

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHRISTCHURCH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION (updated at the 2014 AGM)

NAME: The name of the Association shall be “**The Christchurch Girls High School Old Girls’ Association**”

OBJECTS: To foster and keep alive amongst past and present pupils and staff, a remembrance of the School and Acland House and take an active interest in their welfare. It endorses the school philosophy which believes that academic achievement should be encouraged, love of learning should be nurtured and young woman should be empowered to make the best use of their opportunities and talents. To this end the association may be allowed to conduct business ventures and any income benefit or advantage shall be applied to the charitable purposes of the Association within New Zealand.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Shall be open to any past pupil of Christchurch Girls High School.
2. All past and present teachers and staff of the school and Acland House shall be eligible for Membership.
3. The Principal of the School, Head Girl of School and Head girl of Acland shall automatically be granted an Honorary Life Membership of the Association.
4. The committee has the power to deal with any special individual case with a view to admitting to membership.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

1. Members may join as either an Annual or a Life Member.
2. Subscriptions shall be set at the Annual General Meeting and shall be paid to the Treasurer.
3. Life subscriptions shall be paid payable at any time.
4. Any member wishing to resign from the Association shall give notice in writing to the secretary by 31st March.
5. Anyone whose subscription is more than 12(twelve) months in arrears shall cease to be a member of the Association but such lapsed members may be reinstated on payment of their subscription.

OFFICERS:

1. Officers of the Association shall be President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. The Committee shall consist of all officers and no fewer than 4 (four) others from the membership of the Association nominated for their willingness and experience in organising and supporting activities to meet the objects of the organisation. It is desirable to have at least 2 members of the committee from Acland Old Girls. Five (5) members form a quorum for meetings.
3. Should an Officer or Committee member resign during the year, the committee shall have power to appoint a member to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.
4. Each committee member shall hold office for a four (4) year period with the right of seeking re appointment for a further two (2) year term before being requested to retire. They shall be eligible for re-election after standing down for one (1) term. All members of the committee will not stand down at the same time, the President will arrange with the committee a rotational system of standing members down.
5. The President may from time to time and with the approval of the Committee co-opt other people to the committee for a limited time to provide expertise relating to a specific matter.
6. Officers and Committee members serve on a voluntary (unpaid) basis with no pecuniary gain.

7. The committee will elect officers at their first committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than 1st June every year. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - Receive and approve reports on the activities of the past year from the President.
 - Receive and pass the Audited Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Association.
 - Elect the committee of the Association.
 - Appoint an Auditor for the Association
 - Review and set Annual and Life Membership Subscriptions
 - Transact any other business.
2. President or Committee shall have power at any time to call a General Meeting, fourteen (14) days' notice to be given for same.
3. Any of these rules may be altered or amended by the consent of a majority of members present at a general meeting. Notice of such alteration or amendment together with the name of the proposer and the seconder shall be given in writing to the Secretary and circulated electronically to members of the Association 14 days prior to a General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called at least 28 (twenty eight) days' notice in writing to all financial members. If any alterations or rescission nullifies the charitable status or purpose for which the Association carries on its activities, new rules which restore its charitable status will immediately be instituted.

FINANCIAL YEAR AND AUDITOR:

1. The Association's financial year shall end on 31st March.

DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION:

1. Notice of the proposal to dissolve the association will be given at the Annual General Meeting.
2. In the event of the dissolution and assets or funds shall be transferred to a designated Trust at the discretion of the committee and in consultation with the Principal and the Schools Board of Trustees.

The Assets will be used for the benefit of the pupils of Christchurch Girls High