

ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1964
CONSTITUTION
OF
THE TASMANIAN BRANCH INCORPORATED
OF THE
THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

1. Name

1.1 The name of the organisation shall be “The Returned & Services League of Australia Tasmanian Branch Inc.” Its motto shall be “The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance”. It aims to uphold loyalty to the Nation and its Sovereign and to uphold the Westminster system of Government and the Constitution of the Nation.

2. Registered Office

2.1 The registered office of the Tasmanian State Branch, (known as “The State Branch”), shall be situated at such place in Tasmania as the State Branch may, from time to time, determine.

3. Interpretation

3.1 This Constitution shall be construed with reference to the Associations Incorporation Act. Terms used herein shall be taken as having the same meanings as they have when used in that Law unless the contrary intention appears.

3.2 In this Constitution, unless the contrary intention appears:

- (a) **Affiliate** means a person who has been admitted as an Affiliate of a Sub-branch pursuant to Rule 16.
- (b) **By-Laws** mean the by-laws of the State Branch.
- (c) **Honorary Life Member** means a person who has been admitted to that class of membership pursuant to Rule 14;
- (d) **Incorporated** in relation to a body means a body that has become a body corporate howsoever the same shall have become incorporated;
- (e) **Life Members** means an Service Member who has been elected to that class of membership pursuant to Rule 13;
- (f) **Member** means a natural person who has been admitted to any one of the classes of members described in Rule 10.1;

- (g) **Member of the Australian Defence Force** means a person who is or was a member of the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army or Royal Australian Air Force and includes a person who is or was a member of the Permanent Forces, Citizen Forces, Reserve Forces, Emergency Forces or Emergency Reserve Forces or a member of a military force raised in time of war or for a specified period;
- (h) **State Congress** means a general meeting of The State's Sub-branches;
- (i) **State Executive** means the board of management of The State Branch constituted by Rule 36 and comprising those persons set forth in that Rule;
- (j) **State Secretary** means the secretary of The State Branch appointed pursuant to Rule 41;
- (k) **Service Member** means a person who has been admitted to that class of membership pursuant to Rule 12;
- (l) **person** means a natural person;
- (m) **Social member** means a person who has been admitted as a social member of a Sub-branch pursuant to Rule 17;
- (n) **State Branch** means a Branch of the Returned & Services League of Australia referred to in Rule 30;
- (o) **State Branch Tribunal** means a State Branch Tribunal established pursuant to Rule 20;
- (p) **Sub-Branch** means a Sub-branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia established by the National Executive or by a State Branch;
- (q) **Tax Act** means the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 and the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as applicable;
- (r) **The Act** means the Associations Incorporation Act 1964 (Tasmanian Parliament), as amended from time to time.
- (s) **The Commonwealth** means the Commonwealth of Australia;
- (t) **The Nation** means the Commonwealth of Australia;
- (u) words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender and words importing the feminine gender include the masculine gender; and
- (v) words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular.

4. Objects

4.1 The League is established for the principal purpose of promoting the interests and welfare of former and serving members of the Australian Defence Force and their dependants and for this purpose has the following objects:

- (a) To assist and care for the sick, elderly and needy by providing, or assisting to provide, pensions, benefits, accommodation, medical treatment, rehabilitation and other forms of welfare.