

“UPDATING THE STATEMENTS“

Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale have been integrally linked with the founding and history of Victoria.

Since the first arrival of the Lady Nelson in 1802, through the Gold Rush which established Marvellous Melbourne; two World Wars and the defence of Melbourne and maritime servicing of the industries on which its economy is based – each small town has contributed in unique and impressive ways.

Sufficient evidence of these contributions remain and can still be conserved, that consideration is being given to National Heritage status for components of both towns. Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve may become the first part of the Borough to be so classified.

Queenscliffe Maritime Museum was established 37 years ago around the lifeboat “Queenscliffe” and local maritime history and became incorporated. Statements of Purposes and Rules developed in the early eighties guided the Committee in the development of what we have today.

The Museum collection has since grown and the Library is one of the most significant of its type in Australia.

The following proposed changes to the Statements which govern the role and operations of the Museum are intended in part, to allow the Committee to reflect changes which have already been made in the way the Museum operates. They are also intended to take advantage of opportunities which may occur as community based groups and the Borough of Queenscliffe become increasingly involved in the recognition of Heritage as a defining characteristic in our economy and our sense of place.

In detail, these are the reasons the Clauses listed below have been changed.

Cl 1. Purposes. The new Clause 1.2 extends the scope of the Museum’s operations to recognise the role played by southern Port Phillip in the development of Victoria.

Cl. 1.7 acknowledges the growth of the Library and the scope for research

Cl. 1.11 permits participation in multi-themed exhibitions and displays.

Cl. 1.14 & 1.15 recognises that QMM is a Volunteer based organisation and is required to promote and train its Volunteers in accordance with National Standards

Cl. 1.16 recognises the dependency of QMM on grants for its growth and on the presence of a skilled person for that role.

Cl. 1.17 will ensure that the Statements are reviewed regularly for relevance to QMM

Definitions

Junior Member has not operated and is deleted.

Permanent member ceased to exist in 1996 and is deleted

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Cl. 3 describes the website used to access interpretations of words and expressions in legislation.

Cl. 8.2 removes the need to amend the Statement of Rules each time the membership subscriptions are altered.

Cl. 16.2.1 it has not been possible to date, to interest 16 persons to nominate for the Committee of Management and would be unworkable. The current Committee is nine plus a Council nominee.

The changes proposed allow for 12 positions and allows the Committee to fill unfilled positions with necessary skills and experience between AGM's without waiting for a current Member to resign to create a vacancy.

Cl. 17.8 introduces the term "unfilled position" made in 16.2.1

Cl.17.9 Enables absent Committee Members to appoint a Proxy

Cl. 18 Brings the Rules up to date with a practice which has been successfully operating for the past two years. Coordinator's reports are included in the Annual Report for 2016 – 2017.

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