

And whereas under the rules the General Committee of the club consists of the office-bearers who (other than the trustees) shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the club and a number of members of the club duly elected at an annual meeting of the club:

And whereas under the rules the trustees are two in number and shall be elected at a general meeting of the club and shall hold office until death, resignation or removal from office:

And whereas the last election of office-bearers (including trustees) and of members of the club to constitute the General Committee of the club occurred on the 30th day of September 1965 and it is doubtful whether, under the rules, the persons then elected (other than the trustees) now constitute the General Committee of the club:

And whereas neither of the trustees then elected has died, resigned or been removed from office:

And whereas since January 1965 the club has been dormant:

And whereas the affairs and assets of the club cannot be administered in accordance with the rules unless there are office-bearers and a General Committee of the club and an auditor of the club's affairs:

And whereas it is desired to revive the club and to ensure that its affairs and assets are administered in accordance with the rules.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the *Queensland Police Welfare Club Act 1970*.

2. Meaning of terms. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“club” means The Queensland Police Welfare Club;

“General Committee” means the persons who for the time being comprise the General Committee of the club as prescribed by this Act;

“Minister” means the Minister of the Crown charged with the administration of this Act and includes any person for the time being performing the duties of that Minister;

“rules” means the rules for the time being regulating the conduct of the affairs of the club.

3. Appointment of office-bearers and auditor of club. (1) The Minister may from time to time, by writing under his hand, appoint the following office-bearers of the club, namely—

- (a) a president;
- (b) a secretary;
- (c) a treasurer.

(2) The Minister may from time to time, by writing under his hand, appoint a person registered as a public accountant or otherwise sufficiently qualified to conduct an audit to be auditor of the accounts, books, vouchers and securities of the club.

(3) An office-bearer or auditor appointed under this section shall hold the office to which he is appointed until the general meeting of the club held next following the date of his appointment or until he earlier dies or vacates the office.

(4) A reference in the rules to any office-bearer of the club or auditor shall, during the currency of an appointment to that office under this section, be construed to include a person appointed to that office under this section.

4. Removal of certain existing office-bearers. Upon and by virtue of the first appointment under subsection (1) of the last preceding section of all the office-bearers therein referred to any person who immediately prior to such appointment was an office-bearer of the club (other than a trustee of the club) shall be deemed to have been removed from his office.

5. Composition of General Committee of club. On and from the first appointment under subsection (1) of section 3 of this Act of all the office-bearers therein referred to, the General Committee of the club shall be comprised solely of the persons who for the time being are such office-bearers together with the persons who for the time being are the trustees of the club.

6. Powers of General Committee. (1) The General Committee may do all things which under the rules the General Committee of the club might do, as fully and effectually as if its members had been appointed and held office pursuant to the rules.

(2) The Minister may, by writing under his hand, authorize the General Committee to do any thing specified therein or to do all things necessary to effect a purpose specified therein (being in any case a thing or a purpose not inconsistent with the objects of the club as particularized in the rules) and thereupon the General Committee may do that thing or, as the case may be, all things necessary to effect that purpose.

(3) The General Committee may authorize any of its members to operate on or with respect to any account or accounts of the club held by any bank and any person so authorized may and shall be permitted to operate on or with respect to such account according to the authority.

7. Obligation of General Committee. As soon as practicable after its first formation the General Committee shall cause a general meeting of the club to be held at a time and place to be determined by the General Committee and such meeting shall be deemed to be the annual general meeting of the club.

8. Conduct of meeting of General Committee. At a meeting of the General Committee—

- (a) the president, if he is present, shall preside but in his absence, any member of the committee chosen by the members present shall preside;
- (b) a quorum shall consist of three members who may exercise on behalf of the General Committee all of its powers whether conferred by this Act or by the rules;

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- (c) all business shall be decided by the majority of the votes of the members present but in the event of an equal division in the votes the member presiding shall be entitled to a second or casting vote;
 - (d) a member who abstains from voting shall be deemed to have voted in the negative.

9. Operation of rules preserved. Save as is provided in this Act the operation of the rules in respect of the regulation of the affairs of the club shall not be prejudiced by this Act.