

Old Launcestonian's Association

Constitution

Name and Objectives

- 1) The name of the Association will be "Old Launcestonians"
- 2) The right to use the name "Old Launcestonians" is reserved by the Association for its own use and the approval of the Committee must be obtained before any sub-unit (Rule 8 below) may use this title.
- 3) The objects of the Association shall be to foster good fellowship among the Old Scholars of the Launceston Church Grammar School, and to promote the welfare of the school and its traditions.

Membership

- 4) (a) There shall be two classes of membership of the Association. These are:
 - (i) Life Membership
 - (ii) Honorary membership
- (b) Life members may participate fully in all activities of the Association.
- (c) Honorary members may:
 - (i) Attend general meetings of the Association; but not vote thereat;
 - (ii) Attend the annual dinner of the Association; and
 - (iii) Participate in such other activities of the Association as the Committee may from time to time determine.
- (d) Reference in these rules to a member shall mean a life member and shall not include an honorary member.

Eligibility For Membership

- 5) (a) Life membership.

The following persons may become life members of the Association:

- (i) Old scholars of the Launceston Church Grammar School;
- (ii) Teaching staff who have had a minimum of ten years on the staff of the school;
- (iii) The Headmaster of the school;
- (iv) Former scholars of the Broadland House Church of England Girls Grammar School;
- (v) Such persons who have a real and substantial connection to the school.

- (b) Honorary membership.

The following persons are honorary members of the Association:

- (i) Members of the Board of Management of the school who are not life members and teaching staff of the school while holding their respective offices; and
- (ii) Such persons as may be elected by the Committee of the Association being persons who are or who have been connected with the school.

Subscriptions

- 6) Any persons eligible for life membership of the Association may become a member by:
 - (a) The payment of such lump sum as the Committee may from time to time determine; or
 - (b) The acceptance by the Committee of any agreement or arrangement entered into between the Committee and the Board of Management of the school relating to the admission of life members to the Association.

Resignation of Membership

- 7) (a) Any member may resign from membership of the Association by giving notice in writing of his or her intentions to do so to the Secretary of the Association.
 - (b) The person resigning from membership of the Association shall not be entitled to any refund of subscription.

Clubs and Branches

- 8) (a) When a team or body or old scholars wishes to form a sporting club or team and to use the title "Old Launcestonians" it shall petition the Committee accordingly and forward a copy of the proposed Constitution for Approval; in all such cases such Constitution shall provide that one half of the members of the Club Committee are nominees of the Association Committee.
 - (c) In centres removed from Launceston where old scholars meet together for social purposes, sub-branches of the Association may be formed with the approval of the Committee. Such sub-branches of the Association may be formed with the approval of the Committee. Such sub-branches shall be concerned only with the organisation of their own functions; but shall co-operate with the Committee in any way to further the objectives of the Association. Membership of a sub-branch will not entitle any person to membership of the Association. Membership of sub-branches will not entitle any person to a membership of the Association. Such membership can be obtained only as set out above.

Office Bearers

- 9) The office bearers of the Association shall be: -
 - A Patron
 - A President
 - Two Vice-Presidents
 - An Honorary Secretary
 - An Honorary Treasurer
 - An Auditor

Patron

- 10) (a) The Committee of the Association may from time to time nominate a person as a Patron of the Association.
 - (b) A person appointed as Patron of the Association shall hold office until the next succeeding Annual General Meeting and is eligible for re-appointment.

Trustees

- 11) Upon the Association acquiring or being about to acquire any real property, the Committee shall appoint and keep appointed not more than five (5) and not less than two (2) Trustees, who shall sell, mortgage, lease, or otherwise deal with any real property of the Association at the direction of the Committee.

Committee

- 12) (a) The Committee of the Association shall consist of:
- (i) President and two (2) Vice-Presidents who shall be elected annually by the Committee and whose names shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting.
 - (ii) An Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to hold office to the next succeeding Annual General Meeting.
 - (iii) Ten (10) ordinary members, five (5) of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the second Annual General Meeting after their election.
 - (iv) The immediate past president and the Headmaster.
- 13) Five (5) members of the Committee shall form a quorum. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a casting as well as a deliberate vote. In the absence of the President and the Vice-presidents, the Committee shall appoint a Chairman. At meeting of the Committee specially called for the purpose set out in Rule (11) a three-fifths majority of those present entitled to vote is required to carry all motions and resolutions, and a quorum at such meetings shall be ten (10).
- 14) The Committee shall have the sole control of the general funds of the Association and also of their disposal, and shall have power to make all necessary arrangements to carry out the objects of the Association and may appoint sub-committees out of its own number or otherwise for special purposes.
- 15) The Committee shall have power to enter into such contracts on behalf of the Association as it shall deem advisable and to purchase or rent and land required for the use of the Association, and acquire any other property it shall deem advisable and to direct the Trustees to let any property belonging to the Association. The Committee may also from time to time borrow money for the purposes of the Association, and may with this object direct the Trustees to mortgage and charge the real property of the Association. Sales of land may be made only by the decision of the Committee at a meeting specially called for the purposes of which fourteen (14) days notice is given and shall be effected by the Trustees at the direction of the Committee. Any funds raised by sales, mortgage or lease shall be paid to the Committee.
- 16) All amounts received under Rule (6) above shall be held in an account styled "Life Membership Fund". Disbursements from the Life Membership Fund other than for investment purposes shall be made only by the decision of the Committee at a meeting specially called for the purpose and of which 14 (14) days notice is given.
- 17) (a) Three (3) days notice shall be given of all Committee meetings by the Secretary to every member of the Committee.

(b) If any member of the Committee absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Committee without a leave of absence he shall cease to be a member of the Committee.

18) Representatives of the Association to the School Board shall be elected by the Committee.

General Meetings

19) The Annual General Meeting shall be held once a year at such time and place as shall be determined by the Committee, for the purposes of the following:

To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements'

To elect officers;

To transact any other business with the jurisdiction of the meeting.

20) Fourteen (14) days notice of any General Meeting shall be given to the Members.

21) Nominations for Ordinary membership positions on the Committee shall be lodged with the Secretary seven (7) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations shall be made by one member, seconded by another member and counter signed by the nominee. In the event of nominations exceeding the number required, a ballot shall be held in such a manner as the Committee shall deem fit. In the event of equality of votes by two or more candidates in question. If on the date for the closing of nominations the nominations received shall not exceed the number of respective vacancies the members thus nominated shall thereby become elected and any deficiencies may be supplied by the election of candidates nominated at the Annual General Meeting.

Financial Year

22) The financial year of the Association shall commence on 1st January in each year and end on 31 December next following year.

Auditor

23) (a) At each Annual General Meeting of the Association the members present shall appoint a person as the auditor of the Association who shall hold office until the next succeeding Annual General Meeting; but is eligible for re-appointment.

(b) The accounts of the Association shall be examined the Auditor next year. The Auditor shall certify as to the correctness or the accounts shall be reported thereon to the members present at the Annual General Meeting.

(c) If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of the Auditor during the course of a financial year of the Association the Committee may be appoint a person as the Auditor and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next succeeding Annual General Meeting.

Special General Meetings

- 24) The Committee may convene a Special General Meeting of the Association whenever it thinks fit and the Committee shall convene a Special General Meeting within twenty-eight (28) days if so requested by a requisition in writing specifying the objectives of the proposed meeting and signed by at least eight (8) members.

Quorum

- 25) A quorum at an Annual or other General Meeting shall be twenty (20) members.

Alteration of the Rules

- 26) These rules may be altered or added to by a majority of members present at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting. Notice of any proposed alteration or addition shall be lodged with the Secretary twenty-one (21) days prior to the Meeting. Any proposed alteration or addition shall be advised in the Notice of Meeting and details of such proposed alterations or additions shall be made available to any member upon request to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

- Note:** 1. Clause 5 (b) (iii) was added by Special Resolution passed 1st August 1998.
2. Changes to membership criteria by Special Resolution 6th June 2016.

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