

ABORIGINES' ADVANCEMENT LEAGUE (VICTORIA).

CONSTITUTION.

1. NAME The name shall be the Aborigines' Advancement League
(Victoria).

2. OBJECTS

1. To assist people of aboriginal descent to acquire full citizenship rights throughout the Commonwealth.
2. To work towards the complete integration of people of aboriginal descent with the Australian community with full recognition of the contribution they are able to make.
3. To seek the co-ordination, where possible, of the different groups in Victoria working on behalf of people of aboriginal descent.
4. To establish a general policy for advancement of all Australian people of aboriginal descent.

3. CONSTITUTION

The League shall consist of -

a. An Executive Council (hereinafter called "The Council")
The following members of which shall be elected at an annual conference -

1. President
2. Deputy President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Seven ordinary members provided that the Council shall have power to co-opt no more than three persons to the Council.

A field officer appointed in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained shall ex officio be a member of the Council.

b. Branches which shall be under the direction of the Council.

1. Any six adults, with the approval of the Council, may form a branch and admit such further persons to membership of such branch as they deem fit. The minimum subscription of members shall be 5/- per member.
2. Branches under direction of Council shall acquire and disseminate information and raise funds for aboriginal purposes.
3. Each branch shall submit a quarterly report to the Council including a full statement of receipts and payments for any money-raising activities. The profits of such activities shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the League.
4. Domestic expenses of branches shall be met from members subscriptions.

c. Affiliated Organisations. Any organisation supporting the objects of the League, except a political party or an organ of it, may apply for affiliation. The minimum affiliation fee shall be £1 per annum.

4. MANAGEMENT

a. Conference. An Annual Conference of the League to be held between the 1st July and the 31st August shall receive the Council's annual report and financial statement. Special conferences may be called by Council if required.

a. Conference. (Continued).

Each branch of the League and each affiliated organization may appoint one delegate to Conference.

Members of the Council shall have power to vote at Conferences.

Extra-ordinary meetings may be called by Council at the request of any branch provided at least four weeks notice be given to all branches and affiliated organizations.

b. Quorum at Council meetings shall be 1/3 (one third) of Council membership

At the Annual Conference a quorum shall be 20 delegates.

c. All Council members shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.

d. Any member of the Council being absent for 3 consecutive meetings without acceptable reason or leave of absence, shall forfeit his seat on the Council.

5. FIELD OFFICER

The Council may appoint a permanent full-time Field Officer, provided a suitable person can be found, to work for the objectives of the League, after one year's salary is guaranteed or placed in a trust account.

Duties of the Field Officer will include -

1. the promoting of an educational programme to bring facts concerning the conditions and treatment of people of aboriginal descent before the public
2. the providing of assistance and guidance for individuals and families of aboriginal descent in need of care.

6. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

All monies received shall be applied for the realisation of the objects hereinafter set out.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and issue receipts for same; pay all accounts which have been passed for payment by the Council; and shall keep a proper record of all such receipts and payments; and shall submit a financial statement at each Council meeting.

All accounts must be paid by cheque, and all cheques must be signed by two Office Bearers chosen by the Council.

At least once a year the books must be examined and audited by the auditors elected by the Council.

All monies of the League shall be deposited in the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

Monies of the League may be invested in such manner and for such periods as the Council may think fit and the Council may appoint trustees to invest the same and hold the investments on behalf of the League and the Council may realize any investments or part thereof or change any investments as it thinks fit.

7. AUDITOR

The Auditor appointed shall be a member of some recognised institute of accountants or if no such Auditor is available, shall be a person sufficiently versed in business practice to carry out capably the duties of Auditor.

8. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of Annual Conference. Notice of motion of such amendments shall be submitted to the secretary in writing by a branch or affiliate at least two months before Conference. It shall be circulated to Branches, Affiliates and delegates at least six weeks before Conference.

9. WINDING UP

In the event of the affairs of the League being wound up, the assets shall be disposed of (subject to the approval of the Hospital and Charities Commission) in such a manner and to such purposes as shall be determined by a specially convened Conference of the League at which the appropriate resolution is carried by 2/3rds majority of delegates present at the Conference.

In the event of any branch ceasing to exist all assets revert to the Council.

10. RETURNS

The League will forward to the Commission each year such annual returns as required as well as an annual report of the League's activities for the preceding year.

11. TEMPORARY RULE

Until the Conference in July 1958, the Council and Officers shall be the Council and Officers elected on March 21st, 1957. This Council may exercise any powers of the League until the Conference of 1958.