

CONSTITUTION OF THE ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

Acknowledging God as the Creator of all things, and Jesus Christ as Lord, we establish the Architects Association.

We recognise that architecture is a human undertaking, limited by our knowledge and ability, yet in a modest way capable of reflecting the work of the Great Architect.

Guided by the Christian virtues of charity, humility, honesty and diligence, we dedicate this Association to the advancement of architecture rooted in place and tradition, and to the pursuit of truth, goodness and beauty.

ARTICLE I: NAME AND OBJECTS

1. The name of the organisation shall be The Architects Association (hereinafter referred to as the “Association”).
2. The Association is an international, non-profit, unincorporated professional association established in Australia.
3. The objects for which the Association is established are:
 - i. To promote, preserve, develop and advance the practice of locally characteristic, traditional, classical, vernacular, inherently sustainable architecture and urbanism (hereinafter referred to as “traditional architecture”).
 - ii. To foster a network of architects, academics, related professionals and students dedicated to traditional architecture.
 - iii. To facilitate cooperation, research and education regarding traditional architecture.
 - iv. To promote public appreciation, understanding and support for traditional architecture.

4. The Association may undertake any lawful activity reasonably incidental to these objects.

ARTICLE II: PROFESSIONAL NEUTRALITY

1. The Association is strictly a professional body. It shall remain politically independent and ideologically neutral in all matters unrelated to its Christian foundation and professional objects.
2. The Association, its Chapters and its representatives are strictly prohibited, in connection with the Association, from adopting, promoting or endorsing political, social or ideological agendas, movements or symbols unrelated to its Christian foundation or professional objects. This includes, but is not limited to, political statements, rituals, flags or symbols associated with advocacy groups.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the Association shall be open to any individual worldwide who supports the objects of the Association and respects its Christian foundation.
2. Membership shall be divided into suitable voting and non-voting categories for architects, affiliated professionals, academics, students and others, as determined by the Bylaws.
3. Admission to and continuation of membership is contingent upon agreement to adhere to the Association's Constitution, Bylaws and Code of Conduct.
4. Membership applications and membership categories shall be administered by a Membership Administrator appointed by the Governing Board.
5. Membership may be subject to an annual membership fee determined by the Governing Board.
6. Membership shall cease upon resignation, non-payment of any prescribed membership fee for more than ninety (90) days, or termination in accordance with this Article.
7. Membership may be suspended or terminated by a two-thirds majority of the Governing Board for serious breach of the Association's Constitution, Bylaws or Code of Conduct, or for conduct materially prejudicial to the Association. The member shall first be informed of the grounds and given a reasonable opportunity to respond.

8. The Association shall maintain a register of Members containing such information as is reasonably necessary for its administration.

ARTICLE IV: GOVERNING BOARD

1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Governing Board (the “Board”).
2. The Board shall consist of not fewer than three (3) and not more than nine (9) members and shall include a President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President shall be registered or licensed as an architect in at least one jurisdiction where architectural registration or licensing is legally recognised.
3. Board members shall be elected by the Voting Members for a term of two (2) years and shall be eligible for re-election.
4. The Board may appoint a Member to fill a casual vacancy until the next election.
5. A Board member may resign in writing or may be removed by a two-thirds majority of valid votes cast by the Voting Members.
6. The Board may exercise all powers of the Association that are not reserved by this Constitution to the Members.
7. The Board shall meet at least quarterly. A majority of serving Board members constitutes a quorum.
8. Board decisions shall be made by simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes, the motion shall fail.
9. A Board member having a material personal interest in a matter shall disclose that interest and shall not vote on that matter.
10. The Board may appoint officers, administrators, committees or Chapters and delegate functions to them as required.
11. The Board shall uphold the Christian foundation of the Association and ensure that its affairs are conducted in accordance with its Preamble, objects and Constitution.

ARTICLE V: GENERAL MEETINGS

1. An Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) shall be held once every calendar year.

2. A Special General Meeting may be called by the Board or upon written request of at least twenty per cent (20%) of the Voting Members.
3. At least twenty-one (21) days' notice of any General Meeting shall be sent electronically to all Members.
4. Members may participate in General Meetings in person or electronically.
5. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be ten per cent (10%) of the Voting Members or three (3) Voting Members, whichever is greater.
6. The business and procedures of General Meetings may otherwise be regulated by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI: DECISION MAKING

1. Each Voting Member shall have one vote.
2. Except where otherwise provided by this Constitution, decisions shall be made by a simple majority of valid votes cast.
3. Amendments to this Constitution require approval by at least eighty per cent (80%) of valid votes cast, provided that at least eighty per cent (80%) of all Voting Members participate in the vote. No Board resolution, Bylaw, Code of Conduct or other administrative instrument may override or alter this requirement or the Christian foundation of the Association.
4. Notice of a proposed constitutional amendment shall be circulated to all Members at least thirty (30) days before voting closes.
5. Formal votes may be conducted at a General Meeting or through a secure electronic voting system.
6. Where voting is conducted electronically, Voting Members shall be given at least fourteen (14) days in which to vote.
7. Abstentions shall not be counted as votes cast but shall count towards the participation requirement.

ARTICLE VII: BYLAWS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

1. The Board may make, amend or repeal Bylaws and a Code of Conduct for the administration and operation of the Association.

2. The Bylaws and Code of Conduct must be consistent with this Constitution.
3. Membership categories, Chapters, elections, meeting procedures, professional designations, membership fees, complaints, disciplinary procedures and other administrative matters may be regulated by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII: FINANCE AND PROPERTY

1. The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards its objects.
2. No portion of the income or property of the Association shall be distributed to Members by way of profit or dividend.
3. Nothing in this Article prevents reasonable payment for goods or services supplied to the Association or reimbursement of properly incurred expenses.
4. Financial records shall be maintained by the Treasurer and a financial report presented annually at the AGM.
5. The Board shall establish appropriate arrangements for the receipt, custody and expenditure of Association funds.
6. As the Association is unincorporated, property or contractual rights required for its purposes may be held or entered into on its behalf by persons authorised by the Board.
7. No Member shall, merely by reason of membership, have any personal interest in the property of the Association.

ARTICLE IX: RECORDS AND ADMINISTRATION

1. The Association shall maintain appropriate records of its membership, Board and General Meetings, decisions and finances.
2. Records, notices, meetings and votes may be maintained or conducted electronically.
3. The Board shall take reasonable steps to protect confidential and personal information held by the Association.

ARTICLE X: INCORPORATION

1. The Association may subsequently become incorporated under Australian law if approved by at least eighty per cent (80%) of valid votes cast by the Voting Members,

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2. Upon such approval, the Board is authorised to take all steps reasonably necessary to effect the incorporation of the Association, including making consequential amendments required by law and arranging for the transfer of the Association's property, rights and obligations to the incorporated body where lawful and practicable, provided that any amendment affecting the Christian foundation or objects of the Association shall require separate approval in accordance with Article VI.
3. The incorporated body shall retain the Christian foundation, identity and objects of the Association and, so far as practicable, continue its membership and affairs.
4. The addition of the word "Incorporated" or "Inc." to the Association's name solely as a consequence of incorporation shall not constitute a change to the identity or objects of the Association.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION

1. The Association may be dissolved by a resolution approved by at least eighty per cent (80%) of valid votes cast by the Voting Members, provided that at least eighty per cent (80%) of all Voting Members participate in the vote.
2. After satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any remaining property shall not be distributed to Members but shall be transferred to one or more non-profit organisations sharing the Association's Christian foundation and having substantially similar objects, or, if no such organisation can reasonably be identified, to a Christian non-profit organisation whose purposes most closely accord with those of the Association.

ARTICLE XII: INTERPRETATION

1. In this Constitution:
Association means The Architects Association.
Board means the Governing Board.
Bylaws means bylaws made under Article VII.
Member means a person admitted to membership of the Association.
Voting Member means a Member belonging to a membership category carrying voting rights.

Christian foundation means the Christian identity and principles of the Association as expressed in its Preamble and Articles I and II.

2. In the event of any inconsistency between this Constitution and applicable law, applicable law shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

Adopted in on this 8th day of October 2026.

Signed the Founding Members:



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Daniel Skinner