

THE 458 SQUADRON ~~COUNCIL~~ ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

1. Name: The name of the ~~Council~~ Association is THE 458 SQUADRON ~~COUNCIL~~ ASSOCIATION.

2. Objects: The objects and purposes for which the ~~Council~~ Association exists are:
 - (a) to protect and advance the interests of persons who have served with No. 458 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, and of their spouses, or widows, 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, the Royal New Zealand Air Force, the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the Royal South African Air Force.
 - (2) Relations with other ex-servicemen's organisations.
 - (3) The writing, ~~and~~ publishing, preserving and perpetuating of the history of 458 Squadron, ~~encompassing printed media~~ ('We Find and Destroy History of 458 RAAF Squadron'), electronic media and online/Internet media (the "458 website").
 - (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~~ Association by the 458 Squadron ~~Association~~ Flights in the States and Territories 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 ~~air~~men who served with it. (ref. Squadron Conference, April 1989)
 - (8) To promote participation and involvement of descendants and youth from like-minded organisations.
 - (9) To produce memorabilia that honours the achievements of the Squadron.
 - (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~~ Association,
 - (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~~Association,

(i) to place any monies of the ~~Council~~Association 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, their spouses, or widows, relatives and dependants, and those with a bona fide interest in the objects and purposes of the Association as may be recognised by the ~~Council~~Executive Committee as being a 458 Squadron Association and includes the bodies referred to in Clause 12 of this Constitution.

~~*Executive Committee Squadron Officers*~~ means the ~~occupants~~Squadron Officers elected for the time being of the positions of Squadron President, Squadron Vice-Presidents (of whom there shall be two), Squadron Secretary, ~~and~~ Squadron Treasurer, Squadron Historian, and other positions deemed necessary.

General Meeting means a periodic meeting to conduct Association business, and to nominate and elect members to the roles within the Executive Committee.

~~*Conference* means the Squadron Conference.~~

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

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. The Association shall consist of persons who have served on 458 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, their spouses, or widows, or descendants, and any person with a bona fide interest in carrying out the objects and purposes of the Association. Executive Committee officers may be elected from any member aged eighteen and over.~~

5. Meetings: The ~~Council~~ Association shall meet at such times and places (including Reunions) as may be ~~appointed~~ determined by the ~~Council~~ Executive Committee, ~~by the Conference~~ or by the Squadron President, ~~or the Squadron Secretary~~. Meetings shall not be more than two-yearly intervals, and will be held for the nomination and election of the Executive Committee and/or to conduct Association business.

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

67. Officers: The Squadron officers shall be ~~appointed~~ nominated and elected at a General Meeting ~~by of the Squadron Conference~~ Executive Committee. Nominations can be received at any time prior to or at the designated General Meeting. They shall hold office from the date of their appointment until such time as their successors are appointed.

78. 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 ~~they~~ resign ~~his~~ their position or office, or
- (b) the ~~Squadron Conference~~ Executive Committee by resolution declare ~~his~~ their position or office to be vacant, or,
- (c) the ~~Squadron Council~~ Executive Committee by the votes of all members present ~~and voting other than himself~~ declare ~~his~~ their 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~~ their office or position vacant, or,
- (d) ~~they~~ become insane, or,
- (e) ~~they~~ commit an act of bankruptcy or be made bankrupt.

89. ~~Conference~~ Association Business: There shall be ~~a~~ Squadron ~~Conference~~ General Meetings composed of the ~~Squadron Officers~~ Executive Committee and ~~two delegates appointed by members from~~ each 458 Squadron ~~Association~~ Flight recognised by the Squadron ~~Council~~ Association or specified in clause 1 ~~12~~ of this Constitution:

- (a) The Squadron ~~O~~fficers shall each have one vote and each ~~delegate member (there being two from each Association)~~ shall have one vote;
- (b) The ~~delegates members~~ from each ~~Association~~ Flight shall vote ~~not as individuals but as instructed by~~ as representatives of their ~~Associations~~ Flight;
- (c) Before each ~~Conference~~ General Meeting the Squadron Secretary shall call the attention of each ~~Association~~ Flight 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.

940. The ~~Conference~~ Executive Committee shall have and may exercise, inter alia, all the powers on behalf of the Squadron ~~Council~~ Association and ~~the Council~~ shall have regard to

and carry out the decisions of the Squadron ~~Conference~~meeting, which shall override the decisions of the Squadron ~~Council~~Association where there is any conflict between ~~the past~~ decisions of the Squadron ~~Council~~Association and the decisions of Squadron ~~Conference~~meeting. The ~~Conference~~Executive Committee may make any other decisions relating to the interest and organisations of persons who have served with No. 458 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, including their spouses, or widows, relatives and dependants as its members may deem expedient and express by resolution.

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

112. Associations~~Flights~~: The following are recognised 458 Squadron ~~Associations~~Flights:

- (a) the 458 Squadron ~~Association~~Flight in New South Wales,
- (b) the 458 Squadron ~~Association~~Flight in Victoria,
- (c) the 458 Squadron Flight in the Australian Capital Territory,
- ~~(de)~~ the 458 Squadron ~~Association~~Flight in South Australia,
- ~~(ed)~~ the 458 Squadron ~~Association~~Q-Flight in Queensland,
- (f) the 458 Squadron Flight in Northern Territory,
- ~~(ge)~~ the 458 Squadron ~~Association~~Flight in Western Australia,
- (h) the 458 Squadron Flight in Tasmania,
- ~~(if)~~ the 458 Squadron ~~Association~~Flight in the United Kingdom,
- ~~(ig)~~ the 458 Squadron ~~Association~~Flight in New Zealand,
- ~~(kh)~~ the 458 Squadron ~~Association~~Flight in Canada,
- (l) the 458 Squadron Flight in South Africa,

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

112A. Life Members: The ~~Conference~~Association may from time to time on the written nomination of at least two recognised 458 Squadron ~~Associations~~Flights elect, by secret ballot, ~~an Association~~Flight member to be a Life Member of all recognised 458 Squadron ~~Associations~~Flights, 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~~Flights without further payment of subscriptions and shall have such other privileges as the Squadron ~~Council~~Association shall from time to time determine.

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

134. Bank: The Squadron ~~Council~~Association may bank ~~Council~~Association funds in the name of the 458 Squadron ~~Council~~Association, 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~~Association.

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

156. Dissolution: The 458 Squadron ~~Council~~Association may at any time be dissolved by resolution of every member of the Squadron ~~Conference~~Association.

167. In the event of the dissolution of the Squadron ~~Council~~Association any funds remaining after payment of its debts shall be divided among the recognised 458 Squadron ~~Associations~~Flights in such proportions as may have been determined by the ~~Squadron Conference~~Executive Committee and agreement amongst all members and their Flights.

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

189. Minutes: The 458 Squadron ~~Council~~Association shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the ~~Council~~Association and of the proceedings of ~~the Conference~~General Meetings.

The undersigned who are, as stated against their name, ~~delegates~~participants to the 458 Squadron ~~Conference~~General Meeting held at _____

on _____ or Squadron Officers present at that
~~Conference~~meeting, declare that the above is adopted as the Constitution of the 458 Squadron
~~Council~~Association.

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

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~~Snr Vice President~~Secretary

NSW Flight, 458 Squadron Association

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President

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