6.1 Every Member and every Honorary Life Member of the Foundation undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Foundation in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he or she is a member or within one year after the Member ceased to be a Member for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Foundation contracted before the time at which he or she ceases to be a Member and of the costs charges and expenses of winding up the same and for the adjustments of the rights of contributors amongst themselves such amount as may be required not exceeding Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

#### **7. WINDING UP**

- 7.1 If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Foundation there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and the liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Foundation but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions being endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a public benevolent institution to which income tax deductible gifts can be made and having objects similar to the objects of the Foundation and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property amongst its or their Members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Foundation under or by virtue of Clause 3 hereof such institution or institutions to be determined by the Members of the Foundation at or before the time of dissolution and in default thereof by the Chief Judge in Equity of the Supreme Court of New South Wales or any Judge of that Court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter and if and so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provision then to some charitable object.

#### **8. MEMBERSHIP**

- 8.1 All members of the Foundation as at 1 November 2002 shall be Honorary Life Members on and from the date of adoption of this Constitution.

- 8.2 A person is qualified to be a member of the Foundation if that person is a natural person who:
- (1) has been nominated for membership of the Foundation;
  - (2) has signed a written application in a form approved by the Board; and
  - (3) has been approved for membership by the Board.
- 8.3 Unless the Board determines otherwise, every applicant for membership of the Foundation (other than Honorary Life Membership) shall be proposed by one and seconded by another financial Member of the Foundation.
- 8.4 All applications for membership shall be subject to the approval of the Board which may withhold such membership in its absolute discretion without ascribing any reason therefore. The application for membership shall be in such form as the Board may from time to time prescribe. The Board's decision is final. Such persons as the Board shall admit to membership and be enrolled on the Register shall be Members of the Foundation.
- 8.5 Honorary Life Members may be elected by the Members as an ordinary resolution in General Meeting if:
- (1) the Board has considered that a person warrants special recognition for outstanding service to the Foundation; and
  - (2) the Board has made a recommendation in writing to the Members for consideration in General Meeting that such person be considered for election to Honorary Life Membership.
- 8.6 A Patron or Patrons of the Foundation may be elected by the Members in General Meeting if the Board has first nominated a person or persons the Board considers appropriate for consideration by the Members in General Meeting. A Patron need not be a Member of the Foundation and shall hold office at the discretion of the Board.
- 8.7 The Secretary shall keep a register of Members. A Member's details shall not be entered into such register except on authority of the Board.
- 8.8 Unless the Board otherwise determines in specific cases, Members (other than Honorary Life Members) must pay an annual subscription as determined by the Board.
- 8.9 Annual subscriptions shall be payable on the first day of July in each year.
- 8.10 The Board may on application by a Member, allow the Member to pay the annual subscription by instalments or waive the payment as determined by the Board.

## **9. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 9.1 Any Member may resign his or her membership by sending his or her resignation in writing to the Secretary and upon such resignation being accepted by the Board and such Member paying up any arrears of subscription due by him or her, he or she shall cease to be a Member.
- 9.2 Any person who shall by any means cease to be a Member, shall nevertheless remain liable for and shall pay to the Foundation, all monies which at the time of his or her ceasing to be a Member were due from him or her to the Foundation.

- 9.3 The Board may declare a Member to have forfeited membership and may direct his or her name to be removed from the appropriate register:
- (1) if he or she is in arrears with their annual subscription for a period of one (1) month after the same becomes due and after that period neglects for one (1) month after notice is given to him or her in writing by the Secretary or Treasurer to pay such arrears.
  - (2) if he or she is convicted of felony or is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to have committed any fraud or misconduct.
  - (3) if he or she is or becomes of unsound mind, or a person whose estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health
- 9.4 Subject to clause 9.5 if any Member shall wilfully refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of the Constitution of the Foundation or shall be guilty of any conduct which in the opinion of the Board is unbecoming of a Member or prejudicial to the interest of the Foundation, the Board shall have power by resolution to censure, fine, suspend or expel the Member from the Foundation or otherwise discipline the Member.
- 9.5 Not less than one week before the meeting of the Board, at which a resolution referred to in clause 9.4 is considered, the Member must be notified
- (1) of the time and place of the proposed meeting;
  - (2) of what is alleged against him or her;
  - (3) of the intended resolution; and
  - (4) that he or she has the right to give an oral or written explanation or defence he or she may think fit; and
  - (5) that subject to clause 9.6 he or she may elect to have the question dealt with by the Foundation in general meeting.
- 9.6 A Member may elect to have an allegation described in clause 9.4 dealt with by the Members in general meeting by giving notice of his or her intention to this effect to the Secretary not less than twenty four hours prior to the appointed time for holding the meeting referred to in clause 9.5.
- 9.7 If the member validly elects to have the question dealt with by the Members, a General Meeting of the Foundation shall be called for the purpose and if at the meeting such a resolution is passed by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting (such vote to be taken by ballot) the Member concerned shall be punished accordingly and in the case of a resolution for his or her expulsion, the Member shall be expelled but not otherwise.
- 9.8 Whenever any person ceases to be a Member of the Foundation, the Board shall direct that his or her name shall be removed from the Register and he or she shall not nor his or her representatives have any claim or interest in any funds or properties of the Foundation.

## **10. GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 10.1 There shall be at least one General Meeting held during each calendar year and not more than 15 months after the holding of the last preceding General Meeting at such time and place as the Board may from time to time decide.
- 10.2 The lastly mentioned General Meeting shall be called the Annual General Meeting. All other General Meetings shall be called General Meetings.
- 10.3 Three (3) members of the Board or 10% of the number of members then registered and entitled to vote at a General Meeting may whenever they think fit, convene a General Meeting, and General Meetings shall be convened on such requisition or in default may be convened by such requisitions as provided by the Act.
- 10.4 Subject to the provisions of the Act relating to special resolutions, not less than twenty-one days notice of the holding of a General Meeting (exclusive of the day on which the notice is served or deemed to be served, but inclusive of the day for which notice is given) specifying the place, the day and the hour of meeting and in case of special business, the general nature of that business shall be given in the manner described in Clause 25 or in such other manner as may be prescribed by the Foundation in General Meeting, to the Members and Directors but with the consent of all Members entitled to receive notice of some particular meeting that meeting may be convened by such shorter notice and in such a manner as those Members may think fit.
- 10.5 The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non receipt of notice of a meeting by any Member shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting.

## **11. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 11.1 (1) The business of an Annual General Meeting shall be to receive and consider the Statement of Financial Performance and Financial Position and reports of the Board and of the Auditor, to elect the Directors for the ensuing year and to transact any other business which under this Constitution ought to be transacted at an Annual General Meeting. All other business transacted at an Annual General Meeting and all business transacted at a General Meeting shall be deemed special.
- (2) The Board's report referred to in this clause 11.1, in addition to any other particulars which the Board shall deem desirable, shall contain a resume of the activities of the Foundation for the period since the preceding report. Such report shall, before presentation at the Annual General Meeting, be formally approved at a Meeting of the Board.
- 11.2 A Member wishing to bring before a General Meeting any motion or business shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary not less than 30 days before the day of the meeting and no motion or business shall be transacted or entertained at such meeting unless notice thereof has been given.
- 11.3 No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of Members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided, 8 Members personally present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for a General Meeting. For the purpose of this clause "Member" includes a person attending as a proxy.
- 11.4 If within fifteen (15) minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of Members shall be dissolved; in

any other case, it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within fifteen (15) minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, the Members present shall be a quorum.

- 11.5 The Chairman shall preside at every General Meeting of the Foundation unless resolved by the majority of Members present that he or she vacate the chair.
- 11.6 If the Chairman is not be present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or if being present he or she shall be unwilling to act as Chairman, the Members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman.
- 11.7 The Chairman may adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- 11.8 When a General Meeting is adjourned for ten days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original General Meeting.
- 11.9 Subject to clause 11.8 it is not necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

## **12. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 12.1 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 results of a show of hands) demanded by at least two (2) Members present in person or by proxy entitled to vote and unless a poll is demanded a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried unanimously or by a particular majority or lost and an entry to that effect in the Minute Book of the Foundation shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the numbers or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.
- 12.2 If a poll is duly demanded, it shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman directs and unless the meeting is adjourned, the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 12.3 In the case of equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which a poll is demanded, shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- 12.4 A poll demanded on the election of a Chairman, or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time as the Chairman of the meeting directs.
- 12.5 Directors and Members, including Honorary Life Members, who have paid up all past and present subscriptions due to the Foundation by that Member as at the date of the General Meeting, shall be entitled to one vote on both a poll and a show of hands at a General Meeting.
- 12.6 A Member who is of unsound mind or whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his or her Committee or by his or her trustee or by such other person as properly has the management of his or her estate, and any such Committee, trustee or other person may vote by proxy or attorney.



### **13. PROXIES**

- 13.1 The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing (in the common or usual form) under the hand of the appointor or of his or her attorney duly authorised. A proxy need not be a Member. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll. No Member may hold more than 5 proxies except for a Member acting in its capacity as Chairman.
- 13.2 Where it is desired to afford Members an opportunity of voting for or against a resolution, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in a form prescribed by the Board from time to time or in a form substantially similar thereto.
- 13.3 The instrument appointing a proxy and the Power of Attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a copy certified as a true copy by a person qualified to witness statutory declarations of that power or authority shall be deposited at the registered office of the Foundation, or at such other place as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting, not less than forty-eight hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or, in the case of a poll not less than twenty-four hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll, and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid.
- 13.4 A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy or attorney shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or unsoundness of mind of the principal or revocation of the instrument or of the authority under which the instrument was executed, if no intimation in writing of such death, unsoundness of mind or revocation as foresaid has been received by the Foundation at the registered office before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the instrument is used.

### **14. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 14.1 The business and affairs of the Foundation shall be under the management of and conducted by the Board.
- 14.2 The Board shall consist of no less than 6 and no more than 12 members. All Directors must be Members of the Foundation. No paid employee of the Foundation may be a director.
- 14.3 The Board shall elect from its members annually a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer of the Foundation and such other office bearers as it considers necessary.
- 14.4 Candidates for election to the Board shall be proposed and seconded in writing by Members entitled to vote at a General Meeting. The candidate must consent in writing to be a Director and his or her consent must be lodged with the Secretary twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the General Meeting at which his or her candidacy is to be voted on.
- 14.5 The election of the Directors shall take place at each Annual General Meeting and a ballot if necessary shall be held in such manner as the Chairman of the meeting may decide.
- 14.6

- (a) A Director elected in accordance with clause 14.5 will take office at the conclusion of the General Meeting at which he or she is elected and will, subject to this Constitution, hold office for a term of 3 years;
- (b) Directors will automatically retire as Directors of the Foundation at the conclusion of the third Annual General Meeting after their election;
- (c) The Directors to retire at the Annual General Meeting at which this clause 14.6 is adopted will comprise three of the previously elected Directors and these Directors are eligible for re-election. The Directors to retire will be decided by lot to be conducted by the Chairman, or if he or she is a candidate, by the deputy Chairman, unless the Directors agree otherwise;
- (d) On the first anniversary of the Annual General Meeting at which this clause 14.6 is adopted, two of the Directors that were previously elected prior to the adoption of this clause 13.6 must retire from office and are eligible for re-election. The Directors to retire will be decided by lot to be conducted by the Chairman, or if he or she is a candidate, by the deputy Chairman, unless the Directors agree otherwise;
- (e) On the second anniversary of the Annual General Meeting at which this clause 14.6 is adopted, the remaining two Directors that were previously elected prior to the adoption of this clause 13.6 must retire from office and are eligible for re-election; and
- (f) Each retiring Director is eligible to be re-nominated and elected as a Director. In the case of the Directors to be elected at the Annual General Meeting at which this clause 14.6 is adopted, the consent of the candidate may be lodged with the Chairman at that Annual General Meeting.”

14.7 Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, all Directors shall retire from the Board at the end of the meeting at which their successors are appointed and a retiring Director shall be deemed to be nominated for re-election unless he or she has given notice to the Secretary that he or she does not desire to be re-elected.

14.8 Subject to Clause 14.2, if an extraordinary vacancy in the Board occurs, it may be filled by the appointment by the Board of a person considered by it to be suitable and the Director so appointed shall retire at the next succeeding Annual General Meeting and is eligible for re-election.

14.9 The office of Director shall in so far be vacated if he or she:

- (1) is removed from office by a Special Resolution of the Members of the Foundation provided in clause 16.1.
- (2) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his or her creditors generally.
- (3) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable -to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health.
- (4) sends to the Board or the Secretary his or her written resignation of office.
- (5) if a Member of the Foundation, is suspended for any period from membership.

- (6) ceases to be a member of the Board by virtue of the Act or ACNC Act.
- (7) becomes prohibited from being a Director of a company by reason of any order made under the Act or ACNC Act.
- (8) for more than six months is absent without permission of the Board from meetings of the Board held during this period.
- (9) is convicted of felony or is declared by any Court of competent jurisdiction to have committed any fraud or misconduct.
- (10) is or becomes a paid employee of the Foundation.

## **15. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

- 15.1 The Directors may meet together for the dispatch of business adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit and at least 6 meetings shall be held each calendar year.
- 15.2 The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board. In the absence or inability for any cause of the Chairman to act, the Deputy Chairman (if any) may exercise any of the functions exercisable by the Chairman. In the absence or like inability of both the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, the Directors present shall appoint one of their members to exercise such functions.
- 15.3 Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes.
- 15.4 In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- 15.5 Three members of the Board may at any time, and the Chairman on the requisition of three members of the Board shall, summon a meeting of the Board.
- 15.6 The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board shall be not less than one half of the Directors from time to time.
- 15.7 The members of the Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body but if, and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed as the minimum quorum under clause 15.6, the continuing members of the Board may act for the purpose of increasing the number to that number or for summoning a General Meeting of the Foundation but for no other purpose.

## **16. REMOVAL OF DIRECTOR**

- 16.1 The Foundation may by Special Resolution remove any Director before the expiration of his or her period of office and may by an ordinary resolution appoint another person in his or her stead.

## **17. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

- 17.1 The management of the business and affairs and custody and control of the funds and property of the Foundation shall be vested in the Board who in addition to the powers and authorities by this Constitution expressly conferred upon them may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the

Foundation and are not by this Constitution or by Statute expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the Foundation in General Meeting.

- 17.2 The Board shall cause minutes to be made in books provided for the purpose:
- (1) of all appointments of officers made by the Board.
  - (2) the name of the members present at each meeting of the Board and of any committee of the Board.
  - (3) of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Foundation and of the Board and of committees of the Board.
- 17.3 The Board may from time to time, at its discretion raise or borrow or secure the payment of any sum or sums of money for the purposes of the Foundation.
- 17.4 The Board may raise or secure the payment or repayment of such moneys in such manner and upon such terms and conditions in all respects as it shall think fit and in particular by any mortgage charge or other security on the whole or any part of the property of the Foundation both present and future.
- 17.5 The Board shall cause a proper register to be kept in accordance with any statute relating thereto of all mortgages and charges, specifically affecting the property of the Foundation.

## **18. COMMITTEES**

- 18.1 The Board may delegate any of its powers to such committees as it thinks fit, and any committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Board.
- 18.2 The Board Chairman may nominate a Committee Chairman and if no such Chairman is nominated or if at any meeting the Chairman is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the same, the members present may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.
- 18.3 A Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes for the members present and in case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- 18.4 Each committee shall furnish to the appropriate meeting of the Board a report of its activities and shall tender to the Board such advice concerning the subject matter of its activities as the Board deems desirable.

## **19. VALIDITY OF ACTS**

- 19.1 All acts done by any meeting of the Board or a Committee of the Board or by any person acting as a member of the Board shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such person acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified.

## **20. THE SEAL**

20.1 The Board shall provide for the safe custody of the Seal of the Foundation which shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a resolution of the Board and in the presence of a member of the Board and of the Secretary or such other person as the Board may appoint for the purpose; and that a Director and the Secretary or such other person as aforesaid shall sign every instrument to which the Seal of the Foundation is so affixed in their presence.

## **21. GIFT FUND**

21.1 The Foundation must establish and maintain a Gift Fund:

- (1) to which gifts of money or property for the Objects are to be made;
- (2) to which contributions that are not gifts but which:
  - (a) are described in items 7 or 8 of the table in section 30-15 of the Tax Act in relation to a fundraising event held for the Foundation 's objects; or
  - (b) can be made to the Gift Fund without adversely affecting the Foundation's deductible gift recipient status,are to be made;
- (3) to which any money received by the Foundation of gifts or contributions referred to in clauses 21.1(1) or 21.1(2) is to be credited; and
- (4) that does not receive any other money or property.

21.2 The Foundation must use the assets of the Gift Fund only for its Objects.

21.3 Contributions to the Gift Fund must be kept separate from other funds and property of the Foundation.

21.4 In maintaining the Gift Fund the Foundation must:

- (1) ensure that the Gift Fund is operated on a not-for-profits basis;
- (2) ensure that at all time the Gift Fund is maintained and used for the Objects;
- (3) ensure that the Gift Fund is operated separately and maintained with separate books of account from the Foundation's general accounts;
- (4) have in place appropriate procedures to ensure only and all proper amounts of money and property are credited to the Gift Fund;
- (5) ensure that money from interest on donations, income derived from donated property, and money from the realisation of such property is to be deposited into the Gift Fund;
- (6) issue receipts in the name of the fund to donors which contain the elements required for donations to the Gift Fund to be deductible under the Tax Act;

- (7) ensure any money or property that is incorrectly received into the Gift Fund will be removed from the Gift Fund as soon as practicable with the accounts for the Gift Fund adjusted and noted accordingly;
- (8) keep records which:
  - (a) record and explain all transactions and other acts of the Gift Fund or the Foundation engages in which is relevant to the Foundation's status as a deductible gift recipient; and
  - (b) show that each of the following assets of the Gift Fund is used by the Gift Fund or the Foundation only for its objects:
    - (i) gifts of money or property for the Objects;
    - (ii) contributions (that are not gifts) but which are described items 7 or 8 of the table in section 30-15 of the Tax Act in relation to a fund-raising event held for its Objects;
    - (iii) contributions (that are not gifts) but which can be made to the Gift Fund without adversely affecting the Foundation's deductible gift recipient status; and
    - (iv) money received by the Gift Fund because of such gifts or contributions.
- (9) keep the records referred to in clause 21.4(8) for at least 5 years after the completion of such transactions or acts to which they relate;
- (10) ensure that any allocation of funds or property to other persons or organisations will be made in accordance with the Objects and not be influenced by the preference of the donor; and
- (11) at all times ensure it complies with all laws and regulations in existence from time to time or any guidelines issued by the Australian Taxation Office or the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission in relation to gift funds.

## **22. REVOCATION CLAUSE**

- 22.1 If the Foundation is wound up or the Foundation's deductible gift recipient endorsement is revoked (whether or not the Foundation is to be wound up) any surplus assets must not be distributed to a Member or a former member of the Foundation, unless that Member or former member is a charity described in clause 22.2;
- 22.2 Subject to the Act and any other applicable Act, and any court order, any surplus assets that remain after the Foundation is wound up must be distributed to one or more charities:
  - (1) with charitable purposes similar to, or inclusive of, the Objects;
  - (2) which also prohibit the distribution of any surplus assets to its members to at least the same extent as the Foundation; and
  - (3) that is or are deductible gift recipients within the meaning of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cth).

- 22.3 The decision as to the charity or charities to be given the surplus assets must be made by the Directors.
- 22.4 For the purpose of this clause, **surplus assets** means any assets of the Foundation that remain after paying all debts and other liabilities of the Foundation, including (where applicable) the costs of winding up.

### **23. ACCOUNTS**

- 23.1 The Foundation must keep accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Act or the ACNC Act (as applicable).
- 23.2 For the purposes of clause 23.1, the Board shall cause proper accounting and other records to be kept and shall distribute copies of every Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position (including every document required by law to be attached thereto) accompanied by a copy of the Auditors Report thereon as required by the Act or the ACNC Act (as applicable).
- 23.3 The Board shall cause to be made out and laid before each Annual General Meeting a Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position made up to a date not more than three months before the date of the meeting.
- 23.4 Once at least in every year the accounts of the Foundation shall be examined and the correctness of the statements described in clause 23.2 ascertained by one or more properly qualified auditor or auditors.
- 23.5 The Board shall from time to time determine at what times and places and under what conditions and regulations the accounting records of the Foundation shall be open to the inspection of members not being members of the Board.
- 23.6 Except at the discretion of the Board no member other than a Director has any right to inspect any books or records of the Foundation other than as allowed by clause 23.5 or by the Members in General Meeting or by the Act or other legislation.

### **24. AUDIT**

- 24.1 A properly qualified Auditor or Auditors shall be appointed and his, or her or their remuneration fixed and duties regulated in accordance with the Act or ACNC Act.

### **25. NOTICES**

- 25.1 Any notice required to be given by any clause of this Constitution or by any Regulation of the Board or Foundation may be served upon any Member or person either personally or by sending the same through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to such Member or person at his or her address as entered in the register or at his or her last known place of residence or business or by sending it to an electronic address (if any) nominated by the member. But the non-receipt of such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of any meeting held in pursuance of such notice.
- 25.2 As regards those Members who have no place of address in Australia registered with the Foundation, a notice posted up in the registered office of the Foundation shall be deemed to be well served on them at the expiration of 24 hours after it was so posted up.

- 25.3 Any notice sent by post shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the letter containing the same would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and posted.
- 25.4 Where a given number of days' notice or notice extending over any period is required to be given the day of service shall unless it is otherwise provided be counted in such number of days or other period.
- 25.5 Notice of every General Meeting shall be given in any manner herein before authorised to:
- (1) every Member, Honorary Life Member or Patron;
  - (2) every Director; and
  - (3) the Auditor or Auditors for the time being of the Foundation.
- 25.6 No other person shall be entitled to receive notices of General Meeting.

## **26. INDEMNITY**

- 26.1 Every member of the Board, Auditor or other staff member for the time being of the Foundation shall be indemnified out of the assets of this Foundation against:
- (1) any liability to a person or corporation other than the Foundation or a related body corporate of the Foundation where that liability does not arise out of conduct involving lack of good faith; and
  - (2) any liability incurred by him or her in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in his or her favour or in which he or she is acquitted or in relation to which he or she obtains relief by way of any application under the Act and which relief is granted to him or her by the Court in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust.
- 26.2 The Foundation may take out and pay the premiums in respect of policies of insurance insuring persons who are or have been officers of the Foundation against such liabilities as the Directors think fit provided that any such insurances do not contravene the Act. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Constitution, a Director shall not be disqualified from voting in favour of effecting such insurance by virtue of his or her office.