

This document is intended only as a roadmap for the proposed constitution change scheduled for special resolution at the November 2024 Extraordinary General Meeting.

It is not intended to be a complete and exhaustive treatise on the current to proposed constitution documents but as a general guide to the intent and implementation of the changes. Inaccuracies are assumed and members will need to examine the current and proposed constitutions themselves to have the best understanding of the proposed changes.

The proposed constitution will also have a companion document - a Miranda Musical Theatre Company Playbook - that is being developed to deal with the operational issues that the Committee is required to handle. No part of the Playbook is able to contradict the overarching requirements of the proposed constitution.

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Statement of Objects and Rules of the Miranda Musical Society Incorporated.			
Statement of Objects	Changed		<p>The entire section of Objects has been revised and comparisons to the previous constitution will show the extent of the revision. The aims of the revision are threefold:</p> <p>1) To make the objects more aligned with the becoming a registered charity. For this to occur the Objects need to clearly state the alignment to the public rather than just members and all reference of preferential treatment of members to the public had to be removed.</p> <p>2) We needed to modernise the Objects in line with the current model constitution from NSW Fair Trading as well as to the the current operating environment of the association compared to 1995. Social issues are strong these days and need to be explicit in the constitution rather than assumed.</p> <p>3) The Associations Incorporation Act 2009 has more governance coverage within the Act that means we do not need to explicitly state them in our constitution and will also be covered if the Act changes to include anything in the future, without us having to update our constitution.</p>
1. The name of the society is the Miranda Musical Society Incorporated.	Changed		Miranda Musical Theatre Company Incorporated
2. The objects of the society are:-			

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a. To stage musical and other entertainments.	Changed		Enhanced to cover enrichment of the local community through arts
b. To promote interest and knowledge in acting, singing, stagecraft and similar arts.	Changed		Still exists in a wider and more publicly focussed statement.
c. To provide opportunities for members to participate in stage or other entertainments.	Changed		Modified to ensure alignment with the aim of becoming a charity
d. To subscribe to, become a member of, co-operate with or amalgamate with any other society or organisation, the objects of which are similar to those of the society.	Out		No longer a consideration for associations, except where an association is winding up and there are statements covering this object.
e. In furtherance of the objects of the society to buy, sell and deal in all kinds of provisions, liquid and solid, required by the members of the society.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitution.
f. To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire, accept as gift, and otherwise acquire any lands, buildings, easements or property, real and personal, and any rights or privileges which may be requisite for the purposes of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with any of the objects of the society. Provided that where the club takes or holds any property which may be subject to any trusts, the society shall only deal with the same in such a manner as is allowed by law in relation to such trusts.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
g.			
(i) To enter into any arrangements with any Government or authority that are conducive to the aims of the society.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
(ii) To obtain from any such Government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the society may think it desirable to obtain.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
(iii) To carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
h. To appoint, employ, remove or suspend such persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the society.	Moved		
i. To establish and support or aid in the establishment and support of associations, institutions, funds, trusts, and conveniences calculated to benefit members of the society and to grant pensions and allowances.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
j. To subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects, or for any public general or useful object.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio

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k.			
(i) To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage or control any property or buildings to advance the society's interests, and	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
(ii) To contribute to, subsidise or otherwise assist and take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, development, working or control thereof.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
l. To invest and deal with the money of the society not immediately required in such a manner as may be permitted by law regarding trust funds.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
m.			
(i) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the society may think fit, and	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
(ii) To secure the borrowing or raising or paying of same, and	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
(iii) To secure the repayment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred against the society, especially by the issue of debentures charged upon any or all of the society's property both present and future, and	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
(iv) To purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities.	Out		
n. To take such steps by 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 or otherwise.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
o. To make, draw, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
p. In furtherance of the objects of the society, to sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the society.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
q. To take or hold mortgages, liens and charges to take and secure payment of the purchase price or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, of any part of the society's property sold by the society, or any money due to the society from purchasers and others.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio

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r. In furtherance of the objects of the society to purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagement of any one or more of the societies or associations with which the society is authorised to amalgamate.	Out		We governed by the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and these items are covered within that Act and don't need to be stated in our constitutio
s. In furtherance of the objects of the society to transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of the society to any one or more the societies or associations with which the society is authorised to amalgamate.	Out		Only for association termination and not a general object.
t. To print and publish such periodicals, books, or leaflets that the society may think desirable for the promotion of its objects.	Out		Too specific operationally and is covered in the Act.
u. To advertise in the media in such a manner as the society may think desirable for the promotion of its objects.	Out		Too specific operationally and is covered in the Act.
v. To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the society.	Out		Too specific operationally and is covered in the Act.
3. The income and property of the society, from wherever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the society as set forth in the rules.	Changed	Profits, income and assets	Still in the Objects
4. No part of the income and property of the society shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to a member of the society, except as specified by Minute at the Annual General Meeting for members of the Production Unit and Orchestra.	Changed	Removed the allowance that this can occur as specified at an AGM	Still in the Objects but modified to align with the charity status aim and "for the promotion of its objectives".
5. Nothing in Clauses 3 and 4 above shall prevent the following:	Out		
a. Payment in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member of the society, in return for any service actually rendered to the society.	Out		Too specific operationally and is covered in the Act.
b. The payment of interest on money lent by a member of the society at a rate not exceeding the rate for the time being, charged by bankers in Sydney on overdrawn accounts.	Out		Too specific operationally and is covered in the Act.
c. The payment of reasonable and proper rent for the premises demised or let by a member of the society.	Out		Too specific operationally and is covered in the Act.
d. The payment of any authorised out of pocket expenses incurred by members of the committee of the society.	Out		Too specific operationally and is covered in the Act.
6. All members of the committee or sub-committees of the society shall act in honorary capacities.	Moved		Still in the Objects

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7. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the society there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall be given or transferred to an institution or institutions having similar objects to those of the society or to some charitable institution or institutions.	Moved		Still in the Objects
8. Such institution or institutions referred to in Clause 7 above shall be determined by the members of the society at a general meeting held at or before the time of dissolution.	Moved		Still in the Objects
9. True accounts shall be kept of:	Changed	Simplified	Still in the Objects but simplified. We are still governed by the financial aspects of the Act and NSW Fair Trading requirements.
a. The sums of money received and expended,	Changed	Simplified	Still in the Objects but simplified. We are still governed by the financial aspects of the Act and NSW Fair Trading requirements.
b. The matters in respect of which such receipts or expenditure takes place	Changed	Simplified	Still in the Objects but simplified. We are still governed by the financial aspects of the Act and NSW Fair Trading requirements.
c. The assets, and	Changed	Simplified	Still in the Objects but simplified. We are still governed by the financial aspects of the Act and NSW Fair Trading requirements.
d. The liabilities,	Changed	Simplified	Still in the Objects but simplified. We are still governed by the financial aspects of the Act and NSW Fair Trading requirements.
of the society.			
10.			
a. Such accounts shall be open to inspection of the members subject to any reasonable restrictions as to time and manner as may be imposed by the committee.	Moved		Moved to Section 7 of the draft constitution
b. Such accounts shall be examined once at least in every year by one or more properly qualified auditor or auditors who shall report to the members in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporations Act of 1984.	Moved		Moved to Section 7 of the draft constitution
Rules of the Society			
Part 1 – Membership			
11. Persons intending to become members of the society shall submit a signed application in writing to the society. Such application shall contain such information as may be required by the society.	Changed	Modernised	Updated as per the NSW Fair Trading Model Constitution

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12. At the next meeting of the committee after the receipt of any application for membership, such application shall be considered by the committee which shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the application and such decision shall be conveyed to the applicant in writing. The committee shall not be required to explain its decision.	Changed	Simplified	Updated as per the NSW Fair Trading Model Constitution
13. When an application has been accepted the secretary shall, within seven days, give to the applicant written notice of his or her acceptance together with a request for payment of the joining fee and subscriptions due within one calendar month from the date of the notice. When payment is received the secretary shall enter the name of the new member into the registry of members. Upon the name being so entered the person becomes a member of the society.	Changed	Simplified	Updated as per the NSW Fair Trading Model Constitution
14. Joining fees and subscriptions shall be such as the society in general meeting shall from time to time prescribe.	Changed	Simplified	Updated as per the NSW Fair Trading Model Constitution
15. All annual subscriptions shall become due and payable in advance on the first day of July each year. However, where a person is admitted to membership between the first day of April and the thirtieth day of June in any year, his or her subscription will be twenty five per cent of the prescribed joining fee.	Changed	aligned to the MMTC financial year	Modified to ensure alignment with the Association's financial year of 1 May to 30 April and to simplify the late year joiners at the discretion of the Committee. The late joiner occurrence is no longer the exception it was in 1995 and committee have to deal with a variety of circumstances.
16. By being a member of MMTCi all members adhere that they will abide by the Code Of Conduct contained here in.			
Classification of Membership			
16. There shall be the following classifications of membership in the society:	Out		Membership has been simplified to include membership and life membership as per the NSW Fair Trading model constitution and to make the operation of the association more streamlined.
a. ASSOCIATE MEMBER	Out		Membership has been simplified to include membership and life membership as per the NSW Fair Trading model constitution and to make the operation of the association more streamlined.
Being a person who is a financial member and who has been for so for a period of less than 12 months.	Out		Membership has been simplified to include membership and life membership as per the NSW Fair Trading model constitution and to make the operation of the association more streamlined.

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b. FULL MEMBER	Out		Membership has been simplified to include membership and life membership as per the NSW Fair Trading model constitution and to make the operation of the association more streamlined.
Being a person who is a financial member and who has been so for a period exceeding 12 months.	Out		Membership has been simplified to include membership and life membership as per the NSW Fair Trading model constitution and to make the operation of the association more streamlined.
c. GUEST MEMBER	Out		Membership has been simplified to include membership and life membership as per the NSW Fair Trading model constitution and to make the operation of the association more streamlined.
Being a person invited by the society to become a member of the cast of a particular production.	Out		Membership has been simplified to include membership and life membership as per the NSW Fair Trading model constitution and to make the operation of the association more streamlined.
d. LIFE MEMBER	Out		Membership has been simplified to include membership and life membership as per the NSW Fair Trading model constitution and to make the operation of the association more streamlined.
Being a financial member elected by the society to that position in accordance with Clause 17 of these rules.	Out		Membership has been simplified to include membership and life membership as per the NSW Fair Trading model constitution and to make the operation of the association more streamlined.
e. HONORARY LIFE MEMBER	Out		Membership has been simplified to include membership and life membership as per the NSW Fair Trading model constitution and to make the operation of the association more streamlined.
Being a person who is not a financial member but who has been elected to that position in accordance with Clause 17 of these rules.	Out		Membership has been simplified to include membership and life membership as per the NSW Fair Trading model constitution and to make the operation of the association more streamlined.
Life Membership			
17.			
a. Any member of the society may be elected to the position of life member and any person may be elected to the position of honorary life member, providing such a person has given outstanding service to the society for a period of at least ten years.	In		

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b. Nominations for life membership will be made in writing and signed by a proposer, seconder and two other members, all of whom must be full members.	In		
c. Such nominations shall be delivered to the secretary at least three calendar months before the annual general meeting at which the nomination is to be put to the members.	In		
d. Upon receipt of a nomination for life membership the secretary shall convene a meeting of the committee for the purpose of discussing the nomination. The proposer and supporters may be called upon to discuss the nomination.	In		
e. Prior to an annual general meeting at which a nomination for life membership or honorary life membership is to be put to the vote, the President shall inquire of the nominee if he or she has any objection to the nomination and the nominee's wishes shall be adhered to.	In		
f. Nominations in the affirmative shall be notified on the Notice of Meeting/Agenda for the next annual general meeting as a formal motion and be listed as the first item of business. The name of the proposer and the names of the supporters shall be included as part of the formal motion.	In		
g. The vote on a nomination for life membership or honorary life membership shall only be taken at the annual general meeting next after the nomination is made. The voting shall be by way of a secret ballot. The nomination shall be carried upon 60% of the members present voting in the affirmative.	In		
Subscriptions in Arrears			
18.			
a. If the subscription of a member is not paid within two calendar months of it becoming due, then he or she shall be informed of such arrears by notice in writing.	Changed	3 months and included in Cessation of Membership	Changed to assist with operations of the association and to deal with the current operating environment of the association. That is, there is more changeover of membership between shows than in 1995.

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b. If the subscription of a member is not paid within two calendar months of the date the written notice was posted then the member shall be debarred from all privileges of membership.	Changed	3 months and included in Cessation of Membership	Changed to assist with operations of the association and to deal with the current operating environment of the association. That is, there is more changeover of membership between shows than in 1995.
c. If the subscription of a member remains unpaid for 12 calendar months after it becomes due, then he or she shall cease to be a member.	Changed	3 months and included in Cessation of Membership	Changed to assist with operations of the association and to deal with the current operating environment of the association. That is, there is more changeover of membership between shows than in 1995.
d. If a member pays their subscription after two calendar months from the date written notice was posted, but before 12 calendar months from the date the subscription becomes due, then the committee may reinstate the member's privileges.	Out		Removed to assist with operations of the association and to deal with the current operating environment of the association. That is, there is more changeover of membership between shows than in 1995.
e. If a person who has ceased being a member wishes to rejoin then his or her application will be received as if he or she was a person who has not been a member previously, and the 12 months period of Associate Membership shall apply.	Out		Removed to assist with operations of the association and to deal with the current operating environment of the association. That is, there is more changeover of membership between shows than in 1995.
Resignation by Member			
19.			
a. A member of the society is not entitled to resign that membership except in accordance with this rule.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. A member of the society who has paid all amounts payable by the member to the society in respect of the member's membership may resign by first giving notice in writing to the secretary of the member's intention to resign and, upon expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
c. Where a member of the society ceases to be a member the secretary shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Expelling Members			
20. If any member wilfully refuses or neglects to comply with the provisions of the rules of the society, or be guilty of any conduct, which in the opinion of the committee is unbecoming of a member or prejudicial to the interests of the society, the committee may expel the member from the society.	Changed	Simplified	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Notice in Writing			

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21. Provided that at least one week before the meeting of the committee at which a resolution for his or her expulsion is to be discussed, the member shall be given notice in writing setting out	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
a. what is alleged,	In		
b. the intention of holding such a meeting	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
c. the time and place the meeting is to be held.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
d. The fact that he or she shall be given an opportunity of making representations, orally or in writing, before the issue is given due consideration.	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Right of Appeal			
22. However, if he or she delivers a notice in writing to the secretary at least 24 hours before such a meeting, in which he or she elects to have the question decided upon by the members of the society in general meeting, then the secretary shall notify the committee which shall convene a general meeting of the society within 21 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice. At such as extraordinary general meeting the member may make representations either orally or in writing. After due discussion and consideration the matter shall be put to a vote by secret ballot and the member shall be expelled if the resolution for his or her expulsion is supported by a majority of two thirds of those members present.	Moved		
Membership Entitlements Not Transferable	In		
23. A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the society	In		
a. is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. terminates upon cessation of the person's membership.	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Register of Members			
24.			
a. The secretary shall establish and maintain a register of members of the Society specifying the name and address of each person who is a member of the society together with the date on which the person became and, if applicable, ceased to be a member.	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. The register of members shall be kept at the principle place of administration of the society and shall be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the society at a reasonable hour.	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution

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Member's Liabilities			
25. The liability of members of the society to contribute towards the payment of debts and liabilities of the society or the cost, charges and expenses of the winding up of the society is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the society.	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Part 2 – General Meetings			
26.			
a. Annual general meetings of the society shall be held within three calendar months of the end of the financial year of the Society.	Changed	now 6 months	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. Biannual general meetings of the society shall be held within 60 days of the last performance of the spring production.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
c. All other meetings of the society shall be called extra-ordinary general meetings. The only matters to be discussed at these meetings shall be those for which the meeting was called.	Moved		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Business To Be Conducted At General Meetings			
27. All business to be transacted at an annual or bi-annual general meeting, with the exception of:	Changed	Removed bi-annual general meeting requirement	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
a. the confirming of the minutes of the last preceding annual or bi-annual general meeting.	Changed	Removed bi-annual general meeting requirement	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. the consideration of accounts and balance sheets,	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
c. the receiving of report of committee members,	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
d. the reports of auditor/s,	Out		Only required by NSW Fair Trading when we change reporting Tiers - at this time, independent audits are only required when revenue exceeds \$250,000 in a financial year and the expense of audits has become a factor of the yearly budget.
e. the election of members of the committee,	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
f. the appointing and fixing of the auditor/s remuneration, and	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
g. business arising out the previous show,	Out		We talk about previous shows in terms of financial and in general busines at AGMs. Is there are requirement to specifically have an agenda item for this?
h. the receiving and considering of the Section 26(6) statement by the members,	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
i. the setting of the upper limit of total production team and orchestra honorarium.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook so that the Committee can decide appropriate honorariums for productions which will be reported back to members at the next AGM.

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shall be delivered to the secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Notice of Meeting			
28.			
a. Except where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the society, the secretary shall, at least fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting, cause to be sent by pre-paid post to each member at the member's address a notice specifying the place, date and time of the agenda of the business proposed.	Changed	Simplified and removed the requirement for postage	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. Where the nature of the business of a general meeting requires a special resolution, the secretary shall, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the meeting, cause notice to be sent to each member at the member's address. Such notice to include, in addition to those items mentioned in the clause above, the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.	Changed	Simplified and removed the requirement for postage	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Extra-Ordinary General Meetings	Moved/Changed	Now dealt with under Special general Meetings section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
29. An extra-ordinary general meeting may be called by:-	Moved/Changed	Now dealt with under Special general Meetings section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
a. The committee, or	Changed		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. by any two members of the committee by their serving upon the secretary a written demand signed by both of them and in which is stated the reason for demanding the meeting, or	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
c. by seven full members, by their spokesperson serving upon the secretary a written demand signed by the seven members. Such demand may consist of several documents in similar form each signed by one or more members and shall contain the reason for calling the meeting.	Changed	5% of members	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
30. If the committee does not convene an extra-ordinary general meeting within one month after receiving the requisition, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene an extra-ordinary general meeting to be held not later than three months after that date.	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution

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31. An extra-ordinary general meeting as referred to in the above clause shall be convened as nearly as practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the committee and any member who thereby incurs expenses is entitled to be reimbursed by the society for any expense so incurred.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Proceedings At General Meetings			
32. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of at least twenty full members, not counting committee members is present at the time the meeting proceeds to business.	Changed	Dealt with under the Quorum section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
33. If within half an hour of the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to such other time and place as the committee may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the appointed time, the members present (not being less than ten) shall be a quorum.	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
34. The president shall preside as chairperson at every general meeting of the society, except during the election of members of the committee at an annual general meeting when a temporary chairperson shall preside.	Moved/Changed	Dealt with as part of Presiding Member section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
35. If at a general meeting the president is absent or not present within 15 minutes of the appointed time for holding the meeting, or is unwilling to act, the vice-president shall act as chairperson. If the vice-president is not present or unwilling to act then the members present shall elect one of their members to be the chairperson of the meeting.	Moved/Changed	Dealt with as part of Presiding Member section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
36. The chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.	Moved/Changed	Dealt with as part of Adjourned Meetings section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
37. Where a meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given, either orally or in writing, by the secretary as in the case of the original meeting. However, the secretary for the sake of efficiency may give such notice orally. Further, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.	Moved/Changed	Dealt with as part of Adjourned Meetings section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution

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Voting			
38. At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote shall, except where otherwise provided for in these rules, be decided on a show of hands unless, before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, a poll is demanded:-	Changed	Simplified	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
a. By the chairperson; or	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. By at least three members present.	Changed	5 members	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
39. At any general meeting:-	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
a. Unless a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairperson on the result of a vote take by a show of hands will be recorded by the secretary in the minute book and will be conclusive evidence of the proceedings of the meeting.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn by the mover at any time.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
c. When a poll is demanded it shall be taken either at once or on the adjournment of debate. The result of the poll shall be the resolution of the meeting.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
d. When a poll is demanded for the election of a chairperson or the adjournment of debate it will be taken at once.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
40. In the case of an equality of votes the chairperson of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.	Moved	Under Presiding Member Section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Special Resolutions			
41. A resolution of the society is a special resolution if-	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
a. It is passed by a majority of not less than 60% of the members of the society entitled to do so under these rules.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. Where it is made to appear to the Commission that it is not possible or practicable for the resolution to be passed in the manner specified in the paragraph a. above, the resolution is passed in a manner specified by the Commission.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Voting Powers			
42. Voting powers are restricted to life members and full members. Such persons are entitled to one vote.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
43. No member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting if his or her annual subscription is more than two months in arrears at the date of the meeting.	Out	Dealt with as part of Voting section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
44. Proxy votes will not be valid at any general meeting of the society.	Moved/Changed	Dealt with as part of Voting section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution

Current Constitution Heading/Clause	In/Out/Changed/Moved	Change (where needed)	Reasoning
PART 3 - COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Moved	The Committee section	
45. The committee of the society shall consist of the following offices:			
President,	In		
Vice President,	In		
Treasurer	In		
Secretary	In		
Publicist,	In		
Two member's representatives and	Out		Changed as per the current operating structure of the Committee
Social Convenor.	Out		Changed as per the current operating structure of the Committee
46. The members of the committee shall subject to these rules, hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election, but shall be eligible for re-election.	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Committee Election	Moved	Election of Committee Members Section	
47.			
a. Any two full members of the society shall be at liberty to nominate any other full member to serve on the committee	In		
b. At least six weeks before an annual general meeting a list of positions to be filled shall be displayed to the members	Changed	7 days	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
c. Names of nominees can be entered against the position, together with the signature of the proposer, seconder and nominee	In		
d. Nominations shall also be accepted at the general meeting where the elections are to take place. Such nominations shall also require a proposer and seconder	Changed	Only if insufficient nominations are received prior to the meeting	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
e. Each life member and full member at the meeting where an election is to take place shall be entitled to one vote for each of the positions to be filled	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
f. By secret ballot	In		
g. Three scrutineers shall be appointed by the meeting to count votes cast in accordance with method of voting determined by the meeting eg. First past the post or preferential	In		
h. At conclusion of the elections the President shall call for a motion that all ballot papers be destroyed	In		
Tenure Of Office			

Current Constitution Heading/Clause	In/Out/Changed/Moved	Change (where needed)	Reasoning
48.			
a. Members of the committee shall be limited to serving a maximum of five consecutive years in any one particular office.	Out		Removed to assist with operations of the association and to deal with the current operating environment of the association.
b. If a particular position is still vacant one calendar month after original date of calling for nominations the previous incumbent may only be re-appointed to the position until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting next following the date of appointment.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Vacancy In Committee			
49. Where a vacancy occurs in the committee then the committee may call a meeting of members present at a rehearsal or other gathering of the general membership (except an extraordinary general meeting) for the purpose of filling the vacancy by election. The intention to hold such an election shall be broadcast to members either orally or in writing at least seven days prior to the rehearsal or gathering. A person so elected shall hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting next following the date of appointment.	Moved	Vacancies In Office section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Removal Of A Member			
50. The society may at a general meeting by a resolution, which shall only be carried by a majority vote of at least 60%, remove any member of the committee before the expiration of his or her period of office, providing that the member is given the opportunity of making reasonable representations, either orally or in writing, to the society in general meeting.	Changed	Removed the 60% requirement and simplified	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
51. The society may at general meeting by an ordinary resolution appoint another person in his or her stead. The person so appointed shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting.	Changed	Simplified	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Casual Vacancies On Committee			
52. The office of a member of the committee shall become vacant if the member:-	In		
a. dies,	In		
b. resigns office by notice in writing to the society,	In		
c. for more than three months is absent without consent of the committee from meetings of the committee during that period,	Changed	3 consecutive meetings of Committee without prior knowledge	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
d. ceases to become a member of the society,	In		
e. the member holds an office of profit in the society,	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution

Current Constitution Heading/Clause	In/Out/Changed/Moved	Change (where needed)	Reasoning
f. the member is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the society, or	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
g. becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Corporations Law.	In		
Powers And Duties Of The Committee			
53. The business of the society shall be managed by the committee which may, subject to the act, the regulations and these rules and to any resolution passed by the society in general meeting-	Moved/Changed	Functions of Committee section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
a. control and manage the affairs of the society,	Moved/Changed	Functions of Committee section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the society other than those functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by a general meeting of members of the society, and	Moved/Changed	Functions of Committee section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
c. perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the society.	Moved/Changed	Functions of Committee section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
54. No resolution or regulation made by the society in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the committee which would have been valid if that resolution or regulation had not been passed or made.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
55. The committee may with the consent of the society exercise all the powers of the society to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its property or any part thereof, and to issue debentures and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt liability or obligation of the society.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
56. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, and all receipts for money paid to the society, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be by any two of the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
57. The secretary shall cause minutes to be made:-	Moved	Secretary Section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
a. of all appointments of committee members and servants;	Moved	Secretary Section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. of names of members of the committee present at all meetings of the society and of the committee; and	Moved	Secretary Section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
c. of all proceedings at all meetings of the society and of the committee.	Moved	Secretary Section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution

Current Constitution Heading/Clause	In/Out/ Changed/ Moved	Change (where needed)	Reasoning
58. Such minutes shall be signed by the chairperson of the meeting at which the proceedings were held or by the chairperson of the next succeeding general meeting.	Moved	Secretary Section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
59. Copies of the draft minutes of a general meeting will be displayed to the membership at the place commonly used for rehearsals within one calendar month of the holding of the meeting.	Out	No longer part of the modern world	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Secretary			
60. The secretary shall, as soon as practicable after being appointed, lodge notice with the society of his or her address.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Treasurer			
61. It is the duty if the treasurer of the society to ensure that-	Moved	Treasurer Section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
a. All money due to the society is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the society are made; and	Moved	Treasurer Section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. Correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the society including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the society.	Moved	Treasurer Section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Committee Meetings			
62. The committee shall meet at least once each month for the dispatch of business but may also adjourn and otherwise regulate its meeting as it thinks fit.	Changed	at least 10/year and wording change	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
63. A member of the committee may at any time, and the secretary shall, on the requisition of a member of the committee, summon a meeting of the committee. The members of the committee shall be given at least seven days notice of such a meeting.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
64. Subject to these rules, questions arising at any meeting of the committee shall be decided by a majority of votes and a determination by a majority of the members of the committee shall for all purposes be deemed a determination of the committee. In the case of an equality of votes the chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.	Moved/Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Committee Quorum			
65. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the committee shall be five or such greater number as may be fixed by the committee.	In		

Current Constitution Heading/Clause	In/Out/ Changed/ Moved	Change (where needed)	Reasoning
66. The continuing members of the committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the committee, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by these rules as the necessary quorum of the committee, the continuing member or members shall summon a general meeting of the society.	In		
President To Preside			
67. The president shall preside as chairperson at every meeting of the committee, or if there is no president, or if at any meeting he or she is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the vice-president may be chairperson or if the vice-president is not present then the members may choose one of their number to be the chairperson of the meeting.	In	Simplified	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Acts Of Committees			
68. All acts done by the committee or a sub-committee shall be valid, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any member of the committee or sub-committee or that the members of the committee or sub-committee or any of them were disqualified.	Moved	Acts valid despite vacancies or defects	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
69. A resolution in writing signed by all members of the committee for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the committee, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the committee duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more members of the committee.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Sub-Committees			
70. The committee may, in writing, delegate any of its powers (other than the power of delegation and a function which is a duty imposed on the committee by the act or any other law) to sub-committees consisting of such member or members of the society as it considers fit. Any sub-committee so formed shall in the exercise of power is so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the committee. No sub-committee shall be larger in number than the Committee.	Moved/Changed	Delegation to subcommittees section and covered by the Interpretation Act 1987	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
71. In delegating powers to a sub-committee, the committee shall give due regard to the setting of:	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution

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a. Timeframes for objectives,	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. A budget,	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
c. The duration of the sub-committee,	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
d. The chairperson of the sub-committee shall be a member of the committee and will be responsible for providing monthly progress reports to the committee.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
72. Where two or more of a sub-committee members are members of the committee, one of such committee members shall be elect as chairperson of its meetings; if no such chairperson is elected, or if at any meeting the chairperson is not present within 10 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose one of the number to be chairperson of the meeting.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
73. The President is an ex officio member of all sub-committees but need only attend as appropriate. The President will not be counted for the purposes of sub-committee numbers in accordance with clause 70.	Changed	Wording changed	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
74. A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and in the case of an equality of votes the chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
75. Any act or thing done or suffered by a sub-committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under these rules has the same force and effect as it would have had it been done or suffered by the committee.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
76. The committee may, in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation.	Changed	Covered by Committee cannot delegate its power of delegation in Delegation to subcommittees section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
PART 4 – PRODUCTIONS	Entire Section Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
Production Team	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
77. The committee shall be responsible for appointing a production team regarding each of the society’s productions.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
78. A production team shop compromise but not be limited to:	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
Director	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
Musical director	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
Choreographer	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
Pianist	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
Stage manager	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
Property manager	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.

Current Constitution Heading/Clause	In/Out/Changed/Moved	Change (where needed)	Reasoning
Wardrobe manager	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
Honorariums			Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
79. The committee may for each major production set individual honorariums for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred by members of the production team in the execution of their responsibilities. The funds for such honorariums to be drawn from those voted by the membership at an annual general meeting.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
Auditions			Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
80. The secretary will advise members of the society in writing of the date, time and venue of auditions and commencement of rehearsals.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
81. Any member intending to participate in a production should notify the secretary prior to the auditions for the production.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
82. The committee shall determine the number of chorus members according to the requirements of the particular production.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
83. New members wishing to perform as a member of chorus shall be required to participate in and audition for the relevant production.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
Casting			Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
84. The casting of a production shall be performed by casting committee and such casting committee shall consist of the following persons appointed by the committee:-	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
a. The director,	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
the musical director,	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
two full members or one member of production team and one for member,	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
and one other person, not being a member of the society, but who is experienced in theatrical entertainments.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
b. Where the director and/or musical director is not available a suitable qualified person or persons maybe appointed in place.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
85. The conduct of casting committee shall be the duty of a chairperson, elected from within the casting committee for that purpose.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
86. The cast of any entertainment undertaken by the society shall be chosen by audition and as far as possible from within the society. Consideration shall be given to the objects of the society and the apparent potential abilities of members.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.

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87. If in the casting of a production, the casting committee is unable to cast a role from within the society, the committee shall be notified and may elect to:-	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
a. Instruct the casting committee to cast the role from within the society, notwithstanding casting committee's decision; or	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
b. Instruct the casting committee to cast outside the Society; or	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
c. Reconsider the proposed production.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
88. In the event of the casting committee being instructed to cast outside the society, experienced theatrical performers may be invited to join the cast. Such persons may also be required to audition.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
89. The committee has the power to suspend a decision of the casting committee. However, in such an event the committee and the casting committee shall meet together to consider the suspension and a combined vote shall determine whether the suspension stands or is defeated. A further audition for the questioned role may be conducted.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
Rehearsal			Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
90. All cast and chorus members shall attend all rehearsals relevant to their participation in a production. If a member fails to attend the total of four rehearsals during a particular production without:-	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
a. Notifying a member of the committee in advance of intended absence, or	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
b. Fails to offer an acceptable explanation	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
the committee will assume non-participation in the relevant production and may, in conjunction with the director and musical director, recast the role.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
91. Cast and chorus members shall, if unable to attend a rehearsal, inform a member of the committee or production team.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.

Current Constitution Heading/Clause	In/Out/ Changed/ Moved	Change (where needed)	Reasoning
92. Where two children share a role in a production then the toss of a coin in the presence of at least one parent of each child or a person nominated by the parent, shall decide which one has the choice of performing on the last night or performing an extra night where there is an uneven number of performances.	Out		Moved to the MMTC Playbook.
PART 5 – MISCELLANEOUS			
Accounts			
93. The committee shall cause proper accounting and other records to be kept and shall distribute copies of every profit and loss account and balance sheet accompanied by a copy of the auditor’s report thereon to all members. Provided, however, that the committee shall cause to be made out and laid before each annual general meeting a balance sheet and profit and loss account.	Changed	Simplified	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
94. A properly qualified auditor or auditors shall be appointed and remuneration fixed by Minute at the annual general meeting on recommendation by the outgoing committee.	Out	As per the Act and NSW Fair Trading	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Indemnity			
95. Every member of the committee shall be indemnified out of the assets of the society against any liability arising out of the execution of the duties of office incurred in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in his or her favour or in which he or she is acquitted or in connection with any application under the Companies Act in which relief is granted to him or her by the Court in respect any negligence default breach of duty or breach of trust.	Out	As per the Act and NSW Fair Trading	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
96. Disputes between members (in their capacity as members) of the society, and disputes between members and the society, if unable to be resolved within the society, are to be referred to a community justice centre for mediation in accordance with the Community Justice Centres Act, 1983.	Changed	Resolution of internal disputes	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Insurance			
97. The society shall effect and maintain insurance pursuant to Section 44 of the Act.	Changed	Insurance Section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Source Of Funds			

Current Constitution Heading/Clause	In/Out/ Changed/ Moved	Change (where needed)	Reasoning
98. The funds of the society shall be derived from entrance fees, annual subscriptions of members, donations, tickets sales and sale of advertising in relation to society entertainments and, subject to any resolution passed by the society in general meeting, such other sources as the committee determines.	Moved/Changed	Funds section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
99. All monies received by the society shall be deposited soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the society's bank account.	Moved/Changed	Funds section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
100. The society shall, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.	Moved/Changed	Funds section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Management Of Funds			
101. Subject to any resolution passed by the society in general meeting, the funds of the society shall be used in pursuance of the objects of the society in such manner as the committee determines.	Moved/Changed	Funds section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
102. All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two members of the society so authorised under these rules.	Moved/Changed	Funds section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Common Seal			
103.			
a. The common seal of the society shall be kept in the custody of public officer.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. The common seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee and the affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signatures of either of two members of the committee or of one members of the committee and the public officer or secretary.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Custody Of Records			
104. Except as otherwise provided by these rules, the public officer shall keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents relating to the society.	Moved/Changed	Custody of records and books section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Inspection Of Books			
105. The records, books and other documents of the society shall be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the society at any reasonable hour.	Moved/Changed	Inspection of records and books section	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Service Of Notices			
106.			

Current Constitution Heading/Clause	In/Out/ Changed/ Moved	Change (where needed)	Reasoning
a. For the purposes of these rules, a notice may be served by or on behalf of the society upon any member either personally or by sending it by post to the member at the member's address shown in the register of members.	Changed	Updated to include electronic means	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
b. Where a document is sent to a person by properly addressing, prepaying and posting to the person a letter containing the document, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed for the purposes of these rules to have been served on the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.	Changed	Updated to include electronic means	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Awards And Community Recognition			
107. Meritorious and/or highly valued long standing service performed by members or supporters of the society should be publicly acknowledged by the Committee by way of nomination of the individual for consideration by National, State, and Community Organisations responsible for the granting of such Awards applying at that time.	Out	Moved to Playbook	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Patronage			
108. The society as appropriate may appoint one or more notable personages to be a Patron of the society by Minute of an annual general meeting. The duration and need of such appointments will be determined by the Committee.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Public Officer			
109.			
a. In compliance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act of NSW (1984) a Public Officer will be appointed by Minute of a general meeting.	Out		Covered by the Act, Section 10
b. The Public Officer need not be a member of the society.	Out		Covered by the Act, Section 10
c. The duration of such appointment will be determined by the Committee.	Out		Covered by the Act, Section 10
d. The Public Officer will act in an honorary capacity. However, out of pocket expenses incurred in the lodgement of the society's annual return will be reimbursed by the society.	Out		Covered by the Act, Section 10
Non-Discrimination			
110. The Society in conducting its affairs will not discriminate on grounds of sex, race or religion.	Moved/Changed	Included in the Objects in a simplified statement on diversity	Updated approach to diversity is included in the Objects.

Current Constitution Heading/Clause	In/Out/ Changed/ Moved	Change (where needed)	Reasoning
Compliance			
111. The Society will comply with the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia, the State of New South Wales and ordinances of the Council of the Sutherland Shire.	Out	the terms of association under NSW Fair Trading and the Act determine the compliance for the company	Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Financial Year			
112. The financial year for all accounting purposes will be from 1 May to 30 April inclusive excepting that for Membership Year set out in Clause 15.	Moved		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
By-Laws			
113. A set of by-laws may accompany these rules.	Out		Covered by the Act
114. The by-laws of the society may be added to or varied by the committee but such action shall stand only until the next general meeting of the society when a vote of ratification will be taken.	Out		Covered by the Act
Variations To Rules			
115. No variation shall be made to these rules except at a general meeting of the society where a resolution of variance is passed by a majority of at least 60% of full members present.	Out		Covered by the Act
Interpretation			
116. In these regulations:-	Moved		To the Definitions section
“autumn production” is the first major production in each year.	Moved		To the Definitions section
“spring production” is the second major production in each year.	Moved		To the Definitions section
“by-Law” means a set of standing orders for the conduct of society’s day to day affairs.	Moved		To the Definitions section
“committee” means the group of people as defined in clause 45 of the rules elected to manage the society’s day to day affairs.	Moved		To the Definitions section
“financial year” for the Society commences on the first day of may in each year and ends on thirtieth day of April in the next succeeding year.	Moved		To the Definitions section
“society” means the Miranda Musical Society Incorporated.	Moved		To the Definitions section
“the act” means the Incorporation of Associations Act, (NSW) 1984.	Moved		To the Definitions section
MMS AGM By-Laws and Constitution Updates from Electronic records			
2003 Half Yearly Meeting			
<u>Tim Dennis Fee Structure:</u>			

Current Constitution Heading/Clause	In/Out/ Changed/ Moved	Change (where needed)	Reasoning
There seems to be a situation where 2 sections of the constitution seem to be in conflict with each other.			
Article 14 deals with the society setting joining fees, annual subscriptions.			
Article 18 deals with rights, letters in arrears, etc.			
The motion from the AGM was read by Jon Prowse.			
There seems to be a number of people who didn't reach the agreed date and have been hit with the extra fee. We have had the situation where we have lost the membership. There is concern that this is being forcefully implemented and not in the spirit of the original motion. The Committee feel they are bound by the decision that was passed by the membership at the AGM. If a letter had gone out to the members advising them they are in arrears, it would have said \$75.00 was now due.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
We are bound by what the AGM has passed however a motion can be proposed to change the motion.			
<i>Motion that the motion passed at the 2003 AGM relating to membership fees be amended by deleting the words "if they join by 31 August 2003" and inserting the words "if their subscriptions are in arrears by more than 12 months". Proposed by Tim Dennis, seconded Leonie Johnson. Motion passed.</i>	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
2004 AGM			
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION			
Motion: moved by Jon Prowse, seconded by Wendy de Beyer to change the committee from two Members' Representatives to one Members' Representative and one Show Representative to be voted on from the membership of the March and September productions. The position would be held on Committee for 6 months.	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution
Membership for 12 months would still be applicable.			

Current Constitution Heading/Clause	In/Out/ Changed/ Moved	Change (where needed)	Reasoning
Full votings rights would be applicable.			
If the person was performing in both the September and March show they would have the ability to continue on committee if the wished.			
The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the motion.			
AGM 2005			
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION			
Motion: moved by Jon Prowse, seconded by Tim Dennis. That Article 45 of the Constitution be varied by deleting the words ‘Social Convenor’ and inserting the words ‘Assets Co-ordinator’.	Changed		Changed as per the current operating structure of the Committee
Jon Prowse: Social Convenor is a redundant role and have difficulty in filling the role. Few people wanting to go to theatre parties, annual dinners etc. The assets are growing without any management of them. To cover properties, sets, costumes etc. Will keep a register for insurance, become point of reference to the committee. Currently those three areas are earning us money but have no representative on the committee.			
Will help when building sets to know what we have etc.			
AC would manage getting set buildings organised and liaise with Show Rep.			
Tim – questioned if this aligns with how we are actually running committee.			
Constitution – only mentioned in Article 45 and it is set out that it is up to the committee on how the responsibilities are dealt with.			

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Peter Munn read the job description that had been drafted. What we have, how much it is worth, where it is, co-ordinate sets, bump-in and bump-out.			
Tim Dennis asked Coralie whether she thought this position would be helpful.			
Against the motion:			
Will it double up on people, eg Coralie/James reporting to the person to report to committee? Response: The reconfiguration of the costume shed. We have shiprock facilities needing to be looked after.			
The motion was voted on and carried with requisite majority.			
AGM 2006			
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION			
<i>Motion:</i> "That Article 15 of the Constitution be varied by deleting the words 'on the first day of July each year' and inserting the words '1 st May' ".	In		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan: Logistically this is a better option as it coincides with the balance date of the 30th April. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jon Prowse asked for the words 'each year' to be added. 			
Moved by: Alan Mundy, Seconded: David Glance <i>The motion was voted on and carried with a majority.</i>			
<i>Motion:</i> "That the \$35 joining fee be removed".			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The joining fee was initially introduced to keep up our membership base and stop membership elapsing. However this is not working. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MMS is one of the only societies with a joining fee and out of the societies who have one ours is by far the most expensive. 			

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Moved by: Alan Mundy, Seconded: Leonie Johnson. <i>The motion was voted on and carried with a majority.</i>	In		There is no joining fee for the association
<i>Motion:</i> That the following regulations be added to the constitution:			
"Any member of the committee who is interested in being part of the production team for the show being discussed by the committee needs to step out of the meeting when the production team for that show is being discussed and decided upon".	Out		To be included in the Playbook
"If a member of the casting committee has a family member auditioning, that person needs to step out when discussions are being held about their family member". <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Brown stated that this was how it was always done. • Coralie stated that the above needs to be in writing so a precedent is set. 	Out		To be included in the Playbook
Moved by: Coralie Broadhurst, Seconded: James Worner. <i>The motion was voted on and carried with a majority.</i>			
AGM 2011			
PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee has proposed the following changes to the constitution: 			
A. Article 84 of the Constitution be varied by deleting the words;			
'two full members or one member of production team and one full member, and one other person, not being a member of the society, but who is experienced in theatrical entertainments.' And inserting the words;	Out		To be included in the Playbook

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- Choreographer and			
- One full member, and one 'non member'.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The floor proposed that we also insert: 			
In the event that a non-member is unavailable, then two full members may be appointed			
<p>B. Article 87 of the Constitution be varied by deleting the words;</p>			
'unable to cast a role from within the society' and insert the words 'unable to cast a role from the auditions'			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The floor proposed the following change to the wording: 'unable to cast a role from the members who audition' 	Out		To be included in the Playbook
2012 AGM			
<p>A. Article 17 c of the Constitution be varied by deleting the words;</p>			
'three calendar months and inserting the words 'one calendar month'			
Alan Mundy E. Vasek Carried,			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The floor proposed that we also insert: 			
<p>PROPOSED BY – LAW</p>			

Current Constitution Heading/Clause	In/Out/ Changed/ Moved	Change (where needed)	Reasoning
" Reasonable costs associated with vehicle use will be reimbursed to members when personal vehicles are used for company business for distances greater than 50kms, and as a rule out of the shire. As a guide, such usage would be for the collection of props, costumes or equipment associated with a particular production, or for the well being of the company. Unless otherwise determined by the committee, reimbursement for use of a member's vehicle will not be made for ordinary use, such as attendance of rehearsals, performances, meetings and volunteering".	Out		Aligned to the NSW Fair Trading model constitution