

**REVISION OF THE GSV RULES**  
**SPECIAL RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 5 OCTOBER 2013**

**Background**

The current Purposes and Rules of the GSV are based on the Victorian *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* and have not been amended for many years. The enactment of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, along with numerous other changes affecting the operation of not-for-profit organizations generally and the genealogy environment in particular, have compelled the GSV to conduct a total review and re-write of its Purposes and Rules.

The draft revised Rules, the scope of which combine the current Purposes and Rules, are based on the Model Rules For An Incorporated Association which were issued in November 2012 by Consumer Affairs Victoria. Sections of the GSV's present Rules that are still relevant have been added.

A Working Group of Council reviewed and re-wrote the Purposes and Rules over a timeframe of several months, resolving important policy issues through discussions with the full Council. Council ultimately endorsed the draft Rules as at 14 August 2013 and agreed that they be submitted to the membership of the GSV for approval through a special resolution.

The draft revised Rules may be read on this website, along with a summary of material differences between the current and the proposed new Rules. You will see that the overall scope and effect are not radically different. The draft new Rules ensure that the GSV conforms to the legislation, that members and the Society are adequately protected, and that a basis exists for the GSV to develop and grow.

Once the revised Rules are approved by the GSV membership and registered by Consumer Affairs Victoria, attention will be turned to review of the By-laws of the Society.

**Special Resolution**

Members are strongly encouraged to read the draft revised Rules and the summary of main changes, in preparation for voting at the Annual General Meeting on the following special resolution:

*The Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc. approves the revised Rules dated 14 August 2013.*

**Questions and Comments**

These may be submitted to the Secretary by emailing [gsv@gsv.org.au](mailto:gsv@gsv.org.au) or by letter, as soon as possible, and preferably prior to 21 September 2013. It is highly desirable that any members' concerns about the proposed new rules are expressed and dealt with prior to the AGM on 5 October.

Allan Aberdeen (GSV Secretary)

26 August 2013