



# Una Voce News Letter

RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
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Dear Member -

In accordance with the feeling of the members present at the 29th A.G.M. your Committee has been examining the Constitution with the aim of giving Associate Members the opportunity to play a more active role in the Association, but still retaining control by Ordinary Members. Peter Clay has assisted in this and the result is seen in the attached revised Constitution which will be put before the A.G.M. for approval. You will see that the objectives of the Association remain the same — the protection of our interests. The main change is in Clause 6 (j) allowing Associate Members to be Committee members, and Clause 10 (b) which allows an Associate Member to submit resolutions to a General meeting but still does not give him/her the right to vote.

It is the Committee's sincere hope that the changes will meet with general approval and also meet the wishes of Associate Members. Constitutional matters take up too much time, too much space in our Newsletter, and create too much "hot air" !!

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## SECOND AND FINAL NOTICE

The Thirty-first A.G.M. will be held at the British Ex-Services Club, commencing at 11 a.m. Lunch will be at 1 p.m. so hopefully we can complete all the "tok tok" in time to allow for some conviviality.

SUNDAY 18th APRIL

- AGENDA: 1. Apologies; 2. Confirmation of Minutes of 30th AGM;  
3. Matters arising from Minutes - including revised Constitution;  
4. President's Report; 5. Treasurer's Report; 6. Correspondence;  
7. Election of Office Bearers; 8. General Business.

At long last I have found someone to take my place as Secretary (he must be crazy!) so finally I can retire, pleased that the widows benefits have finally been won and the Constitution amended (hopefully) to suit everyone. However you are perhaps not rid of me because I hope to carry on as Editor of 'Una Voce'.

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Whilst many of the office-bearers of the Committee are standing for election again they want everyone living within a reasonable distance to feel that he/she has the opportunity to also stand. The last thing we wish is that Members should feel that the official group is a 'closed shop'. We would therefore encourage as many as possible to nominate. This may be done at the Meeting or by sending your name to me with a nominator and seconder.

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Claude Champion tells me that Papua always had a superannuation ordinance, but that no provision was made for widows. Sorry - I was misinformed.

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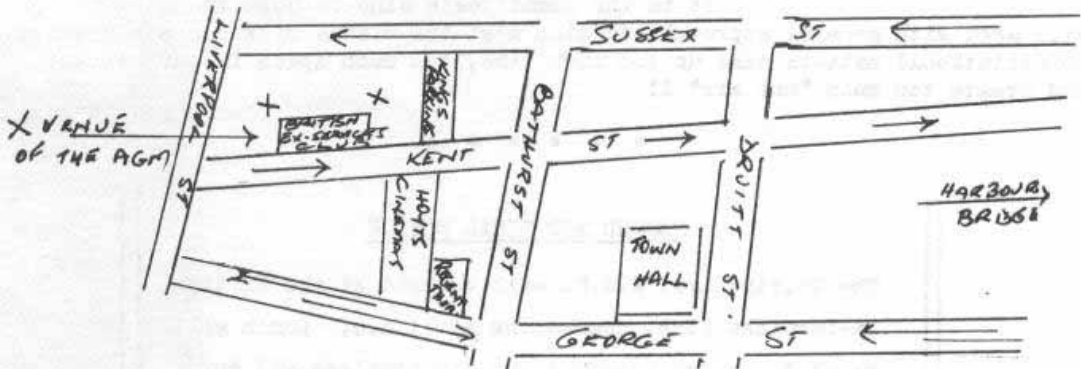
Tom Weston, one of our few remaining Members still in PNG has at last been enticed from the bush and is working in Project Coordination in Finance. P.O. Box 560 Port Moresby will find him.

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V A L E

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. Rod Fowler, who passed away on 2.1.82. Rod was a visual aids officer in the old Department of Information and Extension Services.

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See you there !

Sincerely,

*Fredy Kaad*  
Fredy Kaad  
Hon. Secretary

Current Dues	\$	
Arrears	\$	
TOTAL	\$	

FORM OF PROXY

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a member of the R.O.A.P.N.G. of P.N.G. do hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to vote on my behalf at the AG Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on 18 April, 1982.  
DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 1982. Signature.....

THE RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

CONSTITUTION

NAME

1. The name of the Association shall be: "Retired Officers' Association of Papua New Guinea". The motto shall be "UNA VOCE".

INTERPRETATION

- 1A. In this Constitution, unless the contrary intention appears:

"Association" means Retired Officers' Association of Papua New Guinea;

"Associate Member" means a person described in Clause 4(a)(2) who has been admitted to membership of the Association;

"Committee" means the Executive Committee referred to in Clause 6(b);

"Former services" means the previous public services in Papua New Guinea established by or under:

- (i) the Papua Act 1905 and the Public Service Ordinance 1907 (Papua),
- (ii) the New Guinea Act 1920 and the Public Service Ordinance 1922 (New Guinea),
- (iii) the Papua New Guinea Provisional Administration Act 1945 and the Public Service Ordinance Act 1949, and
- (iv) the Papua New Guinea Act 1949 and the Public Service (Papua and New Guinea) Ordinance 1963;

"Member" means a person described in Clause 4(a)(1) who has been admitted to membership of the Association;

"Office Bearers" means the members of the Committee referred to in Clause 6(c);

"Officer" means an officer of one of the former services;

"Retired officer" means a former officer who has retired from one of the former services and is entitled to a pension consequent upon such retirement;

"Statutory authority" means a body (other than a public company) established by or under a law of Papua New Guinea (including the Police Force).

References herein to Acts are to Acts of the Commonwealth of Australia as amended from time to time.

HEADQUARTERS

2. The Association's headquarters shall be in Sydney, or as the Annual General Meeting decides.

OBJECTS

3. The objects of the Association shall be:
  - (a) to safeguard and foster the retirement conditions of all members, including conditions applicable to widows and dependants;

- (b) to promote friendly association among all former officers;
- (c) to act on behalf of members, their widows and dependants, either collectively or individually, in negotiations with the Commissioner for Superannuation and such other Commonwealth, State or other authorities and organisations whatsoever, in any or all matters affecting the interests of the said members, their widows and dependants;
- (d) to co-operate on all matters of mutual interest with associations representing other pensioners or superannuants (e.g. superannuants of the Commonwealth Public Service) having similar objectives;
- (e) to assist members to establish themselves in Australia and to advise them in social, legal, medical or other problems they may have.

MEMBERSHIP

- 4. (a) Membership of the Association shall consist of the following categories:
  - (1) Member - a retired officer or the widow or dependant of a deceased retired officer;
  - (2) Associate member - a former officer (other than a retired officer) of one of the former services, of one of the statutory authorities or of the Australian Staffing Assistance Group constituted by the Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act 1973, who terminated his services by processes not conferring pension rights, or a former resident of Papua New Guinea expressing an interest in the objects of the Association.
- (b) A person eligible for membership, under Clause 4(a), shall lodge an application with the Honorary Secretary on the form prescribed, enclosing the necessary fees. Membership shall not become effective until confirmed by the Committee.
- (c) A member or an associate member may at any time resign his membership upon notification in writing to the Honorary Secretary. No membership fees are refundable upon resignation. Any such member or associate member resigning shall nevertheless remain liable for and shall pay to the Association all moneys which were due to the Association at the time of his resignation. Membership may be revived at any time upon application by the person concerned and on payment of all arrears of subscriptions existing at the time of resignation.
- (d) Membership shall cease or lapse upon written resignation served on the Honorary Secretary or automatically on non-payment of any subscription which is more than 12 months in arrears.
- (e) Expulsion from membership may be effected upon a three-quarters majority of the votes of members present in person or represented by written proxy for that purpose, only at a General Meeting, provided that the notice convening such Meeting includes

a statement of intention to submit a resolution for such an expulsion. Such a notice shall not be given unless the President is satisfied that the conduct of the member or associate member in question falls within the category of a criminal conviction and/or gross misbehaviour of a public nature likely to bring the name of the Association into contempt, and then only on written requisition of not less than five members.

- (f) The Secretary shall maintain a register containing the names, addresses and other details of members and associate members as determined by the Committee.

SUBSCRIPTION

- 5. (a) Subscriptions shall be due on the first of January each calendar year.
- (b) The annual subscription payable by each category of membership shall be determined at each Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive. If no motion is passed at an Annual General Meeting setting dues, then they shall remain at the same rate or rates as during the preceding year.
- (c) A member or associate member may commute his annual dues by becoming a Life Member of the Association by the payment of ten years' subscription in advance. Past membership subscriptions shall not count or be taken into consideration for the purpose of obtaining Life Membership.
- (d) Persons joining the Association before the 30th June shall pay the full subscription, while those joining after that date shall pay half the annual subscription.
- (e) Payment of a subscription may be remitted at the discretion of the Committee.

EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE  
AND OFFICE  
BEARERS

- 6. (a) The management and control of the Association's activities and of its funds and property shall be vested in the Executive Committee, which shall exercise in relation thereto all the powers, rights and objects of the Association.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Deputy President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Editor of the Newsletter and five Committeemen. All members of the Committee shall be elected each year by a majority of the members present in person, or represented by a written proxy, at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- (c) The Office Bearers shall be the President, Deputy President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

- (d) Five Committee members, of whom one must be either the President or Deputy President, shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Committee, and the presiding officer shall have a deliberative and a casting vote.
- (e) The Committee shall deal only with such matters as are included in the Agenda of the meeting, of which each Committee member received advance notice.
- (f) The Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined. Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary at the request of the President, or in his absence the Deputy President, or at the request of a majority of Committee members.
- (g) The Committee shall have authority to fill any vacancy that may occur on the Executive Committee between Annual General Meetings.
- (h) The Committee shall have authority to appoint delegates of the Association in States other than New South Wales.
- (i) The Committee may co-opt additional members to join the Committee, until the next Annual General Meeting.
- (j) Associate Members may be elected to the Committee but must not in numbers exceed 25% of the total strength of the Committee.

FINANCES

- 7. (a) The Hon. Treasurer shall receive and handle all income of the Association and make all payments. The Hon. Treasurer shall keep such records (including cash book, receipts and payments, and membership lists showing details of financial status of members) as may be deemed necessary for the orderly management and recording of the Association's finances.
- (b) The Hon. Treasurer shall prepare an Annual Financial Statement and Accounts, which shall truly reflect the financial position of the Association. The Association's audited Annual Accounts and Financial Statement shall be submitted for confirmation to the Annual General Meeting of each year.
- (c) The Association's accounts shall be audited at least once a year by an Auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting, or in the event of a vacancy occurring, by an Auditor appointed by the Committee. The person so appointed shall not hold any other office in the Association, but may be a member of the Association.
- (d) All offices shall be honorary, and the funds of the Association shall be used only to defray the legitimate expenses of operating the Association.



- (e) The funds of the Association shall be deposited with a recognised bank, building society or other financial institution, as determined by the Committee. All monies received shall be banked. The Office Bearers shall be signatories for withdrawals and cheques. Any two of the Office Bearers shall sign all cheques or withdrawals.

ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING

- 8. (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the thirtieth day of April in each year. A notice convening such Meeting shall be posted to the registered addresses of each member and associate member at least fourteen days previous to the date set down for such a Meeting. Twenty members or associate members, of whom one must be the President or the Deputy President personally present, shall form a quorum at an Annual General Meeting.

SPECIAL  
GENERAL  
MEETINGS

- 9. (a) A Special General Meeting of members shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary on the authority of the President or the Deputy President or on the requisition of not less than ten financial members or associate members of the Association. Notice convening such a Meeting shall state the business to be dealt with, and shall be posted to each member's registered postal address at least fourteen days previous to the date set down for such Meeting. Twenty members or associate members, of whom one must be either the President or the Deputy President, personally present, shall form a quorum at General Meetings.
- (b) No other business, except that listed in the notice convening that Meeting may be determined at a General Meeting.

VOTING

- 10. (a) Only financial members (as described in Clause 4(a)(1)) shall be qualified to exercise a vote at any meeting of the Association.
- (b) An Associate Member shall not be eligible to vote at Annual or Special General Meetings but may submit resolutions.
- (c) Voting at all meetings of members shall be by members present in person or represented by written proxy. Unless otherwise set out herein, all resolutions shall be declared carried if approved by a simple majority.
- (d) Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a ballot is called for.
- (e) In the event of equality of votes a resolution shall be declared lost.
- (f) A member may appoint a proxy for any Meeting. The Chairman of the Meeting or any other member may

be appointed as proxy. Such appointment of a proxy must be signed by the member making the appointment and his signature must be witnessed. A proxy shall be valid only for the Meeting specified in the appointment.

AMENDMENT  
OR REPEAL OF  
CONSTITUTION

11. (a) This Constitution may be amended or repealed only by a three-fourth majority of votes of members present in person or represented by proxy at an Annual or General Meeting of members and only after due notice of such intention has been given to members, as set out in Clauses 8 and 9 above.

DISSOLUTION

12. (a) The income and property of the Association whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in this Constitution, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Association provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Association or to any member of the Association or its members, nor prevent the payment of reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member to the Association.
- (b) If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other association, institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Association under or by virtue of this Constitution. Such association, institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution.

Constitution Approved at the Inaugural Meeting, held on 19th March, 1951.

Amended: on 31st January, 1952

Amended: on 21st January, 1960.

Amended: on 4th February, 1972.

Revised and Amended: on 20th January, 1980.