

Launceston & District Over 50's Voice

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

JULY 2008 (amended July 2009)

1. NAME;

The Name of the organisation shall be;
Launceston & District Over 50's Voice.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES;

- a) To promote the welfare and interests of older people within Launceston & District.
- b) To provide a platform where matters of concern to older people can be raised with statutory bodies and others.
- c) To be a campaigning but non- political party body that is linked to the National Pensioners Convention and supportive of its policies.

3. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- a) The Officers of the Organisation shall be Chairperson, Secretary ,Treasurer and Membership Secretary
- b) The Committee shall consist of the Officers and FOUR elected members.
- c) A quorum shall consist of not less than FOUR members present.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- a) The Officers and Committee shall be elected at the AGM.
- b) The Officers and Committee can hold office for ONE year and be eligible for re-election.
- c) In the event of a casual vacancy on the Committee, or any of the Officers, the Committee may fill such a vacancy and any person appointed shall hold office until the next election of Officers and Committee.

5. POWERS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

- a) The Chairperson shall have the power, in consultation with any THREE members of the Committee to deal with emergency matters.
- b) In the event of a split vote the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

6. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Anyone over the age of 50 years is eligible to join the Organisation.
- b) Every candidate for membership completing an application form will be bound by these rules.
- c) The Committee shall also have the right to refuse membership should they consider applicants unsuitable, this after a full discussion; The Committee shall also have the right to expel members who bring the Organisation into disrepute.

7. PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) Annual subscriptions will fall on the 1st April each year.
- b) All subscriptions and other incomes shall be devoted to the expenses and object of the Organisation.

8. FINANCES

- a) A Bank/Building Society account shall be opened in the name of the Organisation namely the **Launceston & District Over 50s Voice.**
- b) ONE Officer and ONE elected Committee member shall be empowered to sign cheques
- c) TWO signatures shall be required to sign cheques.

- d) No Officer, or Committee member, designated to sign cheques shall be allowed to sign cheque(s) for their own expenses.

9. EXPENSES FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

- a) No expenses to be paid for attending Committee, General Meetings, AGM or EOGM's.
b) The expenses will be reimbursed for office supplies i.e. printing, postage stamps, envelopes and telephone calls on behalf of the Organisation receipts MUST be produced.
c) Expenses for Officers and Committee members attending events on behalf of the Organisation shall be agreed prior to said event.

10. MEETINGS

- a) General Meetings shall be held from time to time as the Committee may direct.
b) An EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING may be called at the request of TEN members or at the discretion of the Chairperson, giving FOURTEEN days notice including the day of posting.
c) The quorum for an EOGM shall be not less than 10% of the current membership.

11. ALTERATION OF RULES

- a) This constitution may NOT be amended except at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extra-ordinary General meeting of the Committee called explicitly for that purpose.
b) Any proposed amendments to the constitution, intended for debate at the AGM, must be notified to the Secretary at least 28 days before the proposed meeting.
c) For the amendment to be carried, TWO THIRDS of the votes cast must be in favour of any amendment.

12. INTERPRETATION.

- a) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and the decision of that Committee upon any matter affecting the interpretation or of any matter affecting the interpretation or of any other matter affecting the Organisation and not provided for by these rules shall be final and binding.

13. ADDRESSES

- a) Every member shall inform the Organisation if changing his/her address
b) The Organisation will maintain a record of members addresses, all notices sent by post will be sent to that address and will be deemed to have been delivered.
c) Names and addresses of members will NOT be released to any other person or organisation and will be for this Organisations use only.

14. DISSOLUTION

- a) At a properly convened EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING the Organisation can be dissolved on a TWO THIRDS majority of those present.
b) The meeting shall also determine how to dispose of any financial balances within the Organisations account to a charitable organisation.

Chair. Mrs Mary Holmes
Secretary. Bernard T. O'Neil

signed.....*M. Holmes*.....
signed.....*B. T. O'Neil*.....

3rd Aug. 2009