

CONSTITUTION

WELFARE RIGHTS CENTRE INC

History of Amendments

September 2003 AGM Section 14(b) changed to allow six months from the financial year to hold AGM's.

November 2008 AGM Section 4, 5a, 8a, 10a, 14dii changed to allow for organisational membership.

November 2008 AGM Section 3a changed to allow for broader organisational powers to recover legal costs.

1. Name

The name of the Incorporated Association shall be “Welfare Rights Centre Inc” (in this Constitution called “The Association”).

2. Object

The object for which the Association is established is to provide a community service for the relief of poverty, distress, sickness and helplessness.

3. Powers

The powers of the Association are to:

- (a) assist the impoverished, distressed, sick and helpless people of Queensland to resolve problems and crises pertaining to their entitlement to social security and other welfare benefits by the giving of advice assistance and legal aid, entering into negotiations with, and providing representation to or before government and other agencies, courts and tribunals and including recovery of professional legal costs and outlays from persons who receive legal representation from the service.
- (b) provide information and resources to the impoverished, distressed, sick and helpless people of Queensland with problems and crises pertaining to their entitlement to social security and other welfare benefits;
- (c) increase the knowledge amongst the impoverished, distressed, sick and helpless people of Queensland of their own rights and obligations regarding social security and other welfare benefits and of the functions, duties and powers of the Department of Social Security and other agencies administering welfare benefits, such activities to include the provision and promotion of community education programs on these matters.
- (d) collect data and researching the problems of entitlement to social security and other welfare benefits of the impoverished, distressed, sick and helpless people of Queensland;
- (e) provide for free distribution of written information by way of newspaper, leaflet or broadsheet on the matters set out in clause 3(b) of this constitution;
- (f) subscribe to, becoming a member of, co-operating with, and providing and promoting readily available comprehensive sources of information, pertaining to the entitlement of the impoverished, distressed, sick and helpless people of Queensland to social security and other welfare benefits, to any other club, association or organisation, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of the Association, provided that the Association shall not subscribe to or support with its funds any club, association or organisation which does not prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its members to an extent at least as great as that imposed on the Association under or by virtue of clause 18 (j) of this constitution;
- (g) provide opportunities for welfare work, social work, law and students of other disciplines as well as for other individuals and organisations involved in the delivery of social security and welfare services so as to gain practical experience in the handling and resolution of social security and welfare problems of the impoverished, distressed, sick and helpless people of Queensland;

- (h) provide in Brisbane and such other places in Queensland as the Association may decide premises, office, library and other facilities for persons conducting a non-profit advice, assistance, legal aid, information, education and representation service for matters relating to the entitlement to social security and other welfare benefits of the impoverished, distressed, sick and helpless people of Queensland;
- (i) buy, sell and deal in all kinds of articles, commodities and provisions, both liquid and solid, for the members of the Association or persons frequenting the Association's premises, in furtherance of the objects of the Association;
- (j) purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire and otherwise acquire any lands, buildings, easements or property, real and personal, and any rights or privileges which may be requisite for the purposes of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with, any of the objects of the Association, provided that in case the Association shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts the Association shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts;
- (k) enter into any arrangements with any Government or Authority that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Association;
- (l) obtain from any such Government or Authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Association may think it desirable to obtain and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions;
- (m) to appoint, employ, remove or suspend such managers, clerks, secretaries, servants, workmen and other persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of the Association;
- (n) remunerate any person or body corporate for services rendered, or to be rendered, and whether by way of brokerage or otherwise in placing or assisting to place or guaranteeing the placing of any unsecured notes, debentures or other securities of the incorporated association, or in or about the incorporated association or promotion of the incorporated association or in the furtherance of its objects;
- (o) construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, alter or control any houses, buildings, grounds, works or conveniences which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to advance the Association's interests, and to contribute to, subsidise or otherwise assist and take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, development, working, management, carrying out, alteration or control thereof;
- (p) invest and deal with money of the Association not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be thought fit;
- (q) take, or otherwise acquire, and hold shares, debentures or other securities or any company or body corporate;
- (r) in furtherance of the object of the Association to lend and advance money or give credit to any person or body corporate; to guarantee and give guarantees or indemnities for the payment of money or the performance of contracts or obligations by any person or body corporate and otherwise to assist any person or body corporate;
- (s) borrow or raise money either alone or jointly with any other person or legal entity in such manner as may be thought proper and whether upon fluctuating advance account or overdraft or otherwise to represent or secure any moneys and further

advances borrowed or to be borrowed alone or with others as aforesaid by notes secured or unsecured, debentures or debenture stock perpetual or otherwise, or to mortgage, charge, lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the incorporated association's property or assets present or future and to purchase, redeem or pay-off any such securities.

- (t) draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments;
- (u) sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Association, in furtherance of the objects of the Association;
- (v) take or hold mortgages, liens or charges, to secure payments of the purchase price, or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, of any part of the Association's property of whatsoever kind sold by the Association, or any moneys due to the Association from purchasers and others;
- (w) take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects of the Association, provided that if the Association takes or holds any property which may be subject to any trusts the Association shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts;
- (x) take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association, in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise;
- (y) purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any one or more of the incorporated associations with which the Association is authorised to amalgamate, in furtherance of the objects of the Association.
- (z) transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of the Association to any one or more of the incorporated associations with which the Association is authorised to amalgamate provided that such association has similar objects and prohibits the distribution of its income and property to members, in furtherance of the objects of the Association;
- (aa) do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Association.

4. Classes of Members

The members of the Association shall consist of ordinary members, organisational members and life members.

Organisational members are not eligible for positions on the Management Committee.

5. Membership

- (a) The number of members shall be unlimited.
- (b) Subject to this constitution any person who is not less than 18 years of age shall be eligible to become a member of the Association upon payment or tender to the Association of his or her annual subscription for the current financial year.

- (c) Every applicant for any class of membership of the Association shall be proposed by one member of the Association and seconded by another member. The application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and his or her proposer and seconder and shall be in such form as the Management Committee from time to time prescribes.
- (d) The number of life members shall be unlimited.
- (e) Life membership shall be granted by the Management Committee to a member in recognition of outstanding service. Nominees for life membership may be proposed by any ordinary or life member of the Association and seconded by another.
- (f) Life membership may be awarded post-humously.

6. Admission and Rejection of Members

- (a) At the next meeting of the Management Committee after the receipt of any application and the fee applicable for any class of membership, such application shall be considered by the Management Committee, who shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant.
- (b) Any applicant who receives a majority of the votes of the members of the Management Committee present at the meeting at which the application is being considered shall be accepted as a member to the class of membership applied for.
- (c) Upon the acceptance or rejection of an application for any class of membership the Secretary shall forthwith give the applicant notice in writing of such acceptance or rejection.

7. Termination of Membership

- (a) A member may resign from the Association at any time by giving notice in writing to the secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date.
- (b) If a member:
 - (i) is convicted of an indictable offence;
 - (ii) fails to comply with any of the provisions of this constitution;
 - (iii) has membership fees in arrears for a period of two months or more; or
 - (iv) conducts himself in a manner considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the Association,the Management Committee shall consider whether his or her membership shall be terminated.
- (c) The member concerned shall be given a full and fair opportunity of presenting his or her case and if the Management Committee resolves to terminate his or her membership it shall instruct the secretary to advise the member in writing accordingly.

8. Appeal Against Rejection or Termination of Membership

- (a) A person or organisation whose application for membership has been rejected or whose membership has been terminated may within one month of receiving written notification thereof, lodge with the secretary written notice of his or her intention to appeal against the decision of the Management Committee.
- (b) Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against rejection or termination of membership the secretary shall convene, within three months of the date of receipt by him of such notice, a general meeting to determine the appeal. At any such meeting the applicant shall be given the opportunity to fully present his or her case and the Management Committee or those members thereof who rejected the application for membership or terminated the membership subsequently shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting its or their case. The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such meeting.
- (c) Where a person whose application is rejected, does not appeal against the decision of the Management Committee within the time prescribed by this constitution or so appeals but the appeal is unsuccessful, the secretary shall forthwith refund the amount of any fee paid.

9. Register of Members

- (a) The Management Committee shall cause a Register to be kept in which shall be entered the names and residential addresses of all persons admitted to membership of the Association and the dates of their admission.
- (b) Particulars shall also be entered into the Register of deaths, resignations, terminations and reinstatements of membership and any further particulars as the Management Committee or the members at any general meeting may require from time to time.
- (c) The Register shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any member who previously applies to the secretary for such inspection.

10. Membership of Management Committee

- (a) The Management Committee of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three other ordinary or life time members, all of whom shall be members of the Association.
- (b) At the annual general meeting of the Association, all the members of the Management Committee for the time being shall retire from office, but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election.
- (c) The election of officers and other members of the Management Committee shall take place in the following manner:
 - (i) Any two members of the Association shall be at liberty to nominate any other member to serve as an officer or other member of the Management Committee;
 - (ii) The nomination, which shall be in writing and signed by the member and his or her proposer and seconder, shall be lodged with the secretary at least fourteen days before the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place;

- (iii) A list of the candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the proposers' and seconders' names, shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office or usual place of meeting of the Association for at least seven days immediately preceding the annual general meeting;
 - (iv) Balloting lists shall be prepared (if necessary) containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order and each member present at the annual general meeting shall be entitled to vote for any number of such candidates not exceeding the number of vacancies;
 - (v) Should, at the commencement of such meeting, there be an insufficient number of candidates nominated, nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.
- (d) Any member of the Management Committee may resign from membership of the Management Committee at any time by giving notice in writing to the secretary but such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date or such member may be removed from office at a general meeting of the Association where that member shall be given the opportunity to fully present his or her case. The question of removal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such a general meeting.

11. Vacancies on Management Committee

- (a) The Management Committee shall have power at any time to appoint any member of the Association to fill any casual vacancy on the Management Committee until the next annual general meeting.
- (b) The continuing members of the Management Committee may act notwithstanding any casual vacancy in the Management Committee, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to this constitution as the necessary quorum of the Management Committee, the continuing member or members may act for the purpose of increasing the number of members of the Management Committee to that number or of summoning a general meeting of the Association, but for no other purpose.

12. Functions of the Management Committee

- (a) Except as otherwise provided by this constitution and subject to resolutions of the members of the Association carried at any general meeting the Management Committee:
 - (i) shall have the general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of the Association; and
 - (ii) shall have authority to interpret the meaning of this constitution and any matter relating to the Association on which this constitution is silent.
- (b) The Management Committee may exercise all the powers of the Association:
 - (i) to borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the members of the Association may think fit and secure the same or the payment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the Association in any way and in particular by the issue of debentures, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the Association's property, both

present and future, and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities;

- (ii) to borrow money from members at a rate of interest not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being charged by bankers in Brisbane for overdrawn accounts on money lent, whether the term of the loan be short or long, and to mortgage or charge its property or any part thereof and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Association, and to provide and pay off any such securities; and
- (iii) to invest in such manner as the members of the Association may from time to time determine.

13. Meetings of Management Committee

- (a) The Management Committee shall meet at least once every two calendar months to exercise its functions.
- (b) A special meeting of the Management Committee shall be convened by the secretary on the requisition in writing signed by not less than one-third of the members of the Management Committee, which requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such special meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.
- (c) At every meeting of the Management Committee a simple majority of a number equal to the number of members elected and/or appointed to the Management Committee as at the close of the last general meeting of the members, shall constitute a quorum.
- (d) Subject as previously provided in this rule, the Management Committee may meet together and regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit, provided that questions arising at any meeting of the Management Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes and, in the case of equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative.
- (e) A member of the Management Committee shall not vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract with the Association in which he or she is interested, or any matter arising thereout, and if he or she does so vote his or her vote shall not be counted.
- (f) Not less than fourteen days notice shall be given by the secretary to members of the Management Committee of any special meeting of the Management Committee. Such notice shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.
- (g) The President shall preside as Chairman at every meeting of the Management Committee, or if there is no President, or if at any meeting he or she is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Vice-President shall be Chairman or if the Vice-President is not present at the meeting then the members may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.
- (h) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of a Management Committee meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members of the Management Committee, shall lapse. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Management Committee may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present

within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall lapse.

- (i) The Management Committee may delegate any of its powers to a sub-committee consisting of such members of the Association as the Management Committee thinks fit. Any sub-committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Management Committee.
- (j) A sub-committee may elect a Chairman of its meetings. If no such Chairman is elected, or if at any meeting the Chairman is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.
- (k) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and, in the case of an equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative.
- (l) All acts done by any meeting of the Management Committee or of a sub-committee or by any person acting as a member of the Management Committee shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such member of the Management Committee or person acting as aforesaid, or that the members of the Management Committee or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the Management Committee.
- (m) A resolution in writing signed by all the members of the Management Committee for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Management Committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Management Committee duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more members of the Management Committee.

14. Annual General or General Meetings

- (a) The first general meeting shall be held at such time, not being less than one month nor more than three months after the incorporation of the Association, and at such place as the Management Committee may determine.
- (b) The annual general meeting shall be held within six months of the close of the financial year.
- (c) The business to be transacted at every annual general meeting shall be:
 - (i) the receiving of the Management Committee's report, and the statement of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the Association for the preceding financial year;
 - (ii) the receiving of the auditor's report upon the books and accounts for the preceding financial year;
 - (iii) the election of members of the Management Committee; and
 - (iv) the appointment of an auditor.
- (d) The secretary shall convene a special general meeting:

- (i) when directed to do so by the Management Committee;
 - (ii) on the requisition in writing signed by not less than one-third of the members presently on the Management Committee or not less than the number of members of the Association which equals double the number of members presently on the Management Committee plus one. Such requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such special general meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat; or
 - (iii) on being given a notice in writing of an intention to appeal against the decision of the Management Committee to reject an application for membership or to terminate the membership of any person.
- (e) At any general meeting the number of members required to constitute a quorum shall be double the number of members presently on the Management Committee plus one.
- (f) 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. For the purposes of this rule "member" includes a person attending as a proxy or as representing a corporation which is a member.
- (g) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members of the Management Committee or the Association, shall lapse. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Management Committee may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.
- (h) The Chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), 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. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
- (i) The secretary shall convene all general meetings of the Association by giving not less than 14 days notice of any such meeting to the members of the Association.
- (j) The manner by which such notice shall be given shall be determined by the Management Committee, provided that notice of any meeting convened for the purpose of hearing and determining the appeal of a member against the rejection or termination of his or her membership by the Management Committee, shall be given in writing. Notice of a general meeting shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.
- (k) Unless otherwise provided by this constitution, at every general meeting:
- (i) the President shall preside as Chairman, or if there is no President, or if he or she is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act, the Vice-President shall be the Chairman or if the Vice-President is not present or is

unwilling to act then the members present shall elect one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting;

- (ii) the Chairman shall maintain order and conduct the meeting in a proper and orderly manner;
- (iii) every question, matter or resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present;
- (iv) every member present shall be entitled to one vote and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote, provided that no member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting if his or her annual subscription is more than one month in arrears at the date of the meeting;
- (v) voting shall be by show of hands or a division of members, unless not less than one-fifth of the members present demand a ballot, in which event there shall be a secret ballot. The Chairman shall appoint two members to conduct the secret ballot in such manner as he shall determine and the result of the ballot as declared by the Chairman shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the ballot was demanded;
- (vi) a member may vote in person or by proxy or by attorney and on a show of hands every person present who is a member or a representative of a member shall have one vote and in a secret ballot every member present in person or by proxy or by attorney or other duly authorised representative shall have one vote;
- (vii) 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 in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised. A proxy may but need not be a member of the Association. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a secret ballot;
- (viii) where it is desired to afford members an opportunity of voting for or against a resolution the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances permit:

ASSOCIATION:

I, _____ of _____,
being a member of the abovenamed Association, hereby appoint _____
of _____,
or failing him, _____ of _____,
as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (annual) general meeting of the
Association, to be held on the _____ day of _____,
20____, and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Signature.

This form is to be *in favour of _____ the resolution.
*against _____

*Strike out whichever is not desired. (Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as he or she thinks fit.);

- (ix) the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deposited with the Secretary prior to the commencement of any meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote; and
- (x) the Secretary shall cause full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of every Management Committee meeting and general meeting to be entered in a book to be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any financial member who previously applies to the Secretary for that inspection. For the purposes of ensuring the accuracy of the recording of the minutes, the minutes of every Management Committee meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding Management Committee meeting verifying their accuracy. Similarly, the minutes of every general meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding general meeting. Provided that the minutes of any annual general meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding general meeting or annual general meeting.

15. By-Laws

The Management Committee may from time to time make, amend or repeal by-laws, not inconsistent with this constitution, for the internal management of the Association and any by-law may be set aside by a general meeting of members.

16. Alteration of Constitution

Subject to the provisions of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*, this constitution may be amended, rescinded or added to from time to time by a special resolution carried at any general meeting. If the members adopt these amendments, the amendments must be certified as true and correct by two members of the management committee. However any such amendment or rescission must be submitted to the Queensland Office of Fair Trading (or equivalent body administering the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*) for approval and acceptance.

17. Common Seal

The Management Committee may provide for a Common Seal and for its safe custody. The Common Seal shall only be used by the authority of the Management Committee and every instrument to which the Seal is affixed shall be signed by a member of the Management Committee and shall be countersigned by the Secretary or by a second member of the Management Committee or by some other person appointed by the Management Committee for the purpose.

18. Funds and Accounts

- (a) The funds of the Association shall be banked in the name of the Association in such bank as the Management Committee may from time to time direct.
- (b) Proper books and accounts shall be kept and maintained either in written or printed form in the English language showing correctly the financial affairs of the Association and the particulars usually shown in books of a like nature.
- (c) All moneys shall be banked as soon as practicable after receipt thereof.

- (d) All amounts of fifty dollars or over shall be paid by cheque signed by any two of the president, secretary, treasurer or other member authorised from time to time by the Management Committee.
- (e) Cheques shall be crossed “*not negotiable*” except those in payment of wages, allowances or petty cash recoupments which may be open.
- (f) The Management Committee shall determine the amount of petty cash which shall be kept on the imprest system.
- (g) All expenditure shall be approved or ratified at a Management Committee meeting.
- (h) As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year the treasurer shall cause to be prepared a statement containing particulars of:
 - (i) the income and expenditure for the financial year just ended; and
 - (ii) the assets and liabilities and of all mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the Association at the close of that year.
- (i) All such statements shall be examined by the auditor who shall present his or her report upon such audit to the secretary prior to the holding of the annual general meeting next following the financial year in respect of which such audit was made.
- (j) The income and property of the Association whencesoever derived shall be used and applied solely in promotion of its objects and in the exercise of its powers as set out herein and no portion thereof shall be distributed, paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to or amongst the members of the Association provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of interest to any such member in respect of moneys advanced by him to the Association or otherwise owing by the Association to him or of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Association or to any member of the Association or other person in return for any services actually rendered to the Association provided further that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to prevent the payment or repayment to any member of out of pocket expenses, money lent, reasonable and proper charges for goods hired by the Association or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the Association.

19. Establishment and Operation of Gift Fund

- (a) The Association must maintain for its Principal Purpose, a fund (Gift Fund):
 - (i) to which gifts of money or property for that purpose are to be made;
 - (ii) to which any money received by the Association because of those gifts is to be credited; and
 - (iii) that does not receive any other money or property.
- (b) The Association must use the following only for its Principal Purpose:
 - (i) gifts made to the Gift Fund;
 - (ii) any money received because of those gifts.
- (c) The Association must maintain a separate bank account for the Gift Fund.

20. Documents

The Management Committee shall provide for the safe custody of books, documents, instruments of title and securities of the Association.

21. Financial Year

The financial year of the Association shall close on 30 June in each year.

22. Dissolution

- (a) The Association shall be dissolved:
 - (i) if the membership is less than three persons; or
 - (ii) if a resolution to that effect is carried by a vote of a three-fourths majority of the financial members present at a general meeting convened to consider the question.
- (b) If the Association is wound up or if the endorsement (if any) of the Association as a deductible gift recipient is removed any surplus assets of the Gift Fund remaining after payment of liabilities attributable to it shall be transferred to a fund authority of institution to which income tax deductible gifts may be made.
- (c) In the event of the organisation being wound up, any surplus assets or property remaining after the payment of the organisations liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation in Australia which is a public benevolent institution for the purposes of any Queensland or Commonwealth Taxation Act.

23. General

This Association shall have no affiliation with any political party.

CERTIFICATION

We certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Constitution of **WELFARE RIGHTS CENTRE INC.**

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(President)

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(Secretary)

Read CHAIRPERSON for CHAIRMAN whereso mentioned in Constitution.