

**FAMILIES AND FRIENDS  
OF THE FIRST AIF Incorporated  
(FFFAIF)**

*An association incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009*

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**OBJECTIVES  
AND  
ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**



*Dedicated to Digger Heritage*

Founder John Laffin

Founded on Hamel Day

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FFFAIF is a non-political, non-sectarian and non-racial fellowship of people who are interested in promoting a better understanding of what the AIF did and what it stands for.

### **FFFAIF OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the FFFAIF is to commemorate the service, sacrifice, courage and suffering of the First Australian Imperial Force of the Great War 1914-1918 and of their families and friends.

The FFFAIF is a non profit making charitable organisation dedicated to:

- Preserving for future generations of Australians the sense of national identity and values that the First AIF created, beginning with the ANZAC tradition at Gallipoli.
- Preserving the memory of the soldiers, sailors, airmen and nurses who served in the Great War 1914-1918.
- Supporting those serving units entrusted with carrying on the traditions passed on to them by predecessor units of the Great War 1914-1918.
- Helping to bring together the families and friends of those who served in the Great War 1914-1918.
- Helping to educate all Australians seeking knowledge and guidance in understanding the campaigns in which Australians participated.
- Helping Australians to conduct research and publication concerning those who served in the Great War 1914-1918.
- Encouraging and supporting the provision of courses in Australia's participation in the Great War 1914-1918, in primary, secondary and tertiary education.
- Providing scholarships, principally to support younger Australians, to study Australia's participation in the Great War 1914-1918.
- Working in co-operation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Australian War Memorial, Returned & Services League and like minded organisations to further the objectives of the FFFAIF.
- Promoting FFFAIF objectives through the media, with particular emphasis on raising the standards of reporting of Great War 1914-1918 history.

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## Part 1 - Preliminary

### 1. Definitions

(1) In this constitution:

**Director-General** means the Director-General of the Department of Services, Technology and Administration.

**ordinary committee member** means a member of the committee who is not an office-bearer of the association.

**secretary** means:

(a) the person holding office under this constitution as secretary of the association, or

(b) if no such person holds that office - the public officer of the association.

**special general meeting** means a general meeting of the association other than an annual general meeting.

**the Act** means the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009*.

**the Regulation** means the *Associations Incorporation Regulation 2010*.

(2) In this constitution:

(a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty, and

(b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, if the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty.

(3) The provisions of the *Interpretation Act 1987* apply to and in respect of this constitution in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if this constitution were an instrument made under the Act.

## **Part 2 - Membership**

### **2. Membership generally**

- (1) A person is eligible to be a member of the association if:
  - (a) the person is a natural person, and
  - (b) the person has been nominated and approved for membership of the association in accordance with clause 3.
- (2) A person is taken to be a member of the association if:
  - (a) the person is a natural person, and
  - (b) the person was:
    - (i) in the case of an unincorporated body that is registered as the association - a member of that unincorporated body immediately before the registration of the association, or
    - (ii) in the case of an association that is amalgamated to form the relevant association - a member of that other association immediately before the amalgamation, or
    - (iii) in the case of a registrable corporation that is registered as an association - a member of the registrable corporation immediately before that entity was registered as an association.
- (3) A person is taken to be a member of the association if the person was one of the individuals on whose behalf an application for registration of the association under section 6 (1) (a) of the Act was made.

### **3. Nomination for membership**

- (1) A nomination of a person for membership of the association:
  - (a) must be made by a member of the association in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1 to this constitution, as modified from time to time, and
  - (b) must be lodged with the secretary of the association.
- (2) As soon as practicable after receiving a nomination for membership, the secretary must refer the nomination to the committee which is to determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination.
- (3) As soon as practicable after the committee makes that determination, the secretary must:
  - (a) notify the nominee, in writing, that the committee approved or rejected the nomination (whichever is applicable), and
  - (b) if the committee approved the nomination, request the nominee to pay (within the period of 28 days after receipt by the nominee of the notification) the sum payable under this constitution by a member as entrance fee and annual subscription.
- (4) The secretary must, on payment by the nominee of the amounts referred to in subclause (3) (b) within the period referred to in that provision, enter or cause to be entered the nominee's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the association.

#### **4. Cessation of membership**

A person ceases to be a member of the association if the person:

- (a) dies, or
- (b) resigns membership, or
- (c) is expelled from the association, or
- (d) fails to pay the annual membership fee under clause 8 (2) within 3 months after the fee is due.

#### **5. Membership entitlements not transferable**

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the association:

- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person, and
- (b) terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

#### **6. Resignation of membership**

- (1) A member of the association may resign from membership of the association by first giving to the secretary written notice of at least one month (or such other period as the committee may determine) of the member's intention to resign and, on the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.
- (2) If a member of the association ceases to be a member under subclause (1), and in every other case where a member ceases to hold membership, the secretary must make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

#### **7. Register of members**

- (1) The public officer of the association must establish and maintain a register of members of the association specifying the name and postal or residential address of each person who is a member of the association together with the date on which the person became a member.
- (2) The register of members must be kept in New South Wales:
  - (a) at the main premises of the association, or
  - (b) if the association has no premises, at the association's official address.
- (3) The register of members must be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the association at any reasonable hour.
- (4) A member of the association may obtain a copy of any part of the register on payment of a fee of not more than \$1 for each page copied.
- (5) If a member requests that any information contained on the register about the member (other than the member's name) not be available for inspection, that information must not be made available for inspection.
- (6) A member must not use information about a person obtained from the register to contact or send material to the person, other than for:

- (a) the purposes of sending the person a newsletter, a notice in respect of a meeting or other event relating to the association or other material relating to the association, or
- (b) any other purpose necessary to comply with a requirement of the Act or the Regulation.

### **8. Fees and subscriptions**

- (1) A member of the association must, on admission to membership, pay to the association a fee of \$1 or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount.
- (2) In addition to any amount payable by the member under subclause (1), a member of the association must pay to the association an annual membership fee of \$2 or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount:
  - (a) except as provided by paragraph (b), before 1 July in each calendar year, or
  - (b) if the member becomes a member on or after 1 July in any calendar year - on becoming a member and before 1 July in each succeeding calendar year.

### **9. Members' liabilities**

The liability of a member of the association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the association or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the association as required by clause 8.

### **10. Resolution of disputes**

- (1) A dispute between a member and another member (in their capacity as members) of the association, or a dispute between a member or members and the association, are to be referred to a community justice centre for mediation under the Community Justice Centres Act 1983.
- (2) If a dispute is not resolved by mediation within 3 months of the referral to a community justice centre, the dispute is to be referred to arbitration.
- (3) The *Commercial Arbitration Act 1984* applies to any such dispute referred to arbitration.

### **11. Disciplining of members**

- (1) A complaint may be made to the committee by any person that a member of the association:
  - (a) has refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of this constitution, or
  - (b) has wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the association.
- (2) The committee may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be trivial or vexatious in nature.
- (3) If the committee decides to deal with the complaint, the committee:



- (a) must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned, and
  - (b) must give the member at least 14 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the committee in connection with the complaint, and
  - (c) must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.
- (4) The committee may, by resolution, expel the member from the association or suspend the member from membership of the association if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved and the expulsion or suspension is warranted in the circumstances.
- (5) If the committee expels or suspends a member, the secretary must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the committee for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal under clause 12.
- (6) The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:
- (a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned, or
  - (b) if within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the association confirms the resolution under clause 12, whichever is the later.

## ***12. Right of appeal of disciplined member***

- (1) A member may appeal to the association in general meeting against a resolution of the committee under clause 11, within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.
- (2) The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.
- (3) On receipt of a notice from a member under subclause (1), the secretary must notify the committee which is to convene a general meeting of the association to be held within 28 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice.
- (4) At a general meeting of the association convened under subclause (3):
- (a) no business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted, and
  - (b) the committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both, and
  - (c) the members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (5) The appeal is to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by members of the association.

### **Part 3 - The committee**

#### **13. Powers of the committee**

Subject to the Act, the Regulation and this constitution and to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting, the committee:

- (a) is to control and manage the affairs of the association, and
- (b) may exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the association, other than those functions that are required by this constitution to be exercised by a general meeting of members of the association, and
- (c) has power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the association.

#### **14. Composition and membership of committee**

- (1) The committee is to consist of:
  - (a) the office-bearers of the association, and
  - (b) at least 5 ordinary committee members, each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the association under clause 15.
- (2) The total number of committee members is to be 9.
- (3) The office-bearers of the association are as follows:
  - (a) the president,
  - (b) the vice-president,
  - (c) the treasurer,
  - (d) the secretary.
- (4) A committee member may hold up to 2 offices (other than both the president and vice-president offices).
- (5) Each member of the committee is, subject to this constitution, to hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election.

#### **15. Election of committee members**

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the association or as ordinary committee members:
  - (a) must be 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 form of the nomination), and
  - (b) must be delivered to the secretary of the association at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected and further nominations are to be received at the annual general meeting.

- (3) If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.
- (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.
- (5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.
- (6) The ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary committee members of the committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the committee may direct.
- (7) A person nominated as a candidate for election as an office-bearer or as an ordinary committee member of the association must be a member of the association.

#### **16. Secretary**

- (1) The secretary of the association must, as soon as practicable after being appointed as secretary, lodge notice with the association of his or her address.
- (2) It is the duty of the secretary to keep minutes of:
  - (a) all appointments of office-bearers and members of the committee, and
  - (b) the names of members of the committee present at a committee meeting or a general meeting, and
  - (c) all proceedings at committee meetings and general meetings.
- (3) Minutes of proceedings at a meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.

#### **17. Treasurer**

It is the duty of the treasurer of the association to ensure:

- (a) that all money due to the association is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the association are made, and
- (b) that correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the association, including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the association.

#### **18. Casual vacancies**

- (1) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee, the committee may appoint a member of the association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed is to hold office, subject to this constitution, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.
- (2) A casual vacancy in the office of a member of the committee occurs if the member:
  - (a) dies, or
  - (b) ceases to be a member of the association, or

- (c) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth, or
- (d) resigns office by notice in writing given to the secretary, or
- (e) is removed from office under clause 19, or
- (f) becomes a mentally incapacitated person, or
- (g) is absent without the consent of the committee from 3 consecutive meetings of the committee, or
- (h) is convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty for which the maximum penalty on conviction is imprisonment for not less than 3 months, or
- (i) is prohibited from being a director of a company under Part 2D.6 (Disqualification from managing corporations) of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth.

### **19. Removal of committee members**

- (1) The association in general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the committee from the office of member before the expiration of the member's term of office and may by resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the member so removed.
- (2) If a member of the committee to whom a proposed resolution referred to in subclause (1) relates makes representations in writing to the secretary or president (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that the representations be notified to the members of the association, the secretary or the president may send a copy of the representations to each member of the association or, if the representations are not so sent, the member is entitled to require that the representations be read out at the meeting at which the resolution is considered.

### **20. Committee meetings and quorum**

- (1) The committee must meet at least 3 times in each period of 12 months at such place and time as the committee may determine.
- (2) The committee may choose to hold a meeting at two or more venues using any technology that allows members to participate.
- (3) Additional meetings of the committee may be convened by the president or by any member of the committee.
- (4) Oral or written notice of a meeting of the committee must be given by the secretary to each member of the committee at least 48 hours (or such other period as may be unanimously agreed on by the members of the committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
- (5) Notice of a meeting given under subclause (3) must specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business is to be transacted at the meeting, except business which the committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.
- (6) Any 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee.

- (7) No business is to be transacted by the committee unless a quorum is present and if, within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting is to stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week.
- (8) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting is to be dissolved.
- (9) At a meeting of the committee:
  - (a) the president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president is to preside, or
  - (b) if the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, such one of the remaining members of the committee as may be chosen by the members present at the meeting is to preside.

**21. Delegation by committee to sub-committee**

- (1) The committee may, by instrument in writing, delegate to one or more sub-committees (consisting of such member or members of the association as the committee thinks fit) the exercise of such of the functions of the committee as are specified in the instrument, other than:
  - (a) this power of delegation, and
  - (b) a function which is a duty imposed on the committee by the Act or by any other law.
- (2) A function the exercise of which has been delegated to a sub-committee under this clause may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time by the sub-committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation.
- (3) A delegation under this clause may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function, or as to time or circumstances, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation.
- (4) Despite any delegation under this clause, the committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.
- (5) Any act or thing done or suffered by a sub-committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this clause has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the committee.
- (6) The committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this clause.
- (7) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

**22. Voting and decisions**

- (1) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee are to be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the committee or sub-committee present at the meeting.
- (2) Each member present at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

- (3) Subject to clause 20 (6), the committee may act despite any vacancy on the committee.
- (4) Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the committee or by a sub-committee appointed by the committee, is valid and effectual despite any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the committee or sub-committee.

## **Part 4 - General meetings**

### **23. Annual general meetings - holding of**

- (1) The association must hold its first annual general meeting within 18 months after its registration under the Act.
- (2) The association must hold its annual general meetings:
  - (a) within 6 months after the close of the association's financial year, or
  - (b) within such later time as may be allowed by the Director-General or prescribed by the Regulation.
- (3) The committee may choose to hold an annual general meeting at two or more venues using any technology that allows members a reasonable opportunity to participate.

### **24. Annual general meetings - calling of and business at**

- (1) The annual general meeting of the association is, subject to the Act and to clause 23, to be convened on such date and at such place(s) and time as the committee thinks fit.
- (2) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting is to include the following:
  - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting,
  - (b) to receive from the committee reports on the activities of the association during the last preceding financial year,
  - (c) to elect office-bearers of the association and ordinary committee members,
  - (d) to receive and consider any financial statement or report required to be submitted to members under the Act.
- (3) An annual general meeting must be specified as such in the notice convening it.

### **25. Special general meetings - calling of**

- (1) The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the association.
- (2) The committee may choose to hold a special general meeting at two or more venues using any technology that allows members a reasonable opportunity to participate.
- (3) The committee must, on the requisition in writing of at least 5 per cent of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the association.
- (4) A requisition of members for a special general meeting:
  - (a) must state the purpose or purposes of the meeting, and
  - (b) must be signed by the members making the requisition, and
  - (c) must be lodged with the secretary, and

- (d) may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
- (5) If the committee fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within 1 month after that date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the secretary, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- (6) A special general meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in subclause (5) must be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the committee.

## **26. Notice**

- (1) Except if the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the secretary must, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, give a notice to each member specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.
- (2) If the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the secretary must, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be given to each member specifying, in addition to the matter required under subclause (1), the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.
- (3) No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting is to be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an annual general meeting, business which may be transacted under clause 24 (2).
- (4) A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the secretary who must include that business in the next notice calling a general meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.

## **27. Quorum for general meetings**

- (1) No item of business is to be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under this constitution to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.
- (2) Five members present (being members entitled under this constitution to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
- (3) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting:
  - (a) if convened on the requisition of members, is to be dissolved, and
  - (b) in any other case, is to stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and (unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.



- (4) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being at least 3) are to constitute a quorum.

**28. *Presiding member***

- (1) The president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president, is to preside as chairperson at each general meeting of the association.
- (2) If the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, the members present must elect one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

## **29. Adjournment**

- (1) The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, 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.
- (2) If a general meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the secretary must give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of the association stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- (3) Except as provided in subclauses (1) and (2), notice of an adjournment of a general meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

## **30. Making of decisions**

- (1) A question arising at a general meeting of the association is to be determined by either:
  - (a) a show of hands, or
  - (b) if on the motion of the chairperson or if 5 or more members present at the meeting decide that the question should be determined by a written ballot—a written ballot.
- (2) If the question is to be determined by a show of hands, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, or an entry to that effect in the minute book of the association, is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.
- (3) If the question is to be determined by a written ballot, the ballot is to be conducted in accordance with the directions of the chairperson.

## **31. Special resolutions**

A special resolution may only be passed by the association in accordance with section 39 of the Act.

## **32. Voting**

- (1) On any question arising at a general meeting of the association a member has one vote only.
- (2) All votes must be given personally or by proxy but no member other than the chairperson of the meeting may hold more than 5 proxies.
- (3) In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a general meeting, the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- (4) A member or proxy is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the association unless all money due and payable by the member and/or proxy to the association has been paid, other than the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the then current year subject to the provision of Clause 8 (2).

- (5) A member or proxy is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the association if the member or proxy is under 18 years of age.

### **33. Proxy votes**

Proxy voting may be undertaken at or in respect of a general meeting subject to:

- (1) Each member is to be entitled to appoint another member as proxy by notice given to the secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- (2) The notice appointing the proxy is to be in the form set out in Appendix 2 to this constitution.
- (3) Proxy votes may be cast to determine any issue or proposal that requires the passing of a special resolution.
- (4) Proxy votes are cast only in the event of a poll and not on a show of hands.
- (5) Proxy votes may not be cast for the election of officer bearers or ordinary committee members of the association.

### **34. Postal ballots**

- (1) The association may hold a postal ballot to determine any issue or proposal that requires the passing of a special resolution (other than an appeal under clause 12).
- (2) A postal ballot is to be conducted in accordance with Schedule 3 to the Regulation.

## **Part 5 - Miscellaneous**

### **35. Insurance**

The association may effect and maintain insurance.

### **36. Funds - source**

- (1) The funds of the association are to be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting, such other sources as the committee determines.
- (2) All money received by the association must be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the association's bank or other authorised deposit-taking institution account.
- (3) The association must, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

### **37. Funds - management**

- (1) Subject to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting, the funds of the association are to be used in pursuance of the objects of the association in such manner as the committee determines.
- (2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by any 2 members of the committee or employees

of the association, being members or employees authorised to do so by the committee.

### **38. Change of name, objects and constitution**

An application to the Director-General for registration of a change in the association's name, objects or constitution in accordance with section 10 of the Act is to be made by the public officer or a committee member.

### **39. Custody of books etc**

Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, the public officer must keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents relating to the association.

### **40. Inspection of books etc**

- (1) The following documents must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the association at any reasonable hour:
  - (a) records, books and other financial documents of the association,
  - (b) this constitution,
  - (c) minutes of all committee meetings and general meetings of the association.
- (2) A member of the association may obtain a copy of any of the documents referred to in subclause (1) on payment of a fee of not more than \$1 for each page copied.

### **41. Service of notices**

- (1) For the purpose of this constitution, a notice may be served on or given to a person:
  - (a) by delivering it to the person personally, or
  - (b) by sending it by pre-paid post to the address of the person, or
  - (c) by sending it by facsimile transmission or some other form of electronic transmission to an address specified by the person for giving or serving the notice.
- (2) For the purpose of this constitution, a notice is taken, unless the contrary is proved, to have been given or served:
  - (a) in the case of a notice given or served personally, on the date on which it is received by the addressee, and
  - (b) in the case of a notice sent by pre-paid post, on the date when it would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post, and
  - (c) in the case of a notice sent by facsimile transmission or some other form of electronic transmission, on the date it was sent or, if the machine from which the transmission was sent produces a report indicating that the notice was sent on a later date, on that date.

### **42. Financial year**

The financial year of the association is:

- (a) the period of time commencing on the date of incorporation of the association and ending on the following 30 June, and
- (b) each period of 12 months after the expiration of the previous financial year of the association, commencing on 1 July and ending on the following 30 June.

#### **43. FFFAIF logo**

The association's logo as approved by the Department of Defence will include the words "Families and Friends of the First AIF" or "FFFAIF" displayed on a banner and will incorporate graphics of the Australian Army 'Rising Sun' badge (the version as used by the First AIF), the Australian Army 'slouch hat' with slouch turned up on one side and the Royal Australian Navy seaman's hat.

#### **44. Life members**

A member qualifies for life membership when the member

- (a) has completed ten (10) consecutive years service as an active member of the committee, or
- (b) has completed fifteen (15) years membership, ten (10) years service as an active member of the committee, or
- (c) has completed twenty (20) years membership with twelve (12) years service as an active member of the committee.

Members may be elected to life membership, upon a recommendation of the committee at an annual general meeting or subsequent general meetings as the occasion requires, as a mark of the highest honour in recognition of outstanding and meritorious service to the association. Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges and subject to the obligations conferred upon members except that a life member shall not be called upon to pay any annual membership fee.

#### **45. Veteran members**

A member qualifies for veteran membership when the member has completed a total period of not less than 25 consecutive years as a member. Veteran members may be appointed to such membership by the committee upon such terms and subject to such regulations as the committee may from time to time deem advisable. Veteran members shall be entitled to all the privileges and subject to the obligations conferred upon members except that a veteran member shall not be called upon to pay any annual membership fee.

#### **46. Honorary members**

A person qualifies for honorary membership of the association when the person has demonstrated extraordinary service to Digger Heritage and accepts a nomination that has been proposed, seconded and carried by resolution at an annual general meeting or an extraordinary general meeting convened that includes that purpose.

Honorary members shall not be called upon to pay any annual membership fee and shall not be entitled to

- (a) nominate for any position on the association's committee, or
- (b) vote on any question arising at a general meeting.

#### **47. Patrons**

A patron or patrons shall be elected at the annual general meeting or at subsequent general meetings as the occasion requires.

#### **48. Life Patrons**

A life patron can be elected at only an annual general meeting or an extraordinary general meeting convened for that purpose. Life members only can be elected to the office of life patron and there shall be no more than two (2) life patrons at any one time.

#### **49. Patrons-in-memoriam**

- (1) The first patrons-in-memoriam of the association will remain in perpetuity and will be
  - (i) John Laffin (the Diggers' champion) founder of FFFAIF and, subject to their families' continued approval,
  - (ii) General Sir John Monash GCMG, KCB, VD and
  - (iii) General Sir Harry Chauvel GCMG, KCB.
- (2) Subsequent patron- or patrons-in-memoriam shall be elected at the annual general meeting or at subsequent general meetings as the occasion requires.

#### **50. Disposition on winding up**

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the association there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed to any other fund or person or institution whatsoever other than a fund, authority or institution which is approved by the Commissioner of Taxation or a Deputy Commissioner of Taxation as an association, authority or institution endorsed as an Income Tax Exempt Charity.

**Appendix 1 [Clause 3 (1) (a)]**

**Application for membership of association**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION**

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[*name of association*]

Incorporated (incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009*)

I,.....[*full name of applicant*]

of.....[*address*]

.....[*occupation*]

hereby apply to become a member of the abovenamed incorporated association. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the constitution of the association for the time being in force.

.....

*Signature of applicant*

Date

I,.....[*full name*]

a member of the association, nominate the applicant for membership of the association.

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*Signature of proposer*

Date

I,.....[*full name*]

a member of the association, second the nomination of the applicant for membership of the association.

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*Signature of seconder*

Date



**Appendix 2 [Clause 33 (2)]**

**FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

I.....  
*(full name)*

of .....  
*(address)*

being a member of **FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE FIRST AIF Incorporated**

hereby appoint

.....  
*(full name of proxy)*

of.....  
*(address)*

being a member of that incorporated association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the general meeting of the association (annual general meeting or special general meeting, as the case may be) to be held on

the.....day of..... and at any adjournment of that meeting. *(month and year)*

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate) the resolution\* (insert details).

\* to be inserted if desired. ....  
*(Signature of member appointing proxy)*

Date.....

NOTE: No person other than the chairperson of the meeting may hold more than five (5) proxies. A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the association.