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Legal name of the Charity:

New Zealand Association Of Jehovah's Witnesses

Registration number:

CC29352

NZBN number:

9429043114122

Current Status:

Registered

Registration details

Date of Registration:

30/06/2008

Balance Date:

August 31

Address for service

Charity's Postal Address:

Po Box 280
Ingleburn
NSW

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Charity's other details

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Areas of Operation: **Nationwide**

Organisation with a focus on the following communities:

N/A





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NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

RULES

The Rules of the New Zealand Association of Jehovah's Witnesses are as follows:

1. The name of the Association is "New Zealand Association of Jehovah's Witnesses".
2. The objects of the Association are to advance the Christian religion as practiced by the body of Christian persons known as Jehovah's Witnesses by.—
 - (a) promoting preaching publicly, from house to house and place to place, the gospel of God's Kingdom under Christ Jesus, unto all nations and peoples, as a witness to the name, word and supremacy of Almighty God Jehovah by the dissemination of Bible truths orally, written, and by the use of any other lawful means that are directly or indirectly conducive to the furtherance of the objectives of the Association—Matthew 24:14; 28:19, 20; Psalm 83:18;
 - (b) using the printed page, audio, video and electronic recordings, or other means approved by the Association to promote and spread practical moral and spiritual values to enable individuals and families to confront social problems that threaten their unity, and improving men, women and children intellectually and morally through the promotion of education in the Bible, and incidental scientific, historic, and literary subjects, and Christian missionary work, in New Zealand and throughout the world;
 - (c) preparing, supporting, maintaining and sending out from New Zealand to other nations volunteer religious missionaries, teachers and instructors in the Bible and Bible literature, and for public religious worship;
 - (d) without charge, arranging for translation, writing, printing, publishing, distributing and disseminating in New Zealand and throughout the world Bibles and religious literature of all kinds, and in various languages, to promote the Word of God and Scripture, as well as to expound on biblical, scientific, historic, social and educational issues (2 Timothy 3:16, 17);
 - (e) establishing printing facilities, receiving and sending out printed publications and sound, video and electronic recordings, and supplying other related items;
 - (f) importing and exporting Bibles, books, religious literature, and other religious material to accomplish the objectives of the Association;
 - (g) providing, supporting and maintaining buildings and works in New Zealand and throughout the world for the purposes of public worship, and the gratuitous housing, sheltering and boarding of its special full-time ministers of Jehovah's Witnesses, including ministers, missionaries, teachers and instructors;
 - (h) providing a means of living and appropriate care for its special full-time ministers of Jehovah's Witnesses and maintain one or more of their religious orders;
 - (i) providing accommodations, a means of living, and the necessities of life, free of charge during their schooling to those Jehovah's Witnesses who receive special training;
 - (j) providing all necessities for missionaries and to assist them to serve away from their home and outside the country;

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- (k) dispensing spiritual and pastoral assistance, and incidental humanitarian relief by means of pecuniary or other assistance to necessitous persons in nations throughout the world; and
 - (l) co-operating with and assisting any other association of Jehovah's Witnesses around the world, whether incorporated or not.
3. In furtherance of its religious objects, the Association may exercise, as it thinks fit, the following powers:
- (a) purchase or acquire, by any lawful means whatsoever, any real or personal property;
 - (b) build, rent, lease, furnish, alter and maintain buildings and works;
 - (c) develop and turn to account any land acquired by or in which the Association is interested;
 - (d) accept and hold by lease, transfer, loan, hire, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, or otherwise, any assets;
 - (e) sell, exchange, donate, gift or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property;
 - (f) execute mortgages, borrow money, or otherwise raise finance for the attainment of its religious objects, with or without security;
 - (g) to accept, receive, or collect, and to hold, invest and re-invest donations and voluntary contributions of money, gifts, grants, subsidies, subscriptions, and legacies and to administer them, use them, dispose of them, or apply them in pursuit of its religious objects;
 - (h) to open, operate, and close bank accounts;
 - (i) to establish and maintain a fund for the holding of donations or gifts of money which are receipted and treated exclusively as not qualifying for a rebate of tax on behalf of the donor, under sections DJ 4 or KC 5 of the Income Tax Act 1994, or amendments thereto, and to apply the same in pursuit of its religious objects;
 - (j) to apply for and obtain incorporation as a Board under the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957, to operate exclusively in pursuit of its religious objects, and not for the pecuniary gain of any persons or person; and
 - (k) to do any and all other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of its religious objects.

REGISTERED OFFICE

4. The registered office of the Association shall be situated at a place or places as the Association shall from time to time determine.

MEMBERSHIP

5. (a) A member of the Association must serve as an elder and be in good standing in a congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.
- (b) Membership shall be as determined from time to time but shall be not less than 5 or more than 20.
- (c) Save as to the inaugural membership of the Association, a person who qualifies under 5(a) for membership and has been recommended by the Committee established under clause 14 below ("Committee") shall be admitted to

membership by a unanimous resolution passed by the members of the Association.

- 6.1 A member shall cease to be a member of the Association automatically, without further action by the Committee or right of appeal, by one of the following: —
- (a) by written notification of resignation from the member to the Committee;
 - (b) by an announcement having been made in his congregation that the member is no longer one of Jehovah's Witnesses;
 - (c) by death; and
 - (d) by ceasing to be an elder in a congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.
- 6.2 Membership in the Association may be terminated in the discretion of the Committee when a member's conduct is judged prejudicial to the interests of the Association, or the member has become of unsound mind as determined by not less than two thirds of the Committee present at the meeting and sharing in the voting, but only after notifying the member in writing and considering the matter in the light of any written presentations which the member concerned puts forward within 14 clear days after receiving notice.

GENERAL MEETINGS

7. The first general meeting of the Association shall be held one calendar month from the date of incorporation of the Association as a Board under the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957.
8. Any member of the Committee may convene a general meeting of the members of the Association. Upon the requisition made in writing by three or more members of the Association, the Committee shall convene such a general meeting.
9. Notice of a general meeting of the members of the Association shall be sent to all members at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting; but with consent of all members having the right to attend and vote thereat, such a meeting may be convened by such notice as those members think fit.
10. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of such notice by, any person entitled to receive notice thereof shall not invalidate any resolution passed, or proceeding had, at any meeting.
11. A majority of the members, present either in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at any general meeting for members. At the option of the Board of Trustees, general meetings may be held in person or by electronic or videoconference means that allow all the participants to hear each other at the same time, or as a hybrid meeting, combining both a physical and virtual environment. By participating by electronic or videoconference means a member is considered to have attended in person.
12. Each member present, either in person or by proxy, at any general meeting for members of the Association shall have one (1) vote on any matter to be voted upon at the meeting. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the acting chair of the meeting shall have the casting vote.

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13. Votes at a general meeting for members of the Association may, if specifically determined by the Committee, be made by proxy. An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing in the form prescribed by the Board at the time notice is given. A member shall be entitled to instruct his proxy to vote in favour of or against any proposed resolutions. Unless otherwise instructed, a proxy may vote as he thinks fit.

COMMITTEE

14. The affairs of the Association shall be controlled and managed by a Committee, which may exercise all the powers of the Association.
15. The Committee shall consist of not less than three persons and not more than five persons who shall all be members of the Association, and shall at all times serve as elders in a congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.
16. Save as to the inaugural membership of the Committee, a member, who has been nominated by two members, shall be admitted to the Committee by a resolution passed by a majority of the members of the Association.
17. A member of the Committee shall no longer hold that office if he ceases for any reason to be a member of the Association.
18. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business at all meetings of the Committee.
19. Meetings of the Committee may be held in person, in writing or by electronic or videoconference means that allow all the participants to hear each other at the same time, or as a hybrid meeting, combining both a physical and virtual environment. Committee members participating by electronic or videoconference means are deemed to have attended in person.
20. All resolutions put to any meeting of the Committee shall require a simple majority vote to be adopted and in the case of an equality of votes acting chair of the meeting shall have the casting vote.

ACCOUNTS

21. The Committee shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept with respect to: —
- (a) all sums of money received and applied by the Association; and
 - (b) the assets and liabilities of the Association.
22. The financial year of the Association shall commence on the 1st day of September in any year and terminate on the 31st day of August in the succeeding year.
23. All cheques shall be signed by two authorised signatories.

AUDIT

24. The Board may make all necessary arrangements for an annual Audit of the books and accounts of the Association. Any Auditor appointed need not be a member of the Association.

COMMON SEAL

25. The Committee shall have a Common Seal of the Association which shall be kept in the safe custody of a member of the Committee as appointed, from time to time, for that purpose.
26. Whenever the Common Seal of the Association is required to be affixed to any document in writing, the seal shall be affixed thereto pursuant to a resolution of the Committee and in the presence of any two of the members of the Committee who shall both sign the document or documents or instruments to which the Seal is so affixed.

ALTERATION OF RULES

27. These Rules may be altered or added to or otherwise varied by a resolution carried by a two-thirds majority of the members for the time being of the Association present in person in general meeting; provided that no such alteration, addition, or variation shall detract from exclusively religious nature of the Association or result in the distribution of its assets on winding up or dissolution for any purpose that is not exclusively religious and charitable.

WINDING UP

28. In the event of the Association being wound up, or on its dissolution by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, all surplus assets after payment of costs debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to another organisation that is charitable under New Zealand law and has purposes similar to and in harmony with those of the Association, to be determined before or at the time of the winding up or dissolution, as the case may be, by the members of the Association; or in default thereof by the directions of such Judge of the High Court of New Zealand as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

INCOME, BENEFIT OR ADVANTAGE TO BE APPLIED TO CHARITABLE PURPOSE

29. (a) Any income, benefit or advantage of the Association shall be applied to the objects of the Association.
- (b) No member of the Association or any person associated with a member shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the Association in respect of the payment to or on behalf of that member or associated person of any income, benefit or advantage whatsoever.
- (c) Any such income paid shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in an arm's length transaction (being the open market value)
- (d) The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.

NOTICES

30. A notice shall be served by the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it through the Post in a prepaid letter addressed to such member at his last registered place of abode. Any notice if served by post shall be deemed to have been served at the time the letter containing the same would be delivered in the ordinary course of Post, and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and posted and that postage was prepaid.

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MISCELLANEOUS


31. Deeds and other instruments of conveyance, instruments to create, satisfy or release liens, mortgages, and deeds of trust or other security instruments, upon due authorization of the Committee, shall be executed in behalf of the Association by two members of the Committee.

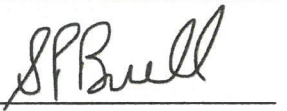
Certified as a correct copy of the Rule changes duly voted on and approved:


Russell Vaughan 907  Chairman
Print Name Signature Committee Man
Designation

Date: 27th February, 2023

Additional Committee Signatures:

Grant Malcom Beazley 

Stuart Peter Bull 

Donald Serge Harris 

Reece Ewan Moir 