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PREAMBLE

This Preamble and the Objectives shall never be altered or amended in the life of the Association.

1. This Association holds it inviolate that the Right to hunt is an inalienable tradition and part of the cultural and social heritage of humankind, and that this Association exists for the preservation, propagation and extension of that Right, and to defend its practice against those who would abolish it or bring its practice into disrepute,
2. Recognizing that the executive powers of its Officers derive only from the consent of its Membership, there shall be a separation of powers.
 - (a) The Executive of this Association shall make no rules or ordinances, but shall administer the Association according to powers granted by the Membership assembled in quorum, and
 - (b) All rules and business of the Association legally or constitutionally binding upon the Membership shall be made by its Members assembled in quorum.
3. To be opposed to paid recreational hunting of public Game and unprotected species for private gain.
4. The Association shall not support the coursing and scent-trailing of Deer with dogs.
No amendment or interpretation of this Constitution shall oppose these principles, and all such amendments and interpretations, on being presented, shall be null and void.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

In pursuance of the preamble above, this Association is founded upon the following objectives -

1. To promote the conservation of Game species and to preserve the hunting ethos for future generations.
2. To support research into the ecological requirements of Game species.
3. To promote management policies and strategies consistent with the conservation of Game species, and to persuade Governments to adopt such policies and strategies.
4. To defend and extend Right of Access for hunting into public lands.
5. To preserve Good Will access to private lands.
6. To support the conservation of the natural environment and indigenous species based upon sound scientific study and sustainable use.
7. To educate members in the techniques of hunting and the safe usage of hunting tools.
8. To support the use of recognised gun-dogs for the location, pointing, flushing and retrieval of Game.
9. To establish facilities for the safe practice of hunting tools.
10. To establish accommodation for members accessible to hunting lands.
11. To render assistance in emergencies.
12. To establish branches.
13. To assist in the control of noxious and problem species.
14. To establish youth training programs.
15. To affiliate with umbrella organizations with sympathetic aims.
16. To uphold the Constitution of this Association among its members.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE VICTORIAN GAME AND DEERSTALKING ASSOCIATION

1. NAME

The name of the Association is the Victorian Game and Deerstalking Association Incorporated (abbreviated as VicGame), hereinafter referred to as the Association.

2. DEFINITIONS

In these rules, unless a contrary intention appears;

- "The Association" includes the total Membership of the Association or a quorum of Members personally present at any Meeting of the Association.
- "The Act" means the Associations Incorporations Act 1981, its amendments and subordinate rules in force from time to time.
- "The Constitution" means the Preamble, Objects and Articles of Association, its amendments, appendices and by-laws in force from time to time.
- "The Executive" means those elected Officers of the Association.
- "Member" means any financial member of the Association.
- "The Register" means the register of Members of the Association.
- "The Seal" means the common seal of the Association.
- "The Secretary" means any person elected to that position, or, in any other case, the Public Officer of the Association.
- "The Registrar" means that officer of the Association who shall keep a current register of the membership.
- "Writing" and expressions referring thereto, include printing, lithography, photography or electronic mode of representing or reproducing words in legible form unless a contrary intention appears.
- "Newsletter" means the official publication of the Association, (including publications by branches) by whatever title.
- "Branch" means any sub-division of the Association as distinct from the State controlling body.

3. INTERPRETATION

Words or expressions contained in this constitution shall be interpreted in accordance with the INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION ACT 1984, and the Act as in force from time to time.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 ELEGIBILITY

Membership of the Association is open to any person or corporation incorporated within the Commonwealth of Australia who fulfills the following conditions:-

- who is nominated and seconded by Members of the Association;
- who agrees in writing to abide by the Preamble and Objectives of the Association supplied with the application form for membership;
- who shall be bound by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association as supplied upon acceptance of Membership and in force from time to time;
- who shall not have been convicted of serious criminal offences or serious breaches of the Wildlife Act 1975 or the Firearms Act 1996 or regulations of these Acts in the past five (5) years.

4.1.1 The Executive shall have final discretion upon the suitability of applicants consistent with the preceding four conditions for eligibility.

4.2 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to the following categories:

- Ordinary members who shall have one vote;
- Pensioner members who shall have one vote;
- Family members (Spouses and dependent children of ordinary or life members) who shall not be eligible to vote;
- Junior members (individual persons under the age of 18 years with the written consent of a parent or guardian) who shall not be eligible to vote;
- Honorary membership (any person elected ad hoc to membership by the Association for a period not exceeding 12 months without payment of subscription) who shall not be eligible to vote;
- Corporate members who shall have one vote;
- Life members who are any member granted membership for life by the Association in acknowledgement of outstanding service;
- Any other category of membership created by the Association from time to time.

4.3 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

4.3.1 Application for membership shall be made in writing on the form prescribed in Appendix 2 to this Constitution and shall be lodged with the State Registrar.

4.3.2 The Registrar shall refer the application to the next convened executive meeting of the Association for approval or rejection of the application.

4.3.3 No person who has been expelled or suspended from the Association or whose application for membership has been rejected shall be eligible for membership at any branch of the Association.

4.3.4 Rejection of an application for membership is final. The Registrar shall notify the unsuccessful applicant in writing within 28 days of rejection by the Association.

4.3.5 Notification of a successful application shall be sent within 28 days of approval by the Association. Membership will commence upon the date of receipt of the prescribed subscription.

- Payment of subscription is deemed to have been received upon payment in cash or clearance of any cheque or money order or electronic payment.

4.3.6 New members shall be given a Membership Card as described in Appendix 3 of this Constitution, and a copy of the Constitution upon request..

4.3.7 A new Member may nominate the Branch to which he/she wishes to belong and a list of branches will be made available upon request.

4.4 REGISTER OF MEMBERS

4.4.1 The Registrar shall maintain a register of the members of the Association which shall include the full name, current address and date of entry to the Association, preferred Branch or any other particulars which the Association shall determine from time to time.

4.4.2 Upon request by a Member, the register shall be available for examination of that Member's own personal details alone.

4.5 DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

4.5.1 Any member deemed to have breached the Constitution of the Association or acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association shall be liable to

- expulsion,

- suspension for a specified period, or

- fined a sum not exceeding two and a half times the annual subscription for that category of membership.

4.5.2 A member shall be disciplined by resolution of the Executive.

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4.5.3 Notice of intention to discipline a member shall be sent to the member not less than 28 days prior to the hearing convened for the purpose, and notifying the member

- the nature of the accusation;
- the date of the hearing to debate the motion to discipline;
- a request to attend the meeting;
- the opportunity to defend against the accusation, and
- a right of appeal against an unfavourable outcome.

4.5.4 An intention to appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary not later than 14 days following disciplinary action.

- Disciplinary sanctions shall not be enforced in the period pending the outcome of the appeal.

4.5.5 An appeal against disciplinary action shall be heard by a General Meeting. The decision of that meeting shall be final, and no further appeal shall be allowed.

4.5.6 Members appealing a disciplinary action shall conduct their own defence orally or in writing, and may bring witnesses on their own behalf.

4.5.7 The evidence of any witness or written deposition shall be challengeable.

4.5.8 A General Meeting of the Association may vary by resolution the severity of disciplinary action against a Member.

4.5.9 A decision of a General Meeting on an appeal against disciplinary action shall be resolved by secret ballot, and one motion only shall be put to the meeting -
"That the disciplinary action brought against the member by the Association shall stand."

4.6 RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

A notice for renewal of membership shall be sent via the Newsletter not less than two (2) months before the end of the period of membership.

4.7 CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Change of address should be promptly notified in writing to the Registrar, and include a copy of the membership card together with details of change.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

5.1 A schedule of subscription fees (see Appendix 8) shall be fixed or varied by resolution of a General Meeting of the Association.

5.2 The schedule of fees shall take effect from the date of the next due publication of the

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newsletter of the Association which shall publish those fees.

5.3 Any member whose subscription falls in arrears ceases to be a financial member as of that date, and the right to vote at meetings and receive the Newsletter shall cease immediately.

5.4 An unfinancial member shall enjoy all other privileges of the Association except as specified in 5.3 above for a period not exceeding three (3) calendar months.

5.5 If by the end of a period of six calendar months of falling in arrears, all due subscriptions are not paid in full, membership of the Association ceases immediately.

5.6 If an unfinancial member pays all dues in arrears not exceeding 2 years, continuous membership may be reinstated.

6. MEETINGS

6.1 The categories of meeting conducted by the Association shall be the following;

- General Meetings,
- Annual General Meetings,
- Special General Meetings,
- Executive Meetings, and
- Branch Meetings.

6.2 Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Standing Orders for the Conduct of Meetings of the Association which form Appendix 1 of this Constitution.

7 GENERAL MEETINGS

7.1 There shall be no fewer than six (6) General Meetings of the Association in any calendar year.

7.2 A General Meeting is open to any eligible Member to attend, speak and vote on any motion for resolution.

7.3 A General Meeting shall include reports by all the Officers of the Association and any ad hoc or permanent Committees of the Association.

7.4 General Meetings shall consider

- the ordinary business of the Association as required from time to time;
- money appropriations for the conduct of that business, and
- all such business which shall become constitutionally or legally binding upon the Association, and

- make By-Laws.

7.5 A General Meeting shall approve or disapprove of business of the Association by resolution, but shall not interfere with Executive discretion in the conduct of business sanctioned by a General Meeting unless such conduct or the manner of such conduct is shown to be unconstitutional or prejudicial to the interests of the Association.

7.6 A General Meeting of the Association may rescind by resolution any earlier resolution to allow any particular business matter to be conducted by the Association if that matter of business is satisfactorily shown to be prejudicial to the interests of the Association.

7.7 The business of the Association remains the private property of the Association, and no part or whole of that business may be made public without the consent of the Executive of the Association.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

8.1 An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall

- confirm the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting;
- elect the officers of the Association for the ensuing year;
- hear the reports of the incumbent officers and auditor of the Association on the transactions of the Association during the preceding financial year;
- appoint an Auditor and a Public Officer;
- receive and consider the statement submitted by the Association in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Act;
- amend the Articles of the Constitution.

8.2 The positions of all incumbent officers shall become vacant and eligible for election.

8.3 All candidates for election shall be nominated and seconded by separate individual financial members of the Association on the form prescribed in Appendix 6 of this Constitution.

8.4 Appendix 6 forms nominating candidates for election to the various offices of the Association shall be lodged with the Secretary at the General Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting.

All nominations for Executive Office shall be published at that General Meeting.

8.5 Any uncontested candidate for an office of the Association shall assume that office as elected unopposed.

8.6 Where two or more candidates contest a position of office, a preferential secret ballot shall

determine the outcome.

9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

9.1 Special General Meetings of the Association shall be convened for the consideration of any matter of urgency to the Association and which demands prompt attention.

9.2 A request for a Special General Meeting shall be sent to the Secretary in writing and shall be signed by ten per centum (10%) of Members or 30 Members (whichever is the fewer) and stating the matters of urgency requiring prompt or urgent attention.

9.3 A Special General Meeting shall be convened no later than 14 days following receipt of the request, and notice of that Meeting shall be sent to members forthwith.

10. EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

10.1 There shall be no fewer than six (6) Executive Meetings comprising the Executive and Committee members of the Association held in any calendar year to execute the business of the Association.

10.2 The proceedings of Executive Meetings shall be reported at the next following General Meeting of the Association.

11. BRANCH MEETINGS

11.1 There shall be one Constitution alone.

11.2 The Constitution of the Association, shall govern the structure and business of all Branches.

11.3 No business of a Branch shall legally or constitutionally bind the Association.

11.4 Branches of the Association shall be known by the short title of "VicGame (.....) Branch".

12. NOTICE OF MEETING

12.1 The Secretary shall cause a notice of all Meetings to be circulated to each Member via the Newsletter of the Association or other written means to arrive at least 5 days prior to the meeting..

12.2 The notice convening that Meeting shall state the time and place at which the Meeting is to be held and any business to be transacted at that meeting.

12.3 No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the meeting.

13. VOTING AT MEETINGS

13.1 At any meeting of the Association, the Registrar shall publish at that meeting a current list

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of all unfinancial members of the Association.

13.2 At General, Special General and Executive Meetings of the Association, motions shall be passed by simple majority of Members personally present with the President casting a deciding vote in the case of equality.

13.3 The casting vote of the President shall maintain the status quo.

13.4 At any meeting, the resolution of a motion shall be by a show of hands and shall be entered in the Minutes of the Association unless a secret poll is demanded by:

- a majority of Members personally present;
- the Executive, or
- the President.

13.5 A secret poll shall be taken at the time of voting upon any motion before the Meeting and shall be the resolution of the Meeting upon that motion.

13.6 The resolution of a motion by secret poll shall be entered in the minutes of the Association by the Secretary and shall show the numbers for and against any motion only.

13.7 Branch members only may vote at Branch Meetings, but any Member may vote at a State Meeting.

13.8 A General Poll of the Membership of the Association shall be called upon the resolution of seventy per centum (70%) of Members personally present at any General, Special General or Annual General Meeting.

13.9 A resolution to call for a General Poll of Members shall fix a date for the return of votes which shall be made upon the prescribed form shown in Appendix 7 of the Constitution and which form shall state the resolution in question.

13.10 A resolution of a General Poll shall be decided by a simple majority of returns received by the close of voting except as in 13.12 below.

13.11 Voting for Office-bearers at an Annual General Meeting shall be by secret ballot.

13.12 A motion to alter the Articles of the Constitution of the Association at an Annual General Meeting shall be resolved by a majority of eighty-five per centum (85%) of Members personally present or of eighty-five per centum (85%) a General Poll of Members.

13.13 Voting by proxy at any meeting of the Association is prohibited.

14. QUORUMS

A quorum at any meeting shall be those Executive Officers of the Association or Branch who are personally present and no less than an equal number PLUS ONE of Members personally present.

15. PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

- 15.1 Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Standing Orders for the Conduct of Meetings forming Appendix 1 of this Constitution.
- 15.2 No item of business shall be transacted unless a quorum of Members is personally present.
- 15.3 The President of the Association shall preside at any Meeting of the Association, or in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside.
- 15.4 The business of each kind of meeting shall be in accordance with Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of this Constitution.
- 15.5 At Meetings of the Association, if no quorum is present, the Meeting shall adjourn to a time and place to be fixed by the President, and appropriate notices shall be sent to Members.
- 15.6 If a quorum is still not present at an adjourned Meeting, those Members and Executive Officers personally present being not less than eight (8) persons shall
- elect one of their number to preside at that Meeting and
 - transact the business of the Association subject to ratification at the next General Meeting at which a quorum is present.

16. THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE

- 16.1 A candidate for Executive Office shall declare all Memberships to any other organizations.
- 16.2 Subject to the approval of the Membership, the Executive shall
- control and manage the business and affairs of the Association,
 - exercise all such powers and functions required by this Constitution and the Act, and
 - perform all such acts and things as appear to the Association essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.
- 16.3 The Executive shall comprise the following Officers -
- (a) President;
 - (b) Vice-President;
 - (c) Secretary/Public Officer;
 - (d) Treasurer;
- 16.4 The Committee shall comprise the following Officers -

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- (a) Registrar;
- (b) Newsletter Editor;
- (c) Hunter Training Officer (Mammals);
- (d) Hunter Training Officer (Birds);
- (e) Social Officer;
- (f) Property and Trophies Officer;
- (g) Research Officer;
- (h) Funding Officer.
- (i) Safety Officer;
- (j) Ordinary Committee Officer (as required, to a maximum of 3(three))

16.5 Officers of the Association shall hold office for no longer than one (1) year after which term each must stand down at the next Annual General Meeting pending election or re-election by the Membership.

16.6 In the event of a casual vacancy, the Association in General Meeting shall appoint a Member by resolution to the vacant office for the remainder of that term of office.

16.7 Each Officer shall have one vote at any Meeting of the Executive, and the President shall exercise a casting vote to maintain the status quo.

16.8 Officers shall serve in an honorary capacity, but shall be re-imbursed reasonable expenses incurred in the conduct of the business of the Association.

16.9 No Officer shall hold the same office for longer than four (4) consecutive terms.

16.10 For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the Association or of an ordinary member of the Committee becomes vacant if the officer or member —

- (a) ceases to be a member of the Association.
- (b) becomes insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies (Victoria) Code; or
- (c) resigns from office by notice in writing given to the secretary.

17. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

17.1 PRESIDENT

17.1.1 There shall be one President who shall be the senior executive Officer of the Association.

17.1.2 The President shall be a member ex officio of all Committees of the Association.

17.1.3 The President shall be the public representative of the Association and shall convene all Meetings of the Association and oversee all of the business of the Association.

17.2 VICE-PRESIDENT

17.2.1 There shall be one Vice-President.

17.2.2 The Vice-President shall assume the offices of the President in the event of incapacity or events preventing the President performing the normal duties of office.

17.3 SECRETARY

17.3.1 There shall be one Secretary.

17.3.2 The Secretary shall

- keep minutes of the resolutions of each Meeting of the Association in books provided for that purpose;
- keep records of the Members present at Meetings and Committees of the Association;
- be responsible for conducting the correspondence of the Association;
- generally attend to business of the Association as may be directed from time to time;
- be a member ex officio of all Committees of the Association;

17.4 TREASURER

17.4.1 There shall be one Treasurer.

17.4.2 The Treasurer shall

- collect and receive all moneys due to the Association;
- make all payments directed by the Association;
- keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Association with full details of all receipts and expenditures undertaken by the Association.

17.4.3 The accounts and books of the Association shall be available for inspection by Members.

17.5 REGISTRAR

17.5.1 There shall be one Registrar.

17.5.2 The Registrar shall

- receive all applications for membership;
- keep correct records and details of the membership of the Association;
- promptly forward all membership subscriptions to the Treasurer;
- provide a current list of all unfinancial members of the Association at each Meeting.

17.6 NEWSLETTER EDITOR

17.7 HUNTER TRAINING OFFICER (MAMMALS)

17.8 HUNTER TRAINING OFFICER (BIRDS)

17.9 SOCIAL OFFICER

17.10 PROPERTY AND TROPHIES OFFICER

17.11 RESEARCH OFFICER

17.12 FUNDING OFFICER

17.13 SAFETY OFFICER

17.14 WEBMASTER OFFICER

17.15 ORDINARY COMMITTEE OFFICER

18. CHEQUES

All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two executive officers of the Association.

19. THE COMMON SEAL OF THE ASSOCIATION

19.1 The Common Seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary of the Association.

19.2 The Common Seal of the Association shall not be affixed to any instrument except by authority of the Association.

19.3 Affixing of the Common Seal of the Association shall be attested by two (2) Executive Officers of the Association, or one Executive Officer and the Public Officer of the Association.

20. ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION (and purposes)

Alterations to the Articles of the Constitution (and purposes) shall not be made except in accordance with the Act and at an Annual General Meeting.

21. SENDING OF NOTICES

21.1 The Association may serve a notice upon any Member of the Association personally or by sending it by post to the address shown in the Register of Members.

21.2 Where a notice or document is properly addressed, pre-paid and posted as a letter, the document shall be deemed to have been delivered at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

22. WINDING UP OR CANCELLATION

22.1 In the event of the winding up or cancellation of the incorporation of the Association, the assets of the Association shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

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22.2 Any property of the Association remaining after the payment of debts and liabilities shall given or transferred to an institution having similar aims and objectives as the Association, and which institution is similarly constrained against the distribution of its assets among its Members.

22.3 The Members of the Association shall determine which institution shall receive the remaining property and assets of the Association or, if the Members do not determine, a Judge of the Supreme Court having jurisdiction in such matters shall determine a suitable institution.

23. CUSTODY OF RECORDS

23.1 Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, the Secretary shall keep custody and control of all books, documents and securities of the Association.

23.2 The personal details of Members of the Association are private and shall not be disclosed without the written consent of the Member(s) concerned.

24. FUNDS

The funds of the Association shall derive from entrance fees, annual subscriptions, donations, bequests, levies and other sources as the Association determines from time to time.

25. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

25.1 The liability of the Members is limited.

25.2 In the event of the Association being wound up, current members and former members who have not been members less than one (1) year shall be liable for the debts and liabilities of the Association to a sum not exceeding ten dollars (\$10).

APPENDIX 1 - STANDING ORDERS OF MEETING PROCEDURE AND DEBATE

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business shall follow the agenda prepared by the President and/or Secretary. Members shall introduce new business only after the completion of the business set out in the agenda.

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Should any matter of urgency arise, a member may move suspension of Standing Orders for a period stated to allow the urgent matter to be discussed.

3. CONDUCT OF SPEAKERS

3.1 Any person wishing to speak must rise and address the President.

3.2 No interruption of a speaker is allowed except for the two formal motions of

- "Closure",
- "Speaker no longer be heard", and
- "Point of Order" which must be taken immediately the alleged breach of the Standing Orders has occurred.

3.3 If two or more speakers rise, the President shall call upon them in order of rising.

3.4 The President may decide to call for speakers for and against a motion brought before a meeting and decide their number.

3.5 The meeting has the power to pass a resolution that a speaker no longer be heard.

4. PRESIDENT'S RULING

4.1 The President's ruling on all points of order and procedure shall be final.

4.2 The President shall ensure that both sides to an issue are fairly heard.

4.3 The meeting may pass a resolution disagreeing with the ruling of the President. The mover may speak briefly in support of the motion, and the President may explain why the ruling was made.

5. MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

5.1 All proposals made to a Meeting shall be in the form of a motion.

5.2 Every speaker must keep to the subject in question before the Meeting.

Any Member who digresses from the subject without the permission of the President may be called to order by the President or be interrupted from the floor on a point of order.

5.3 All motions and amendments to motions (except the Closure) must be moved and seconded before they are open to discussion. If no seconder is found, the motion or amendment lapses.

5.4 All motions and amendments proposed must be in writing and be handed to the President.

They must be clearly expressed and capable of only one interpretation.

5.5 A motion or amendment may be seconded "pro forma" to allow discussion to take place, but the seconder need not support or vote for the motion.

5.6 The seconder of a motion or amendment may reserve the seconder's speech on the motion to a later stage of the discussion.

6. WITHDRAWAL

6.1 No motion or amendment which has been moved and seconded shall be withdrawn without the unanimous consent of the Meeting.

7. PERSONAL EXPLANATION

7.1 No person may speak twice to the same motion except in explanation and with the President's consent unless that person is the mover of the motion and exercising 'right of reply'.

7.2 Personal explanation must keep strictly to the point which has been misunderstood and such explanation must interrupt another speaker on a point of order.

8. ONLY ONE AMENDMENT

8.1 When an amendment is moved to an original motion, no further amendment shall be discussed until the original motion is resolved.

8.2 Amendments are voted upon before the motion.

8.3 Further amendments may be foreshadowed for discussion.

9. NOT DIRECT NEGATIVE

9.1 An amendment must not be a direct negation of the original motion.

9.2 An amendment must

- be relevant to the motion;
- be sensible and consistent with the non-amended part of the motion;
- not involve the Association in any greater obligation than the original motion.

10. ORDER OF AMENDMENTS

- 10.1 Where several amendments to a motion are proposed, all such amendments shall be in writing and handed to the President.
- 10.2 All proposed amendments shall indicate where the amendment will stand in the substantive motion.
- 10.3 The President shall decide the order in which amendments shall be made and put to the Meeting.
- 10.4 No subsequent amendment will be accepted to that part of the motion already amended.

11. SPEAKING TO AMENDMENTS

- 11.1 No person may move or second more than one amendment to an original motion, but the mover and seconder may speak to subsequent amendments.
- 11.2 An amendment may not be moved or seconded by a person who has already spoken to the original motion or to a previous amendment.

12. RIGHT OF REPLY

- 12.1 The mover of a motion which is opposed may reply to the arguments raised before the motion is put, but may NOT introduce any new matter.
- 12.2 If there are no amendments, the reply of the original mover ends discussion on the motion.
- 12.3 If an amendment is moved, the original mover of the motion may exercise 'right of reply' before the amendment is put to the meeting, but that does not end discussion on the original motion.
- 12.4 The mover of an amendment has no 'right of reply'.

13. AMENDMENT NEGATED

- 13.1 If the first amendment is defeated, the original motion becomes open to amendment again.
- 13.2 A defeated amendment is not eligible for further discussion.

14. SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

- 14.1 If the first amendment is carried, the motion then becomes the SUBSTANTIVE MOTION and is again open to amendment.

14.2 When the Substantive Motion is put to the Meeting and is carried, it becomes the resolution of the Meeting.

14.3 No member may speak on any motion after it has been put to the vote.

14.4 No amendment may be moved after the Substantive Motion has been put to the vote.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION

15.1 A notice of motion may be given verbally to the meeting, but must be followed by a written notice stating the motion in full.

15.2 The President shall determine where the motion shall put to the Meeting according to the order of business.

15.3 Discussion on that motion may be adjourned to a date no later than the next following General Meeting of the Association.

15.4 Notice of Motions must be forwarded to the Secretary in writing prior to the drawing up of an agenda and become the business of that meeting.

16. RESCISSION OF RESOLUTIONS

16.1 No resolution may be rescinded before six (6) months have elapsed except on Notice of Motion forwarded to all Members or published in the official Newsletter sent to all Members.

17. RESOLUTION NULL AND VOID

17.1 Any resolution passed by the Association in contravention of the Constitution either inadvertently or deliberately shall be null and void.

18. FORMAL MOTIONS

18.1 There are three (3) Formal Motions which cannot be debated or amended. They may be moved by a Member who has not already spoken to debate on the particular matter under discussion.

18.2 The Formal Motions are -

18.2.1 NEXT BUSINESS

A motion "That the meeting proceed to the next business" may be moved and seconded on a motion or amendment.

18.2.2 CLOSURE

A motion "That the question be now put" is known as the closure and may be moved during discussion on a motion or amendment.

- It requires no seconder.

- If moved on an amendment, it affects the amendment only.
- It does not prevent the mover of the original motion exercising Right of Reply.

18.2.3 SPEAKER NO LONGER BE HEARD

A motion "That the speaker no longer be heard" needs a seconder.

- The President shall obtain a fair hearing for all speakers if they are in order.

19. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

19.1 There are three (3) motions of adjournment which are -

- (a) That debate on a matter be adjourned to a specified time and place;
- (b) That the Meeting be adjourned to a specified time and place; and
- (c) That the President leave the Chair.

19.2 These motions may only be amended as to time and place.

19.3 These motions may not be moved a second time.

20. COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

20.1 A motion "That the meeting resolve itself into Committee" may be duly moved and seconded and carried in order to enable unrestricted discussion on a matter.

APPENDIX 2 - Application for Membership

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VICTORIAN GAME & DEERSTALKING ASSOCIATION (VicGame)

PO Box 127, Blackburn Sth. 3130 Ph: 9756

6344 or Mob:014 850 481

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following section MUST always be filled out by the principal applicant.

Name of principal applicant				
Residential address				
Postal address				
Occupation				
Telephone number	Private	Business		
Type of Membership required (Circle one only)	Single \$50	Family \$50	Student \$20	Pensioner \$35
Please supply names of all family members plus ages of all child members if family membership required. (Attach extra sheet if insufficient room.)				
Have you ever been convicted of an offence under the Firearms Act?	YES	NO		
Have you ever been convicted of an offence under the Wildlife Act?	YES	NO		
Do you currently have any charges pending under the above Acts?	YES	NO		

If you have answered yes to any of the above, please attach brief relevant details.

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I, the undersigned applicant, declare that the information which I have provided in this application form is true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby consent to the initiation of any necessary assessments relevant to this application with the police and wildlife authorities by the Committee of VicGame, understanding always that any such information is strictly private and confidential, and shall be strictly maintained as such by VicGame according to its Constitution and State and Federal laws.

Further, I have read and understood the Preamble and Objects of VicGame, the Code of Ethics and Rules of Fair Chase attached to this application form and agree to abide by them and the Constitution of VicGame (See reverse of this application form).

Signature of applicant..... Date.

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (For new and lapsed membership renewals only.)

Proposer's Name	Secunder's Name
Proposer's Name	Secunder's Name

(Proposer and Secunder must be full current members of VicGame.)

APPENDIX 2 (continued) - Application for Membership (Reverse)

PREAMBLE

This Preamble and the Objectives shall never be altered or amended in the life of the Association.

1. This Association holds it inviolate that the Right to hunt Is an inalienable part of the cultural and social heritage of humankind, and that this Association exists for the preservation, propagation and extension of that Right, and to defend its practice against those who would abolish it or bring its practice into disrepute.
2. Recognizing that the executive powers of its Officers derive only from the consent of its Membership, there shall be a separation of powers.
 - (a) The Executive of this Association shall make no rules or ordinances, but shall administer the Association according to powers granted by the Membership assembled in quorum, and
 - (b) All rules and business of the Association legally or constitutionally binding upon the Membership shall be made by its Members assembled in quorum.
3. To be opposed to paid recreational hunting of public Game and unprotected species for private gain.
4. The Association shall not support the coursing and scent-trailing of Deer with dogs.

No amendment of this constitution shall oppose these principles, and all such amendments and interpretations, on being presented, shall be null and void.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

In pursuance of the Preamble above, this Association is founded upon the following objectives -

1. To promote the conservation of Game species and to preserve the hunting ethos for future generations.
2. To support research into the ecological requirements of Game species.
3. To promote management policies and strategies consistent with the conservation of Game species, and to persuade Governments to adopt such policies and strategies.
4. To defend and extend Right of Access for hunting into public lands.
5. To preserve Good Will access to private lands.
6. To support the conservation of the natural environment and indigenous species based upon sound scientific study and sustainable use.
7. To educate Members in the techniques of hunting and safe usage of hunting tools.
8. To support the use of recognised gun-dogs for the location, pointing, flushing and retrieval of Game.
9. To establish facilities for the safe practice of hunting tools.
10. To establish accommodation for Members accessible to hunting lands.
11. To render assistance in emergencies.
12. To establish branches.
13. To assist in the control of noxious and problem species.
14. To establish youth training programs.
15. To affiliate with umbrella organizations with sympathetic aims.
16. To uphold the Constitution of this Association among its Members.

CODE OF ETHICS

1. Value and care for the Land and the Waters and support their conservation.
2. Take no more from the Land than will be used.
3. Do not value the trophy above the end use of game taken.
4. Become skilled enough to place the shot for the most effective kill.
5. Recover al! Game meat.
6. Make every effort to recover any wounded Game.
7. Never push or drive Game into any form of entrapment.
8. Do not hunt with any form of artificial light, electronic device or mechanised form of pursuit.
9. Leave no trace of your stay in a hunting area.
10. The safety of others is paramount. Positively identify Game before shooting.
11. Equipment should be adequate to the Game hunted and within the capability of the hunter to use.
12. Never hunt for monetary gain.
13. Strictly observe ALL firearms safety handling procedures.
14. Be considerate of another hunter's on-site hunting location.

RULES OF FAIR CHASE

1. No dog shall be used to course or scent-trail Game.
2. A gun-dog only shall be used to point, flush from cover, find or retrieve shot Game.
3. No dog shall be use which is not under the direct control of the Hunter.
4. No vehicle shall be used to hunt Game.
5. No artificial light or electronic device shall used to hunt or locate Game.
6. No bait (food lure) shall be used to entice Game into shooting range.

APPENDIX 3 - Membership card/certificate

VICGAME INTERIM MEMBERSHIP CARD

NAME	
M/SHIP NUMBER	M/SHIP TYPE
YEARS M/SHIP	
VALID TO	

APPENDIX 4 - By-Laws of the Association

1. The vote needed to accept a new membership application by the membership committee is 70%.

APPENDIX 5 Code of Ethics and Rules of Fair Chase of the Association

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APPENDIX 6 - Nomination Form for Election of Office-bearers

VICTORIAN GAME AND DEERSTALKING ASSOCIATION NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE

The following section must always be filled in by the "NOMINEE".

Name of "NOMINEE"	
VicGame Membership number	
Position nominated for	

Signature of Nominee

Date

Nomination details

Note that both the proposer and seconder must be full current members of VICGAME.

Proposer's name	Proposer's signature
Seconder's name	Seconder's signature

- (1) Nomination of candidates for election as officers of the Association or as ordinary members of the Committee—
 - (a) Shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate.
 - (b) Shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Association by the last committee meeting before the Annual General meeting.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.
- (3) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- (4) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
- (5) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary members shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Committee may direct.
- (6) A nomination of a candidate for election under this clause is not valid if that candidate has been nominated for another office for election at the same election.

APPENDIX 7 - Form for General Poll of Members

**VICTORIAN GAME AND DEERSTALKING ASSOCIATION GENERAL
MEMBERS POLL FORM**

Return date The Secretary,
VicGame,
P.O.Box 84,
Blackburn South, 3130

Motion

VOTE (circle one) FOR AGAINST

APPENDIX 8 - Schedule of Subscriptions

Schedule of fees - annual membership of VICGAME

Single full membership (1 vote)	\$50
Single pensioner rate (1 vote)	\$35
Family membership (1 vote)	\$50
Student membership (1 vote)	\$20

Note that there is currently no additional joining fee.