

## THE 458 SQUADRON COUNCIL

### CONSTITUTION

1. Name: The name of the Council is THE 458 SQUADRON COUNCIL.
2. Objects: The objects and purposes for which the Council exists are:
  - (a) to protect and advance the interests of persons who have served with No. 458 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, and of relatives and dependants of such persons.
  - (b) to act for 458 Squadron Association members in such matters as may require unified action including:
    - (1) Relations with the Royal Australian Air Force and the Royal Air Force.
    - (2) Relations with other ex-servicemen's organisations.
    - (3) The writing and publishing of a history of 458 Squadron.
    - (4) Repatriation and housing problems.
    - (5) The production of the periodical newspaper 458 Squadron News.
    - (6) Such matters as may be referred to the Council by the 458 Squadron Association in the States of the Commonwealth of Australia or overseas.
    - (7) To expend funds to carry out such projects, to establish such memorials, or to acquire such traditional service symbols as will record, honour and immortalise the achievements of the Squadron and the airmen who served with it.  
(ref. Squadron Conference, April 1989)
  - (c) to assist or co-operate with similar or kindred organisations,
  - (d) to make rules for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Council,
  - (e) to acquire, hold, invest, or dispose of any property, real or personal,
  - (f) to borrow from time to time such sums of money upon such terms and at such rates of interest as may be deemed expedient,
  - (g) to make, draw, accept, endorse, discount, execute, issue promissory notes bills of exchange, debentures and other negotiable or transferable instruments,
  - (h) to employ and remunerate secretaries, accountants, brokers, solicitors, barristers, experts, and such other persons as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of carrying out any of the objects and purposes of the Council,

- (i) to place any monies of the Council on deposit with any banking or other company or institution, to open current or savings bank accounts with any such bank or institution and to pay monies into and withdraw monies from such accounts and to over-draw such account or accounts,

AND it is hereby declared that the intention is that the objects and purposes specified in each of the paragraphs of this clause shall be independent objects in no way limited by reference to any other paragraph of the clause.

3. Definitions: *458 Squadron Association* means any association or body of persons who have served with No. 458 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, as may be recognised by the Council as being a 458 Squadron Association and includes the bodies referred to in Clause 12 of this Constitution.

*Squadron Officers* means the occupants for the time being of the positions of Squadron President, Squadron Vice-Presidents (of whom there shall be two), Squadron Secretary and Squadron Treasurer.

*Conference* means the Squadron Conference.

*Council* or *Squadron Council* means the 458 Squadron Council.

4. Members: The Council shall consist of the Squadron Officers, and of one member from each recognised 458 Squadron Association, appointed from time to time by the controlling Council or Committee of that 458 Squadron Association. The members appointed by the 458 Squadron Associations may be represented by proxies appointed by the controlling Council or Committee of the 458 Squadron Association concerned. Only persons who have served on 458 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, may become a Squadron officer or a member of the Council.

5. Meetings: The Council shall meet at such times and places as may be appointed by the Council, by the Conference or by the Squadron President, or the Squadron Secretary.

6. Headquarters: The Squadron Council shall have its headquarters in Sydney, New South Wales.

7. Officers: The Squadron officers shall be appointed by the Squadron Conference. They shall hold office from the date of their appointment until such time as their successors are appointed.

8. A person shall cease to be a Squadron Officer or a member of the Squadron Council:

- (a) by notice in writing addressed to the Squadron Secretary or to the Squadron President he resign his position or office, or
- (b) the Squadron Conference by resolution declare his position or office to be vacant, or,



- (c) the Squadron Council by the votes of all members present and voting other than himself declare his position or office vacant; provided that the Squadron officer or member of the Squadron Council whose position is declared vacant shall have received seven clear days notice of the intention to move a resolution to declare his office or position vacant, or,
- (d) he become insane, or,
- (e) he commit an act of bankruptcy or be made bankrupt.

9. Conference: There shall be a Squadron Conference composed of the Squadron Officers and two delegates appointed by each 458 Squadron Association recognised by the Squadron Council or specified in clause 12 of this Constitution:

- (a) The Squadron officers shall each have one vote and each delegate (there being two from each Association) shall have one vote;
- (b) The delegates from each Association shall vote not as individuals but as instructed by their Associations;
- (c) Before each Conference the Squadron Secretary shall call the attention of each Association to the provisions of sub-clause (b);
- (d) Before the items of the Agenda are discussed at a meeting of the Conference, sub-clauses (b), (c), and (d) shall be read out.

10. The Conference shall have and may exercise, inter alia, all the powers of the Squadron Council and the Council shall have regard to and carry out the decisions of the Squadron Conference, which shall override the decisions of the Squadron Council where there is any conflict between the decisions of the Squadron Council and the decisions of Squadron Conference. The Conference may make any other decisions relating to the interest and organisations of persons who have served with No. 458 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, as its members may deem expedient and express by resolution.

11. The Conference shall meet at a place and date to be determined by Conference which shall not be at more than two yearly intervals. The word "conference" to be deemed synonymous with the word "council".

12. Associations: The following are recognised 458 Squadron Associations:

- (a) the 458 Squadron Association in New South Wales,
- (b) the 458 Squadron Association in Victoria,
- (c) the 458 Squadron Association in South Australia,
- (d) the 458 Squadron Association Q-Flight in Queensland,
- (e) the 458 Squadron Association in Western Australia,
- (f) the 458 Squadron Association in the United Kingdom,
- (g) the 458 Squadron Association in New Zealand,
- (h) the 458 Squadron Association in Canada,

provided that the Squadron Conference or the Squadron Council may at any time add to or amend this list of recognised 458 Squadron Associations.

12A. Life Members: The Conference may from time to time on the written nomination of at least two recognised 458 Squadron Associations elect, by secret ballot, an Association member to be a Life Member of all recognised 458 Squadron Associations, in recognition of signal service to 458 Squadron. Provided that not more than two Squadron members be elected at each Squadron Conference by each State. a person elected as a Life Member shall be a financial member of all recognised 458 Squadron Associations without further payment of subscriptions and shall have such other privileges as the Squadron Council shall from time to time determine.

13. Amendment: The provisions of this Constitution may at any time be amended by the Squadron Conference.

14. Bank: The Squadron Council may bank Council funds in the name of the 458 Squadron Council, and such funds may be withdrawn from any bank account upon the signatures of any two of such persons who, being Squadron Officers or members of Squadron Council, may from time to time be authorised thereto by resolution of the Squadron Council.

15. Property: The property, real or personal, of the 458 Squadron Council shall belong solely to the 458 Squadron Council, and no Squadron officer or member of the Squadron Council shall, as such, at any time have personally or by his representatives any right or claim to such property or any part of it.

16. Dissolution: The 458 Squadron Council may at any time be dissolved by resolution of the Squadron Conference.

17. In the event of the dissolution of the Squadron Council any funds remaining after payment of its debts shall be divided among the recognised 458 Squadron Associations in such proportions as may have been determined by the Squadron Conference.

18. Accounts and Records: The 458 Squadron Council shall keep proper books of account which shall be made available by it in Sydney to the inspection of any person who served in No. 458 Squadron, Royal Australia Air Force, at twelve hours notice by him to the Squadron Treasurer. Such accounts shall be audited by an auditor appointed by the Conference, or, that failing, by the Council.

19. Minutes: The 458 Squadron Council shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the Council and of the proceedings of the Conference.



The undersigned who are, as stated against their name, delegates to the 458 Squadron Conference held at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ or Squadron Officers present at that Conference, declare that the above is adopted as the Constitution of the 458 Squadron Council.

The above is a certified copy of the Constitution of 458 Squadron Association



PW Pettit  
Snr Vice President  
458 Sqdn Association



ETMunkman  
President  
NSW Branch, 458 Sqdn Assoc