

REVISED CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of A.C.P.C. was drastically revised at a general meeting held in Melbourne on the 9th December, 1985. So that all members will be able to be fully informed as to its contents, it is printed in full below.

AUSTRALIAN CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

(As amended at the general meeting held on the
9th December, 1985)

1. Name

The name of the Council shall be Australian Crime Prevention Council.

2. Objects

The objects of the Council shall be:-

- (a) To assist and promote the prevention of crime by all means properly available to the citizens of Australia;
- (b) To promote and to aid in the education of both youthful and mature people as to the desirability and benefit to the community of the maintenance of proper standards of social behaviour;
- (c) To promote and to increase public awareness of the problems and needs of victims of crime;
- (d) To promote and increase public awareness of the problems and needs of offenders and their families;
- (e) To promote and to aid in the removal of social injustices and the establishment and maintenance of criminal justice systems of the highest standard;
- (f) To promote and to support the provision of assistance and advice to those who might otherwise be tempted to offend;
- (g) To promote and to support programmes, methods and facilities intended to assist in the rehabilitation of offenders;
- (h) To promote awareness in the community of methods properly available to inhibit the commission of crime;
- (i) To promote discussion and publication of views as to the means of reducing the incidence of crime;
- (j) To encourage, assist, support and co-ordinate the work of persons and organisations involved in all or any of the above fields of endeavour;
- (k) To support and co-ordinate the activities of the State and Territory Branches and to disseminate information as to the activities and publications of such branches;
- (l) To seek the support both financial and otherwise of Federal and State Governments of local governing bodies of corporations and of other institutions in the attainment of these objects;
- (m) To invest any monies and to purchase, take on lease, exchange or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights and privileges which the Council may think necessary or convenient for the purpose of the attainment of any of its objects and to sell or otherwise dispose of any such property rights or privileges and to renew or surrender any lease held by the Council.

3. Constitution

The Council shall consist of those persons corporations and organisations who shall be admitted to ordinary membership, life membership, student membership, organisation membership, voluntary organisation membership or honorary membership respectively of any of the following bodies (referred to in these rules as 'The State and Territory Branches'):-

- (a) Australian Crime Prevention Council (Victorian Branch);
- (b) Australian Crime Prevention Council (N.S.W. Branch);
- (c) Australian Crime Prevention Council (Queensland Branch);
- (d) Australian Crime Prevention Council (Western Australian Branch);

- (e) Australian Crime Prevention Council (South Australian Branch);
- (f) Australian Crime Prevention Council (Tasmanian Branch);
- (g) Australian Crime Prevention Council (Australian Capital Territory Branch);
- (h) Australian Crime Prevention Council (Northern Territory Branch).

4. Officers of the Council

The officers of the Council (all of whom shall be honorary) shall be a national president, a national vice-president, a national secretary, a national treasurer and one representative of each of the State and Territory Branches referred to in Rule 3.

5. Election and Appointment of Officers

- (a) The representative of each State or Territory Branch shall from time to time be elected or appointed by such Branch in accordance with the provisions of its constitution, provided that a person shall not act continuously as representative of a State or Territory Branch for more than six years.
- (b) The secretary of each State and Territory Branch shall forthwith inform the national secretary in writing of the name and address of the person elected or appointed to represent such Branch upon any change being made in that representation.
- (c) As soon as practicable after each biennial general meeting the representatives of the State and Territory Branches shall meet. At such meeting they will appoint such persons (each of whom shall be a member of a State or Territory Branch) as they shall consider appropriate to the respective offices of national president, national vice-president, national secretary and national treasurer. Each such appointment shall require a three-fourths majority of those attending at the meeting before the vote shall be carried. The provisions of Rule 6(e) shall mutatis mutandis apply to attendance and voting at this meeting. Each of the persons so appointed to office shall hold office until the conclusion of the next biennial general meeting. A person shall not act continuously in the same office for more than six years.
- (d) If any casual vacancy shall occur in the representatives of the State and Territory Branches, such vacancy shall be filled by the Branch whose representative shall have ceased to act.
- (e) If any casual vacancy shall occur in the office of national president, national vice-president, national secretary or national treasurer, such vacancy shall be filled by the national executive and the person appointed to fill the casual vacancy shall hold office until the conclusion of the next biennial general meeting.

6. The National Executive

- (a) There shall be a national executive of the Council which shall consist of the officers of the Council referred to in Rule 4.
- (b) The national executive shall meet at least annually.
- (c) The national executive shall be responsible for the conduct of the affairs and activities of the Council.
- (d) A quorum for a meeting of the national executive shall be five members.
- (e) A member of the national executive may be represented at any meeting of the national executive by a proxy appointed in writing. A proxy so appointed and attending such meeting shall have power to vote. Any financial member of a State or Territory Branch whose name appears upon the National Membership Register may act as such proxy.
- (f) The national president, the national secretary and the national treasurer shall perform the customary duties of

their respective offices. The national president shall take the chair at all meetings of the national executive and at all general meetings of the Council. In the absence of the national president, the national vice-president, and in the absence of both the national president and the national vice-president, any other person present and appointed by such meeting, shall act as chairman.

- (g) A special meeting of the national executive shall be called by the national president upon the written request of not less than four members of the national executive.
- (h) The national executive may elect a patron of the Council who shall hold office until his or her successor is elected.
- (i) The national executive shall have the power to co-opt not more than two members of the State and Territory Branches and whose names appear on the National Membership Register to be additional members of the national executive.
- (j) The national executive may on behalf of the Council arrange such conferences, meetings, seminars, workshops or activities as may be resolved having regard to the objects of the Council.
- (k) The national executive or the Council in general meeting may make such by-laws as from time to time appear necessary for the convenient administration of the Council provided that a by-law inconsistent with this constitution shall be deemed to be null and void. Alteration or repeal of by-laws may be made at any general meeting of the Council or at a meeting of the national executive without notice to members and in either event a decision by two-thirds of those present and voting shall be required before repeal or alteration is effected.
- (l) The funds of the Council shall be banked or invested by the national executive in the name of Australian Crime Prevention Council and any two of the following persons shall be authorized to operate on any such bank account or to deal with any such investment: the national president, the national vice-president, the national secretary and the national treasurer.
- (m) The national executive shall before the end of each financial year determine the rates of subscription to be charged in the ensuing year by the branches to their members in respect of each of the various classes of membership referred to in Rule 3.

7. Biennial General Meeting

- (a) The Council shall meet in general meeting biennially at such time and place as the national executive shall appoint, provided that, if practicable, the biennial general meeting shall be held during the currency and at the venue of a biennial conference held under the auspices of the Council.
- (b) At each biennial general meeting, the national secretary shall submit a report as to the Council's activities since the last biennial general meeting.
- (c) The national executive shall cause a financial statement and balance sheet to be prepared by the national treasurer and audited as soon as practicable after the close of each financial year (which shall be from the 1st July to the 30th June next following) and shall present such financial statements and balance sheets at each biennial general meeting.
- (d) A duly qualified auditor shall be appointed at each biennial general meeting to audit the accounts of the Council.

8. Extraordinary General Meeting

The national executive may call an extraordinary general meeting of the Council at any time and shall call an extraordinary general meeting of the Council if requested in writing so to do by no less than nine members of the State and Territory Branches whose names shall appear on the National Membership Register. Any such written request shall set out the purpose or purposes for which the extraordinary general meeting is sought.

9. Notice of General Meeting

The national secretary shall give at least 28 days' written notice to all persons whose names shall appear on the National

Membership Register of a general or extraordinary general meeting of the Council and shall briefly set out the purpose or purposes for which an extraordinary general meeting has been called. For the purposes of this rule, written notice shall be deemed to have been given to a member if it has been sent to his address shown in the National Membership Register in a pre-paid envelope posted in Australia not less than 32 days before the date of such meeting.

10. Voting at Meetings

- (a) Each financial member of a State or Territory Branch whose name appears upon the National Membership Register shall be entitled to vote in person or to lodge a postal vote or to appoint another such financial member as his or her proxy to vote on his or her behalf at a general or an extraordinary general meeting of the Council. A member who appoints a proxy to represent him or her at a general or an extraordinary general meeting shall do so by way of written communication delivered to the national secretary prior to the meeting. The proxy may be in the following or in generally similar form:-

I being a financial member of Australian Crime Prevention Council (..... Branch) hereby appoint who is a financial member of Australian Crime Prevention Council (..... Branch) to vote as my proxy at the general meeting (or the extraordinary general meeting) to be on the day of 19 and at any adjournment thereof.

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Signature

- (b) Every notice convening a general or an extraordinary general meeting shall inform the member to whom it is addressed of the member's right to lodge a postal vote or to appoint another member as his or her proxy to vote on his or her behalf.
- (c) Save as otherwise expressly provided in these rules, every question or issue at a meeting of the national executive or at any general meeting of the Council shall be decided by a majority of votes. Every member shall have one vote and in the case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

11. Finances

The national executive shall raise such funds as may from time to time be necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the Council:-

- (a) by grant or donation from any government, organisation, company or person from whom the Council shall be prepared to accept financial assistance;
- (b) by the sale of any property, asset, right, publication, film or other work to which the Council may be entitled;
- (c) by imposing a levy upon the State and Territory Branches. Such levy shall be made upon the basis of an amount for each financial member of each Branch but levies shall not in any one financial year exceed one-half of the annual subscription determined pursuant to Rule 6(m) and paid to a branch by each of its members.

12. National Membership Register

The secretary of each State and Territory Branch shall at the end of each month in which the branch shall receive membership subscriptions, send to the national secretary a list of the names and addresses of the persons, companies and organisations who shall have become members or renewed their membership since the last such list was sent. The national secretary shall from such lists compile and maintain a register of the members of the Council to be known as the National Membership Register.

13. State and Territory Branches

- (a) The State and Territory Branches shall not engage in activities or functions incompatible with the object and functions of the Council and the national executive may request a branch to discontinue or abandon any activity which it considers incompatible with the objects of the Council.
- (b) The secretary of each State and Territory Branch shall advise the national secretary in writing within seven days of the branch making any alterations or amendments to its Constitution and shall forward with such advice a copy of its Constitution as so altered or amended.

14. Alterations to Constitution

- (a) This Constitution may be amended or repealed by resolution at any general meeting of the Council provided that at least 42 days' notice in writing of intention to propose such amendment or repeal has been given by the proponent to the national secretary. A resolution to such effect shall be passed if carried by a simple majority of votes cast.

15. Dissolution

- (a) The Council may be dissolved or wound up at an extraordinary general meeting convened for that purpose. A resolution to that effect shall be passed only if carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members voting either in person or by proxy or by post.
- (b) Upon dissolution or winding up, the assets of the Council shall be realised and the proceeds and the funds of the Council shall after payment of all debts, expenses and liabilities, be lawfully dealt with and disbursed as resolved by a simple majority of the extraordinary general meeting which carried the resolution for dissolution and winding up.

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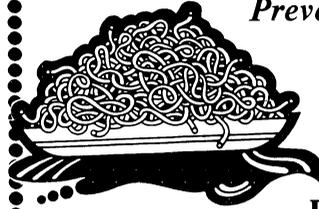
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