



Tasmanian Association of Recreational Artists

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1. Name of the Association

The name of the association is the Tasmanian Association of Recreational Artists Inc. (in this Constitution called "TARA").

2. Interpretation

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires –

Act means the [Associations Incorporation Act 1964](#);

Association means the Tasmanian Association of Recreational Artists Inc. (in this Constitution called "TARA" and "the Association");

auditor means the person appointed as the auditor of the Association under [rule 11](#);

authorised deposit-taking institution means a body corporate that is an authorised deposit-taking institution for the purposes of the *Banking Act 1959* of the Commonwealth;

committee means the committee of management referred to in [rule 23](#);

general meeting means –

(a) an annual general meeting; or

(b) a special general meeting;

officer of the Association means a person elected as an officer of the Association at an annual general meeting or appointed as an officer of the Association under [rule 24.4](#);

ordinary business of an annual general meeting means the business specified in [rule 13.5](#);

ordinary committee member means a member of the committee other than an officer of the Association;

special general meeting means a meeting of the Association, other than an annual general meeting, convened under [rule 14](#)

3. Association's Office

The office of the Association is located at 4 Second Avenue, West Moonah, Tasmania 7009, or at any other place the committee determines. Any change of address is to be notified to all members within thirty (30) days.

4. Objects of the Association

The objects of the Association are to:

- provide a low cost opportunity for recreational and developing artists to exhibit and sell their works;
- encourage members in their artistic endeavours; and
- conduct sustainable exhibitions and sales to promote and enrich community involvement in and appreciation of art.

5. Powers of the Association

5.1 The Association can, for the necessary or convenient purposes of the Association, open and operate bank accounts, make investments, buy and sell property, lease or hire property, build or alter premises, purchase, sell, or supply goods, apply for funding, accept gifts, seek contributions through fundraising or other means, publish material in any medium, support other organisations with like objects, and undertake any lawful thing incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects or purposes of the Association.

5.2 The Association can, subject to an approval, or direction by resolution, passed at a general meeting:

- (a) borrow and raise money in any manner and terms;
- (b) make a gift, subscription or donation to any of the funds, authorities or institutions to which *section 78A of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* of the Commonwealth relates, purchase; and
- (c) acquire, and undertake all or part of the property, assets, liabilities or engagements of any association with which the Association is amalgamated in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules of the Association.

6. Membership of Association

6.1 A person who applies and is approved for membership in accordance with this rule is eligible to be a member of the Association on payment of the annual membership fee specified in [rule 7](#).

6.2 An application by a person for membership is to be –

- (a) made in writing on a form approved by the committee and signed by the applicant; and
- (b) lodged with the committee of the Association.

6.3 If the committee approves an application, a member of the committee, as the committee may nominate for that purpose, is to –

- (a) notify the applicant, in writing, that they have been approved for membership of the Association; and
- (b) on receipt of the amount payable by the applicant as the first annual subscription, enter their name in a register of members.

6.4 A member of the Association may resign by serving on the committee a written notice of resignation.

6.5 On receipt of a notice from a member of the Association under [subrule 6.4](#), a member of the committee, as the committee may nominate for that purpose, is to remove the name of the member from the register of members.

6.6 A person –

- (a) becomes a member of the Association when his or her name is entered in the register of members; and
- (b) ceases to be a member of the Association when his or her name is removed from the register of members.

6.7 Any right, privilege or obligation of a person as a member of the Association –

- (a) is not capable of being transferred to another person; and
- (b) terminates on the cessation of the membership.

6.8 If the Association is wound up, each member of the Association, and each person who was a member of the Association within the period of 12 months immediately preceding the commencement of the winding-up, is liable to contribute –

- (a) to the assets of the Association for payment of the liabilities of the Association; and
- (b) for the costs, charges and expenses of the winding-up; and
- (c) for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.

6.9 Any liability under [subrule 6.8](#) is not to exceed the annual subscription as approved at the previous annual general meeting.

6.10 Despite [subrule 6.9](#), a former member of the Association is not liable to contribute under that subrule in respect of any liability of the Association incurred after he or she ceased to be a member.

7. Membership Fees

7.1 The annual membership fee payable by members of the Association is \$50 or any other amount approved by the members of the Association by special resolution at a general meeting.

7.2 The annual membership fee of a member of the Association is due and payable on or before the first day of each financial year of the Association.

8. Income and Property of Association

The income and property of the Association is to be applied solely towards the promotion and furtherance of the objects and purposes of the Association and no portion of the income or property of the Association is to be paid or transferred to any member of the Association except, and with the approval of the committee, as bona fide compensation for services rendered, goods supplied, rent for premises, or expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.

9. Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure

9.1 True accounts are to be kept of the following:

- (a) each receipt or payment of money by the Association and the matter in respect of which the money was received or paid;
- (b) each asset or liability of the Association.

9.2 The accounts are to be open to inspection by the members of the Association at any reasonable time, and in any reasonable manner, determined by the committee.

9.3 The treasurer of the Association is to keep all accounting books, and general records and records of receipts and payments, connected with the business of the Association in the form and manner the committee determines.

9.4 The accounts, books and records are to be kept at the Association's office or at any other place the committee determines.

10. Banking and Finance

10.1 On behalf of the Association, the treasurer of the Association is to –

- (a) receive any money paid to the Association; and
- (b) immediately after receiving the money, issue an official receipt in respect of the money; and
- (c) cause the money to be paid into the account opened under [subrule 10.2](#) as soon as practicable after it is received.

10.2 The committee is to open with an authorised deposit-taking institution an account in the name of the Association.

10.3 The committee may –

- (a) receive from an authorised deposit-taking institution a cheque drawn by the Association on any of the Association's accounts with the authorised deposit-taking institution; and
- (b) release or indemnify the authorised deposit-taking institution from or against any claim, or action or other proceeding, arising directly or indirectly out of the drawing of that cheque.

10.4 Except with the authority of the committee, a payment of an amount exceeding \$20 is not to be made from the funds of the Association otherwise than by cheque drawn on the Association's account.

10.5 The committee may provide the treasurer with an amount of money to meet urgent expenditure, subject to any conditions the committee may impose in relation to the expenditure.

10.6 A cheque is not to be drawn on the Association's account except for the purpose of making a payment that has been authorised by the committee.

10.7 A cheque, draft, bill of exchange, promissory note or other negotiable instrument is to be –
(a) signed by the treasurer or, in the treasurer's absence, by any other member, or members, of the committee the committee nominates for that purpose; and
(b) countersigned by the public officer of the Association or such other member or members of the committee, as the committee may nominate for that purpose.

11. Auditor

11.1 At each annual general meeting, the members of the Association present at the meeting are to appoint a person as the auditor of the Association.

11.2 If an auditor is not appointed at an annual general meeting under [subrule 11.1](#), the committee is to appoint a person as the auditor of the Association as soon as practicable after that annual general meeting.

11.3 The auditor is to hold office until the next annual general meeting and is eligible for re-appointment.

11.4 The auditor may only be removed from office by special resolution.

11.5 If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of auditor, the committee is to appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next annual general meeting.

12. Audit of Accounts

12.1 The auditor is to audit the financial affairs of the Association at least once in each financial year of the Association.

12.2 The auditor, after auditing the financial affairs of the Association for a particular financial year of the Association, is to –

- (a)** certify as to the correctness of the accounts of the Association; and
- (b)** at the next annual general meeting, provide a written report to the members of the Association present at that meeting.

12.3 In the report and in certifying to the accounts, the auditor is to –

- (a)** specify the information, if any, that he or she has required under [subrule 12.5 \(b\)](#) and obtained; and
- (b)** state whether, in his or her opinion, the accounts exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the Association according to the information at his or her disposal; and
- (c)** state whether the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Association have been observed.

12.4 The public officer of the Association is to deliver to the auditor a list of all the accounting records, books and accounts of the Association.

12.5 The auditor may –

- (a)** have access to the accounting records, books and accounts of the Association; and

- (b) require from any servant of the Association any information the auditor considers necessary for the performance of his or her duties; and
- (c) employ any person to assist in auditing the financial affairs of the Association; and
- (d) examine any member of the committee, or any servant of the Association, in relation to the accounting records, books and accounts of the Association.

13. Annual General Meeting

13.1 The Association is to hold an annual general meeting each year.

13.2 An annual general meeting is to be held on any day (being not later than 6 months after the end of the financial year of the Association) the committee determines.

13.3 An annual general meeting is to be in addition to any other general meeting that may be held in the same year.

13.4 The notice convening an annual general meeting is to specify the purpose of the meeting.

13.5 The ordinary business of an annual general meeting is to be as follows:

- (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
- (b) to receive from the committee, auditor and servants of the Association reports on the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year of the Association;
- (c) to elect the officers of the Association and the ordinary committee members;
- (d) to appoint the auditor and determine his or her remuneration.

13.6 An annual general meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with [rule 16](#).

14. Special General Meetings

14.1 The committee may convene a special general meeting of the Association at any time.

14.2 The committee, on the requisition in writing of at least 10 members of the Association, is to convene a special general meeting of the Association.

14.3 A requisition for a special general meeting –

- (a) is to state the objects of the meeting; and
- (b) is to be signed by each of the requisitionists; and
- (c) is to be deposited at the office of the Association; and
- (d) may consist of several documents, each signed by one or more of the requisitionists.

14.4 If the committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within 21 days after the day on which a requisition is deposited at the office of the Association, any one or more of the requisitionists may convene the meeting within 3 months after the day of the deposit of the requisition.

14.5 A special general meeting convened by requisitionists is to be convened in the same manner, as nearly as practicable, as the manner in which the committee would convene a special general meeting.

14.6 All reasonable expenses incurred by requisitionists in convening a special general meeting are to be refunded by the Association.

15. Special Resolutions at General Meetings

15.1 Special resolutions must be passed by three-quarters of the Members present at a general meeting.

15.2 Notice of the intention to propose a special resolution and full text of the resolution must be given to all members at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting at which it is to be discussed and proposed.

15.3 Special resolutions are required to be passed for any amendment to be made to this Constitution, for the winding up of the Association, for the amalgamation of the Association with another Association and in other special circumstances.

16. Notices of General Meetings

At least 14 days before the day on which a general meeting of the Association is to be held, the public officer of the Association is to serve a notice in accordance with Rule 32 on all current members specifying –

- (a) the place, day and time at which the meeting is to be held; and
- (b) the nature of the business that is to be transacted at the meeting.

17. Business and Quorum at General Meetings

17.1 All business transacted at a general meeting, other than the ordinary business of an annual general meeting, is special business.

17.2 Business is not to be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members of the Association entitled to vote is present at the time the meeting considers that business.

17.3 A quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting is twelve (12) members of the Association entitled to vote.

17.4 If a quorum is not present within one hour after the time appointed for the commencement of a general meeting, the meeting –

- (a) if convened on the requisition of members of the Association, is dissolved; or
- (b) if convened by the committee, is to be adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and –
 - (i) at the same place; or
 - (ii) at any other place specified by the chairperson –
 - (A) at the time of the adjournment; or
 - (B) by notice in a manner determined by the chairperson.

17.5 If at an adjourned general meeting a quorum is not present within one hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting is dissolved.

18. Chairperson at General Meetings

At each general meeting of the Association, the chairperson is to be –

- (a) the president; or
- (b) in the absence of the president, the vice-president; or

(c) in the absence of the president and the vice-president, a member of the Association elected to preside as chairperson by the members of the Association present and entitled to vote at the general meeting.

19. Adjournment of General Meetings

19.1 The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may adjourn the meeting with the consent of the members of the Association who are present and entitled to vote at the meeting, but no business is to be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.

19.2 If a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting is to be given in the same manner as the notice of the original meeting.

19.3 If a meeting is adjourned for less than 14 days, it is not necessary to give any notice of the adjournment or of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting.

20. Determination of Questions Arising at General Meetings

20.1 A question arising at a general meeting of the Association is to be determined on a show of hands.

20.2 A declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been lost or carried, or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority, together with an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Association, is evidence of that fact unless a poll is demanded on or before that declaration.

21. Votes

21.1 On any question arising at a general meeting of the Association, a member of the Association (including the chairperson) has one vote only.

21.2 All votes are to be given personally and there shall be no proxy.

21.3 Despite [subrule 21.1](#), in the case of an equality of votes, the chairperson has a second or casting vote.

22. Taking of a poll

22.1 If at a general meeting a poll on any question is demanded –
(a) the poll is to be taken at that meeting in the manner the chairperson determines; and
(b) the result of the poll is taken to be the resolution of the meeting on that question.

22.2 A poll that is demanded on the election of a chairperson, or on a question of adjournment, is to be taken immediately.

22.3 A poll that is demanded on any other question is to be taken at any time before the close of the meeting as the chairperson determines.

23. Affairs of Association to be Managed by a Committee

23.1 The affairs of the Association are to be managed by a committee of management constituted as provided in [rule 25](#).

23.2 The committee –

- (a) is to control and manage the business and affairs of the Association; and
- (b) may exercise all the powers and perform all the functions of the Association, other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised and performed by members of the Association at a general meeting; and
- (c) has power to do anything that appears to the committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.

24. Officers of the Association

24.1 The officers of the Association are as follows:

- (a) one president;
- (b) one vice-president;
- (c) one treasurer;
- (d) one secretary.

24.2 [Rule 26.2](#), [26.3](#) and [26.4](#) applies, with all necessary modifications, to the election of persons to any of the offices referred to in [subrule 24.1](#)

24.3 Each officer of the Association is to hold office until the next annual general meeting after that at which he or she is elected and is eligible for re-election.

24.4 If a casual vacancy in an office referred to in [subrule 24.1](#) occurs, the committee may appoint one of its members to fill the vacancy until the next annual general meeting after the appointment.

25. Constitution of the Committee

25.1 The committee consists of –

- (a) the officers of the Association; and
- (b) at least three other members elected at the annual general meeting.

25.2 An ordinary committee member is to hold office until the next annual general meeting after that at which he or she is elected and is eligible for re-election.

25.3 If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of ordinary committee member, the committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy until the next annual general meeting after the appointment.

26. Election of Committee

26.1 A nomination of a candidate for election as an officer of the Association, or as an ordinary committee member, is to be –

- (a) made in writing, signed by 2 members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the nomination); and
- (b) delivered to the public officer of the Association at least 10 days before the day on which the annual general meeting is to be held.

26.2 If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee –
(a) the candidates nominated are taken to be elected; and
(b) further nominations are to be received at the annual general meeting.

26.3 If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies on the committee to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.

26.4 If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies on the committee to be filled, a ballot is to be held.

26.5 If the number of further nominations received at the annual general meeting exceeds the number of remaining vacancies on the committee to be filled, a ballot is to be held in relation to those further nominations.

26.6 The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary committee members is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in the manner determined by the committee.

27. Vacation of Office

For the purpose of these rules, the office of an officer of the Association, or of an ordinary committee member, becomes casually vacant if the officer or committee member –

- (a) dies; or
- (b) becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his or her creditors or makes an assignment of his or her remuneration or estate for their benefit; or
- (c) becomes a represented person within the meaning of the [Guardianship and Administration Act 1995](#); or
- (d) resigns office in writing addressed to the committee; or
- (e) ceases to be ordinarily resident in Tasmania; or
- (f) is absent from 3 consecutive meetings of the committee without the permission of the other members of the committee; or
- (g) ceases to be a member of the Association; or
- (h) fails to pay all arrears of subscription within 14 days after receiving a notice in writing signed by the public officer of the Association stating that the officer or committee member has ceased to be a financial member of the Association.

28. Meetings of the Committee

28.1 The committee is to meet at least 4 times in a financial year at any place and time the committee determines.

28.2 A meeting of the committee, other than a meeting referred to in [subrule 28.1](#), may be convened by the President or any 3 of the members of the committee.

28.3 Written notice of any special committee meeting is to be served on members of the committee and is to specify the general nature of the business to be transacted.

28.4 A special committee meeting may only transact business of which notice is given in accordance with [subrule 28.3](#).

28.5 A quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee is 5 members of the committee.

28.6 Business is not to be transacted at a meeting of the committee unless a quorum is present.

28.7 If a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of –
(a) a meeting of the committee (other than a special committee meeting), the meeting is to be adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and at the same place; or
(b) a special committee meeting, the meeting is dissolved.

28.8 At each meeting of the committee, the chairperson is to be –
(a) the president; or
(b) in the absence of the president, the vice-president; or
(c) in the absence of the president and the vice-president, a member of the committee elected to preside as chairperson by the members of the committee present at the meeting.

28.9 Any question arising at a meeting of the committee is to be determined –
(a) on a show of hands; or
(b) if demanded by a member, by a poll taken at that meeting in the manner the chairperson determines.

28.10 On any question arising at a meeting of the committee, a member of the committee (including the chairperson) has one vote only.

28.11 Despite [subrule 28.10](#), in the case of an equality of votes, the chairperson has a second or casting vote.

28.12 Written notice of each committee meeting is to be served on each member of the committee by –
(a) giving it to the member during business hours before the day on which the meeting is to be held; or
(b) leaving it, during business hours before the day on which the meeting is to be held, at the member's postal or residential address or place or address of business or employment last known to the server of the notice; or
(c) sending it by post to the person's postal or residential address or address of business or employment last known to the server of the notice in sufficient time for it to be delivered to that address in the ordinary course of post before the day on which the meeting is to be held; or
(d) faxing it to the member's fax number; or
(e) emailing it to the member's email address.

29. Disclosure of Interests

29.1 If a member of the committee or a member of a subcommittee has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter being considered, or about to be considered, by the committee or subcommittee at a meeting, the member is to, as soon as practicable after the relevant facts come to the member's knowledge, disclose the nature of the interest to the committee.

29.2 If at a meeting of the committee or a subcommittee a member of the committee or subcommittee votes in respect of any matter in which the member has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest, that vote is not to be counted.

30. Subcommittees

30.1 The committee may –
(a) appoint a subcommittee from the committee; and
(b) prescribe the powers and functions of that subcommittee.

30.2 The committee may co-opt any person as a member of a subcommittee without voting rights, whether or not the person is a member of the Association.

30.3 The committee will prescribe the quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the subcommittee.

30.4 Any question arising at a meeting of a subcommittee that cannot be determined by consensus will be referred back to the committee for determination.

31. Executive Committee

31.1 The president, the vice-president, the treasurer and the secretary constitute the executive committee.

31.2 During the period between meetings of the committee, the executive committee may issue instructions to the public officer and servants of the Association in matters of urgency connected with the management of the affairs of the Association.

31.3 The executive committee is to report on any instructions issued under [subrule 31.2](#) to the next meeting of the committee.

32. Service of Notices and Requisitions

Except as otherwise provided by these rules, a document or notice may be served under these rules on a person by –

- (a) giving it to the person; or
- (b) leaving it at, or sending it by post to, the person's postal or residential address or place or address of business or employment last known to the server of the document; or
- (c) faxing it to the person's fax number; or
- (d) emailing it to the person's email address.

33. Expulsion of Members

33.1 The committee may expel a member from the Association if, in the opinion of the committee, the member is guilty of conduct detrimental to the interests of the Association.

33.2 The expulsion of a member under [subrule 33.1](#) does not take effect until the later of the following:

- (a) the fourteenth day after the day on which a notice is served on the member under [subrule 33.3](#);
- (b) if the member exercises his or her right of appeal under this rule, the conclusion of the special general meeting convened to hear the appeal.

33.3 If the committee expels a member from the Association, the public officer of the Association, without undue delay, is to cause to be served on the member a notice in writing –

- (a) stating that the committee has expelled the member; and
- (b) specifying the grounds for the expulsion; and
- (c) informing the member of the right to appeal against the expulsion under [rule 34](#).

34. Appeal Against Expulsion

34.1 A member may appeal against an expulsion under [rule 33](#) by serving on the public officer of the Association, within 14 days after the service of a notice under [rule 33.3](#), a requisition in writing demanding the convening of a special general meeting for the purpose of hearing the appeal.

34.2 On receipt of a requisition, the public officer is to immediately notify the committee of the receipt.

34.3 The committee is to cause a special general meeting to be held within 21 days after the day on which the requisition is received.

34.4 At a special general meeting convened for the purpose of hearing an appeal under this rule –
(a) no business other than the question of the expulsion is to be transacted; and
(b) the committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds of the expulsion and the committee's reasons for the expulsion; and
(c) the expelled member must be given an opportunity to be heard; and
(d) the members of the Association who are present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the expulsion should be lifted or confirmed.

34.5 If at the special general meeting a majority of the members present vote in favour of the lifting of the expulsion –
(a) the expulsion is lifted; and
(b) the expelled member is entitled to continue as a member of the Association.

34.6 If at the special general meeting a majority of the members present vote in favour of the confirmation of the expulsion –
(a) the expulsion takes effect; and
(b) the expelled member ceases to be a member of the Association.

35. Disputes

35.1 A dispute between a member of the Association, in the capacity as a member, and the Association is to be determined by arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the [Commercial Arbitration Act 2011](#).

35.2 This rule does not affect the operation of [rule 34](#).

36. Seal of Association

36.1 The seal of the Association is to be in the form of a rubber stamp inscribed with the name of the Association encircling the word "Seal".

36.2 The seal is not to be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee.

36.3 The affixing of the seal is to be attested by the signatures of –
(a) two members of the committee; or
(b) one member of the committee and the public officer of the Association or any other person the committee may appoint for that purpose.

36.4 If a sealed instrument has been attested under [subrule 36.3](#), it is presumed, unless the contrary is shown, that the seal was affixed to that instrument by the authority of the committee.

36.5 The seal is to remain in the custody of the public officer of the Association.