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### NAME AND CONSTITUTION:

1. (a) The name of the Association shall be "The 2/2 Commando Association of Australia".

(b) The Association shall consist of a General Association throughout the Commonwealth of Australia with branches in each State and sub-branches within each State.

(c) The Association shall affiliate with the R.S.S.A.I.L.A.

### OBJECTS:

2. The objects of the Association shall be:—

(a) To encourage and strengthen loyalty to Australia and the British Empire.

(b) To maintain the spirit of comradeship among all members and preserve the memory and traditions of the Unit.

(c) Where possible give aid to genuine indigent members, or dependants of deceased members.

### MEMBERSHIP:

3. (a) Any person who has been at any time a member of the 2nd Aust. Independent Coy., or the 2/2 Aust Commando Squadron, or their reinforcements, or who served with the 2nd Aust. Independent Coy. in the case of Timor, shall be entitled to become a member of the Association. Personnel who joined the Unit or were attached after the 15th September, 1945, are not eligible for membership.

(b) Dishonourable discharge automatically disqualifies any person otherwise eligible from becoming a member.

(c) No person shall be a member, except in the capacity of an honorary member, who has not at any

time complied with the foregoing regulations. Honorary membership is to be bestowed only in the case of individuals who have rendered outstanding services to the Unit in some capacity or other prior to cessation of hostilities. No honorary members shall be created after the 31st December, 1947. *Revoked*

(d) Any member wishing to object to the membership of any person must do so in writing both to the State and General Secretary, who will advise all other State Secretaries. The matter will then be dealt with by all State Branches. Objections by any one State will automatically disqualify applicant.

### SUBSCRIPTION:

4. (a) The annual subscription shall be the sum of Five Shillings (5/-).

(b) All subscriptions shall be payable any time within the financial year which shall be from the 1st June to the 31st May inclusive.

(c) When a candidate for membership has paid his subscription he shall be deemed to be a financial member of the Association and will be responsible for payment of such annual subscriptions until such time as he submits his resignation from the Association in writing to the State Secretary.

(d) When any member is unfinancial for a period in excess of twelve months he shall forfeit any benefits under the Association including his right to vote at meetings.

(e) All subscriptions, including those of sub-branch members, shall be collected by State Branches and used for their own purposes except where the General Association requires levies.

(f) Any person shall, on ceasing to be a member, forfeit all right to and claim upon the privileges, property or funds to which, as a member of the Association, he may have been entitled.

#### **FINANCE:**

5. (a) The Association shall endeavour, by all lawful means in its power, to raise funds by means of Fetes, Dances, Levies on Members, etc., to assist the work of the Association.

(b) All monies received shall be acknowledged by a receipt and paid into such Bank as the State Branch shall nominate.

(c) All expenditure from funds shall be in accordance with these rules and no expenditure shall be permitted for any purpose contrary to the objects of the Association.

(d) The accounts of the State Branches shall be audited at least half yearly by any two persons so nominated and accepted as auditors. West Australian auditors shall be responsible for audit of General funds.

#### **GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF ASSOCIATION AND STATE BRANCHES:**

6. (a) The management of State Branches shall be in the hands of financial members per medium of correctly constituted meetings.

(b) State Branches failing to achieve a financial membership of 20 will be debarred from voting as a State on questions affecting the policy of the Association.

(c) The Officers of the Association shall consist of—

(i) General President who shall be State President of Western Australia.

(ii) Vice-General Presidents who shall be State Presidents.

(iii) General Secretary-Treasurer who shall be domiciled in Western Australia.

State Branches shall appoint—

(i) State President.

(ii) State Vice President.

(iii) State Secretary and/or State Treasurer.

(iv) Two Auditors.

(v) A Committee to assist in management, numerical strength of such committee to be at the discretion of State Branches.

#### **MEETINGS:**

7. (a) **Annual General Meetings.** The Annual General Meeting of State Branches shall be held at a time and place to be fixed.

(b) **Special General Meetings.** Special General Meetings may at any time for any special purpose be called by the Secretary or President of State Branches.

(c) **Monthly Meetings.** Monthly Meetings shall be held at a time and place to be fixed.

(d) **Quorums.** Quorums for all meetings shall be decided by State Branches.

(e) **Conduct of Meetings—**

(i) At all meetings of State Branches the President, and in his absence the Vice President and in his absence a member of the Committee selected by the meeting, shall take the chair.

- (ii) Every member present shall be entitled to one vote upon every motion.
- (iii) In the case of equality the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- (iv) The election of Executive Office Bearers shall be in such a manner as may be decided by any properly constituted Annual, Special or Monthly Meeting. Office Bearers in office may be eligible for re-election. All financial members to be given opportunity to vote for election of Officers.
- (v) The election of all officers and committees shall be by simple majority ballot of all financial members.
- (vi) Office Bearers shall assume office on the day succeeding election.
- (vii) Any vacancy occurring in any office between the annual general meetings shall be filled at any ordinary or general meeting and such person elected shall remain in office until the next annual general meeting.

## 8. DUTIES OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

### General and State Presidents—

(a) In addition to any duties already laid down in Rule 7 the General or State President shall sign the minutes of the previous meeting after they have been read and confirmed. He shall conduct all meetings in the manner as laid down for a President in the Rules of Debate.

### General Secretary-Treasurer—

(a) As General Secretary shall be responsible for liason between State branches and shall, at suitable intervals, circularise State branches.

(b) As General Treasurer shall be responsible for General funds.

### State Secretaries and/or Treasurers—

(a) State Secretaries shall be responsible for the taking and recording of minutes of all meetings held.

(b) He shall handle all correspondence and deal with same as instructed by the meeting.

(c) He shall supply the General Secretary with all information essential to his liason duties.

(d) State Treasurers shall perform all duties and have such powers as are usually performed and possessed by a Treasurer, subject to the ruling of State branches.

## INTERPRETATION:

9. The State Committees are the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and any other rules hereafter to be made, and the decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Association and not provided for by these rules, shall be final and binding on the members.

## ALTERATION TO RULES:

10. These Rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual, Special or Monthly General Meeting provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have passed unless it be carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members voting thereon. Notice of motion of not less than one month is required for any alteration. Members shall be circularised and may vote by post.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

11. (i) Where a state of indigency is proven to exist financial aid may be rendered to—

- (a) Indigent members.
- (b) Dependants of deceased members.
- (c) Dependants of any deceased person who, in his lifetime, would have been eligible for membership.

(ii) Financial aid will be the responsibility of—

- (a) The Association.
- (b) State Branches.

State Branches may act independently of the Association in such cases as they wish to.

(iii) Loans or gifts may be granted to members in indigent circumstances. This will be dealt with on an Australia wide basis.

(iv) Applications may be received from or on behalf of indigent members or dependants of deceased members for financial aid. Six copies of these shall be submitted on Form of Application as shown in Appendix B.

(v) Simple majority of State votes shall determine acceptance or non-acceptance of Application as Association responsibility. The General President shall have casting vote.

(vi) When the responsibility for financial aid is accepted by the Association State branch funds shall be levied per financial member an amount sufficient to cover the particular loan or gift.

(vii) Any subsequent donations or repayments to the Association by recipients of financial aid shall be allotted to State Branches in proportion to original State contribution.

### APPENDIX "A".

#### FORM OF PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED BY ASSOCIATION AND STATES IN DEALING WITH APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID

1. Applications will be submitted on Appendix B in sextuplicate. Forms are obtainable from State Secretaries.

2. The forms must bear the signature of two financial members other than office bearers of the Branch.

3. Applications shall be lodged with State Secretaries who shall immediately convene a Special Committee Meeting to investigate and report on such application.

4. Such applications and report will then be sent to all other State branches, General President and General Secretary, by air mail.

5. State Branches, on receipt of such applications, shall deal with the matter as soon as possible and, if necessary, call a Special General Meeting to determine acceptance or otherwise of Applications.

6. State Secretaries will advise General Secretary of their decision by telegram.

7. General Secretary will advise all State Secretaries of result by telegram.

8. State concerned will make necessary payment in the event of acceptance.

9. Other States will reimburse such State's funds as laid down by Rule No. 11.

## APPENDIX "B"

### APPLICATION FORM FOR FINANCIAL AID.

Surname ..... Christian Names .....

Address .....

Marital State ..... Regimental No. ....

Occupation .....

(For Dependants fill in name of Deceased Member)

Amount Required (state whether Loan or Gift)....

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Reason for Application (State Briefly) .....

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#### Statement of Affairs

Liabilities.				Assets		
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.

(State under liabilities any encumbrances on assets you may have)

State whether all other avenues of assistance have been used such as—

- A. Benefit Societies, Lodges, Canteen Fund, etc. ...
  - B. Insurance (if any) .....
  - C. Relatives .....
  - D. Social Service Benefits (Govt.) .....
- Medical Condition (A Doctor's Certificate must be submitted in the event of Disabilities):