



RPA CONSTITUTION

DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

The following changes are proposed for the Constitution of the Retired Police Association of Tasmania. *These changes are to be placed before the **AGM in December 2015**.* The proposed changes in brief are:-

1. To amend the objectives to make dues tax deductible.
2. To permit the appointment of a Vice Patron
3. To permit the RPAT to form additional Branches if required.
4. To alter the duties of the Treasurer.

Amendment No.1.

10. OBJECTIVES (as it currently reads)

The objectives of the RPAT shall be:

- a. the mutual benefit of members by fostering a spirit of comradeship;
- b. the promotion of friendly interaction and a spirit of good fellowship amongst its members by arranging periodic meetings for conversational and social gain;
- c. by every legitimate means to protect and advance the interests of its members;
- d. to show consideration and comradeship to each other at all times, particularly in cases of sickness or death;
- e. to arrange visits to members when they are sick and to render them any such assistance as may be practicable;
- f. to show respect by attending the funeral of any deceased member and to tender kindly sympathy and consolation to the bereaved relatives; and
- g. the participation in any other movement pertaining to the welfare of members.

Section 10 (showing proposed changes)

H.by every legitimate means protect and advance the interests of its members to maintain their current entitlements and privileges in respect to the Retirements Benefits Fund.

Explanation: If the Constitution of the RPAT includes the objective of maintaining members' rights, current standards and privileges of RBF pensions, membership dues become tax deductible.

Amendment No.2.

Section 19 (as it currently reads)

The Executive Committee of the RPAT may nominate a prominent person as Patron. Such nomination shall be considered at an AGM with majority approval

Section 19 (showing proposed changes)

The Executive Committee of the RPAT may nominate prominent people as Patron and when considered appropriate, as Vice Patron. Such nominations shall be considered at an AGM with majority approval.

Explanation: This gives the AGM power to appoint a Vice Patron if considered appropriate.

Amendment No.3.

Section 12 Branches (as it currently reads)

There shall be two Sub-branches of the RPAT known as the Northern Region and North Western Region. Each Sub-branch will have three (3) Committee members and one (1) Vice President. There shall be no longer than three (3) months between Sub-branch Committee meetings, and the minimum attendance of three (3) Sub-branch members to form a quorum.

Section 12 Branches (showing proposed amendment)

There shall be (two) Sub-branches of the RPAT known as the Northern Region and North Western Region and any other Sub- Branch which may be formed from time to time with the approval of the Executive Committee. Each Sub-branch will have three (3) Committee members and one (1) Vice President. There shall be no longer than three (3) months between Sub-branch Committee meetings, and the minimum attendance of three (3) Sub-branch members to form a quorum.

Explanation: Delete the word TWO and add the remaining words in red.

The purpose of this amendment is to permit the expansion of the RPAT at any time in the future especially interstate should the circumstances arise.

Amendment No.4

Section 14 – Duties of Officers (as it currently reads)

Treasurer

“The Treasurer shall keep a book in which all receipts and payments shall be recorded and such book shall be made available at all Executive Committee meetings and AGM. All payments shall be duly approved by the Executive Committee and shall be made by cheque or petty cash. Cheques shall be signed by two (2) of the members of the Executive Committee who are authorised to do so. The Treasurer shall prepare for audit the annual statement of account and balance sheet and, after audit, shall prepare copies for distribution at the AGM”.

Section 14 – Duties of Officers (showing proposed amendment)

The Treasurer or his or her delegate shall be a member of the Executive Committee and shall attend all the meetings of the RPAT. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all financial transactions of the RPAT including all income and expenditure. This record shall be submitted to all Executive Committee meetings for scrutiny and approval.

After having the records audited in accordance with Section 16, the treasurer shall prepare an annual report to be presented and ratified at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the RPAT.