



1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be "The Fairholme Old Girls Association".

2. AIM

The aim of the Association shall be to foster and keep alive the spirit of the old School, and to promote knowledge and interest among past pupils and to further and promote the interest and welfare of the College.

3. BRANCHES

Branches of the Association may be formed with the permission of the Parent Association, and shall conform to Clauses 1, 2, 4 and 6. Where the Parent Association or Branch Association considers it advisable, a Younger Set of the Association or Branch may be formed.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Any ex-pupil of "Spreydon" or "Fairholme" shall be eligible for membership.

5. FAIRHOLME STAFF

The staff of "Fairholme" shall be honorary members of the Association, and ex-members of the Staff may be invited to retain their honorary membership at the discretion of the Committee and be eligible to become honorary members of appropriate branches.

6. SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription shall be determined by a general meeting, payable in advance at or before the Annual General Meeting.

7. Any past student may become a Life Member on payment of a fee determined by a general meeting. Life membership shall be transferable from branch to branch.

8. Life Membership shall be reciprocal between branches, subject to verification from the original branch.

9. Notice of subscriptions due shall be included in the notice of the Annual General Meeting. Any member who has not paid her subscription one month after this meeting, shall cease to be a member of the Association, and shall cease to exercise any of the privileges of membership, provided that the Hon. Treasurer shall have discretionary power to reinstate such member on such terms of payment of arrears as he thinks fit to impose, subject to guidelines set by the Committee.

10. BADGE

Only financial members shall be entitled to purchase an Association badge.

11. GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting, which may be of a social nature, shall be held regularly, at such time and place as the Committee shall appoint. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time as the Association in General meeting shall prescribe. There shall be an Annual Reunion other than a Dance, to be held in Toowoomba to which all members of Branch Associations shall be invited. This Reunion shall be self-supporting. A Reunion Book shall be kept.

12. At least seven (7) days' notice must be given for the Annual General Meeting. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by any member, shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

13. Five members or the President and the Secretary may call a General Meeting of the Association, and the Secretary on the written request of such members shall give notice of such meeting to all members entitled to receive it.

14. 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. Ten members personally present shall be a quorum or any other number of persons which may be determined to constitute a quorum as decided by Branch Association. If within an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned to a date to be fixed, and if a quorum is not present at the adjourned meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved, provided that the Committee may change the time and place of such adjourned meeting, but at least two days' notice of such change shall be given to members.

15. If the President of the Association is not present at any meeting, then one of the Vice-Presidents shall act as Chairman; provided that if more than one Vice-President is present, the meeting shall elect one of such Vice-Presidents to the Chair. In the absence of the President and all Vice-Presidents, or if such Vice-Presidents or Vice-President are unwilling to act, the meeting may elect its own Chairman from the members present.

16. 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.

17. Postal votes and votes by proxy shall be accepted for any general meeting, but written authority of the voter must be produced.

18. MANAGEMENT AND OFFICE BEARERS

There shall be a Committee elected at each Annual Meeting to consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer (which offices may be held by one member or two members as the meeting considers necessary) and nine ordinary members. Provided that Branches shall have power to appoint a Committee of such size as is practicable within the Branch. Nominations for members of Committee shall be handed in to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the Annual Meeting and shall bear the signature of at least one member of the Association, and shall have received the consent of the nominee or nominees. If no nomination is received for a certain position, then the Chairman may receive nominations for that position from the floor at time of Annual General Meeting. A member need not make nominations for all positions on the Committee, but may nominate one or more persons. Should she wish her nominee or nominees to be elected to any special position or positions on the Committee she should state to which position or positions she wishes the nominee or nominees to be elected. Members who are nominated for any special position if not elected shall be eligible for election to any such office or as an ordinary member of the Committee.

19. The Committee shall meet from time to time as it is deemed necessary.

20. Three members of the Committee, or the President and the Secretary shall have the power to call a meeting of the Committee, and five members shall form a quorum. Members of the Committee failing to attend three-fourths of the meetings of one year without a reason, valid in the opinion of the rest of the Committee, shall not be eligible for re-election for the following year, but all other members shall be eligible for re-election.

21. In the event of any member or members of the Committee resigning (other than the President or Vice-President), the Committee shall have the power to appoint a successor or successors.

22. The Committee shall have power to pass accounts incurred in the ordinary conduct of the business of the Association, and accounts for expenditure for which it has received authority by resolution of the Association in General Meeting. The Committee or the President and Secretary together may, if the Association's funds exceed \$200.00 give donations not exceeding \$50.00 at any one time, to any worthy objects, provided payments are endorsed by the members at the next General Meeting. Office Bearers of any Younger Set may not authorise expenditure exceeding \$20.00 without reference to a General Meeting of the Parent Branch of that Younger Set.

23. The Secretary shall keep Minutes of all meetings of the Association, whether General Meetings or Committee Meetings. Such minutes shall be prima facie evidence of all business transacted at that meeting, and shall be signed by the Chairman of the next meeting after confirmation of the Minutes. The Secretary shall also send notices of meetings when called upon to do so, by those authorised to call such meetings, and shall generally assist the President in compiling a report of the activities of the Association to be submitted at each Annual General Meeting.

24. The Treasurer shall keep a strict account of all receipts and expenditure and shall submit a STATEMENT OF Receipts and Expenditure to each Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer shall not retain Association Funds for more than seven days, but shall place all moneys received to the credit of an account in any bank which may be determined by individual Branches of the Association and any two of the President, Secretary and Treasurer shall have power to operate this account.

25. Ex-Principals of "Fairholme" may be asked to accept the position of Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Association.

26. A Patroness shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting. Nominations for the Patroness may be handed to the Secretary before the meeting, or may be given at the meeting.

27. All Office Bearers, except Patroness and Honorary Vice-Presidents must be financial members of the Association. The Principal of the School shall be eligible for election to any office.

28. The funds of the Association shall be dealt with by the members in General Meeting, except as otherwise provided. An appropriate sum shall be given annually to the school for the Old Girls' Prize.

29. CONSTITUTION

All members shall receive a copy of the Constitution of the Association.

30. The Constitution of the Association may be altered or amended by resolution of two-thirds of the members present personally or by proxy, at a General meeting of members called for that purpose. Intimation of the proposed alterations or amendments shall be included in the notice of the meeting, and a copy of the resolution altering or amending the constitution must be sent to each member within thirty days of the date of the meeting.

31. Upon dissolution, all funds of the Association, and any other property whatsoever acquired by the Association for the use of the school, remaining in the name of the Association after defraying all expenditure lawfully incurred by the Association, shall be handed to the Council of Fairholme College.