

**ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1981**  
**THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INCORPORATED**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSES**

1. The name of the incorporated association is THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INCORPORATED (hereinafter called 'the Society').
2. The purposes of the Society are :
  - (a) to promote and encourage the study of genealogy, family history, heraldry and allied subjects, and to assist members and others in genealogical research;
  - (b) to hold regular meetings of members and the public at which addresses shall be given, papers read and discussions take place in connection with the various aspects of genealogical study;
  - (c) to make permanent records and indexes of monumental and other inscriptions, parish registers, etc.;
  - (d) to establish and maintain appropriate indexes of reference to births, baptisms, marriages, deaths, funerals, wills and other records of genealogical interest;
  - (e) to acquire and conduct a reference library containing books, papers, magazines, manuscripts, maps, microforms, tape recordings, movie films, videotapes and computer programs etc., on genealogical, heraldic, historical, biographical and allied subjects for the use of members and the general public; and to establish and maintain indexes of such above items as may be contained in other libraries and institutions;
  - (f) to print, publish, purchase and disseminate such journals, periodicals, books and other items as may assist achievement of any of the purposes of the Society;
  - (g) to liaise with members of the Federation of Family History Societies and other Societies within and without Australia having similar purposes as the Society;
  - (h) to purchase, rent, take on lease, exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any land, buildings, plant, furniture, fittings or other property real or personal and to erect or construct any buildings, to maintain and from time to time alter and add to any building or plant used by the Society;
  - (i) to sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of, dedicate, exchange or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Society but if the Society takes or holds any property subject to any trust the Society shall deal with the same only in accordance with the trust affecting it;

- (j) to accept gifts of monies, property, or chattels testamentary or otherwise and, if necessary or advisable, to perform, execute or adopt any conditions or trusts attached to such gifts;
  - (k) to procure contributions by taking such steps through personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Society in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions, grants or otherwise;
  - (l) to borrow or raise with or without security and in order to secure the payment of money in such manner as the Society shall consider expedient and particularly by the mortgage of all or any part of the property of the Society or by issue of debentures chargeable upon all or any part of the property of the Society both present and future and to purchase, redeem and pay off any such securities;
  - (m) to undertake and execute any trust or any agency, business, etc., which may seem directly or indirectly conducive to any of the purposes of the Society;
  - (n) to amalgamate with any companies, institutions, societies, or associations having purposes altogether or in part similar to those of the Society and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Society under and by virtue of paragraph 3 hereof and Rule 32.2;
  - (o) to adopt such means of making known to the general public the purposes of the Society as may seem expedient and to otherwise further the interests of members in particular by advertising in the press, by issue of circulars, by publication of books, leaflets, periodicals, pamphlets or other items of a similar nature relating wholly to the purposes of the Society and by granting prizes and making donations;
  - (p) to invest monies of the Society in such investments as may from time to time be determined by the Council of the Society; where directed by the terms of any testament, deed of gift etc., creating any such fund, deal with the corpus and income accordingly;
  - (q) to do all such other lawful things as may be incident or conducive to the attainment of the above purposes.
3. The income and property of the Society whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of the Society as set forth in this Statement of Purposes and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, to the members of the Society. Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any

member of the Society, in return for any services actually rendered to the Society or for goods supplied in the ordinary and usual way of business nor prevent the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding the rate for the time being fixed for the purpose of this paragraph by the Rules of the Society on money borrowed from any member of the Society or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member to the Society but so that no member of the Council of the Society shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Society or any office of the Society paid by fees.

4. The Society shall in addition to the purposes aforementioned have the purpose of taking over to carry on in like manner the business and affairs of the company known as The Genealogical Society of Victoria which was founded on 17th March 1941 and was incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act 1938 of the State of Victoria on 12th November 1945 to trade under Registered Number C23245L.