

CONSTITUTION OF ST. PETERS' RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

Preamble to the Constitution

The aims and objectives of the St. Peters Residents' Association Inc., hereunder called the S.P.R.A. are: -

1. to be concerned with the physical development and environment of St. Peters.
2. to be concerned with preserving and promoting all of the desirable, historical, social and cultural features in St. Peters
3. to initiate community projects, policies and research which relate to the physical, social and cultural features in St. Peters
4. To promote the education of St. Peters' residents generally on matters relating to the physical, social and cultural possibilities in St. Peters
5. to review the activities and policies of St. Peters Council, Public, Statutory and Private Organisations
6. to support and cooperate with other organisations, whose aims and activities are compatible with those of the S.P.R.A.

The Constitution.

1. Title

The name of the organisation shall be the St. Peters' Residents Association, Inc

2. Political and Religious Factors

The Association shall be non-party political and non-sectarian.

3. Membership

- (a) Membership of the Association shall be open to any person and to any institution. Persons and institutions shall be admitted to membership upon the payment of the stipulated subscriptions and subject to compliance with the aims and Constitution of the S.P.R.A.
- (b) The Committee shall refer any recommendation of a rejection of an application for membership, or a termination of membership to the next general meeting following such recommendation. Unless two thirds majority of those eligible to vote at the meeting are in favour of the recommendation of the rejection of the application or the termination of membership, the application shall stand accepted, or the membership shall not be terminated, as the case may be.
- (c) The Subscription shall be: -
 - (i) in the case of husband and wife, \$3 per annum.
 - (ii) in the case of Individuals/institutions \$2 per annum.
 - (iii) in the case of pensioners, students, and others at the discretion of the committee, 50 cents per annum.

4. Officers.

- (a) The designated officers of the Association shall be: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary-Public Officer, the Assistant-Secretary, the Treasurer-Membership Officer, two other officers. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Association.

- (b) The officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and they shall hold Office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association, or until successors have been earlier appointed.

5. The Committee

- (a) There shall be a Committee of the Association which shall consist of the Executive Committee and six other members. The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, or until successors have been earlier appointed.
- (b) Any Committee members may be removed from office by a specially summoned meeting of the Association called for that purpose on twenty-one days notice. The meeting which removes an officer shall elect a successor
- (c) A quorum of seven, three of which shall be non-executive committee members, is required for proceedings of the Committee.

6. Eligibility of members for election to the Committee.

- (a) The following classes or persons shall be ineligible for election to the Executive of the Committee of the Association:
 - I. Persons not resident in St. Peters Council area.
 - II. Persons who are members of St. Peters Council, members of Parliament, State or Federal, their spouses or children.
- (b) Persons not resident in St. Peters Council area will be ineligible for election to the Committee of the Association.

7. Powers of the Committee

- (a) The Committee shall have control and management of the affairs of the Association, subject to any direction by the Association in the general meetings.
- (b) The Committee shall have power to: -
 - (i) call meetings of the Association and of the Committee.
 - (ii) fill any casual vacancy occurring on the. Committee, except where clause 5(b) applies.
 - (iii) make by-laws providing that they be consistent with the Constitution.
 - (iv) appoint a committee member, or a sub-committee, or seconded persons to protect the interests of residents, consistent with the Association's aims, in the several municipal wards in St. Peters.
 - (v) delegate general matters to sub-committees which may include members not on the committee.
 - (vi) raise and expend money, and take action for the attainment of the Association's aims.
 - (vii) publish a newsletter and other printed matter.

8. Meetings of the Association.

- (a) There shall be at least three general meetings of the association each year, and an Annual General Meeting shall be held within thirty days of 1 March each year. A general meeting may be called at any time by the Committee. At least seven days' notice of a general meeting shall be given.

- (b) A special general meeting shall be held upon the written request of at least one third of the total members of the Association. At least seven days notice of a general meeting shall be given and the matters for discussion shall be indicated in the written request.
- (c) The quorum at an Annual General Meeting or a general meeting shall be whichever is the less of fifty members or one fifth of the total Membership.
- (d) At each Annual General Meeting the retiring Committee shall present a report of the years activities, and an audited financial statement.
- (e) The President shall call a Committee Meeting at least once a month.
- (f) Voting rights at general meetings of the Association shall be limited to members who are residents or resident ratepayers in St. Peters Council area and who have reached the age of majority.

9. Accounts of the Association

- (a) The Accounts of the Association shall be kept by the Treasurer.
- (b) An auditor shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The Association's banker shall be the Commonwealth Savings Bank, St. Peters Sub-branch.
- (d) The authorised signatories to the Association's bank account shall be any two among: Treasurer, President, Secretary.
- (e) The Financial Year of the Association shall end on the thirty first day of December of each year.

10. Amendment of the Constitution

The Constitution may be amended by a motion of which twenty one days' notice has been given, and where such motion is passed by a two thirds majority of members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting, or other general meeting.

11. Dissolution of the Association

- (a) The Association may be dissolved by motion, of which twenty one days' notice has been given and where such motion is passed by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting, or other general meeting.
- (b) When the Association is dissolved, the funds, if any, of the Association shall be distributed in accordance with a motion, of which twenty one days' notice has been given and where such motion is carried by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting, or other general meeting.
- (c) In the event after incorporation of the S.P.R.A., the Association for any reason whatsoever, apart from Clause 11 (a) and (b), ceases to function for a period of two years, the assets of the Association shall vest in the trusteeship of the St. Peters Council to be used for any community project in accordance with the aims of the Association which the said Council may deem fit.