

RULES OF THE TASMANIAN LATVIAN ASSOCIATION

1. PURPOSES AND RIGHTS

- a. The goal of the Tasmanian Latvian Association (TLA) is to promote Latvian culture and the interests of the Latvian community in Tasmania.
- b. The association is entitled to:
 - i. Organize meetings, social functions and other activities.
 - ii. Maintain a web and/or social media presence.
 - iii. Nominate a candidate for the position of Tasmanian Vice Chair of the Latvian Federation of Australia and New Zealand (LAAJ).
 - iv. Otherwise represent and promote the interests of the Latvian community of Tasmania.

2. MEMBERS

- a. Anyone who has Latvian ancestry, family connections or an interest in the Latvian community can attend meetings and be regarded as a voting member.
- b. There is no membership fee.
- c. The Secretary shall keep a list of current members.

3. GENERAL MEETING

- a. The General Meeting of the TLA is the highest decision-making body.
- b. Each Member has one vote.
- c. General Meetings are convened by the Board at least once a year, by giving notice in writing and providing the agenda at least two weeks in advance. An extraordinary general meeting must be convened by the Board at the request of at least three members.
- d. The General Meeting decides by a simple majority vote, except for the amendment of the Rules and the liquidation of the Association, when a majority of three quarters of the votes present at the meeting is required.
- e. The General Meeting is chaired by a leader elected by the meeting.

4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a. The Board manages the business of the Association by implementing the decisions of the General Meeting.

- b. Composition of the Board is as follows: Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary and two General Members.
- c. The Chair of the Board is elected by the TLA General Meeting for three years; This position is combined with the Tasmanian LAAJ Vice Chair position. The other Members of the Board are elected by the TLA General Meeting for one year.

5. FUNDS

The Association does not manage funds or levy membership fees. Any decision to manage funds and appoint a Treasurer must be made by amending the Rules.

6. LIQUIDATION

Upon a resolution being passed for the liquidation of the TLA, a liquidation committee must be elected by the General Meeting and must act in accordance with the instructions of the General Meeting.

These rules were adopted by the foundation General Meeting of the Tasmanian Latvian Association held on 21 May 2023 at 2a Ellington Road, Sandy Bay, Tasmania, at which the following persons were present and agreed to its foundation and the adoption of these Rules: