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Notice of 2022 Annual General Meeting and Agenda **2022 Ετήσια Γενική Συνέλευση και Ημερήσια Διάταξη**

NOTICE is given that the 2022 Annual General Meeting of
"The Cretan Association of Sydney & New South Wales Limited"
will be held at Ashbury Senior Citizen's Centre, 66 Princess Street, Ashbury
7.00pm Friday 12 August 2022 | 7.00μμ Παρασκευή 12 Αυγούστου 2022

The following business will be conducted at the meeting:

- 1. Welcome, attendance and quorum**
Καλωσόρισμα, παρουσία και απαρτία
- 2. Election of Chairperson**
Επιλογή Προέδρου Γενικής Συνέλευσης
- 3. Endorsement of minutes of prior Annual General Meeting**
Έγκριση πρακτικών προηγούμενης Ετήσιας Γενικής Συνέλευσης
- 4. President's Report**
Αναφορά Προέδρου
- 5. Secretary's Report**
Αναφορά Γραμματέας
- 6. Treasurer's Report, Financial Statements 30.06.22**
Αναφορά Ταμείας
- 7. Public Relations Report**
Αναφορά Δημοσίων Σχέσεων
- 8. Report from Audit Committee**
Αναφορά Εξελεγκτικής Επιτροπής
- 9. Report from Youth Committee**
Αναφορά Συμβούλιο Νεολαίας
- 10. Proposed Special Resolutions to change the Constitution (refer attached)**
Προτεινόμενες αλλαγές στο Καταστατικό (αναφέρετε τη συνημμένη εξήγηση)



11. General Business

Γενικά θέματα

12. Election of Voting Committee

Εκλογή Εφορευτικής Επιτροπής



EXPLANATION RELATING TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION

ITEM 10 ON THE AGM AGENDA

Background

The Executive Committee is proposing to apply to the "Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission (ACNC)" for the Cretan Association to be recognised as a charity. This will formally recognise the valuable work that the Cretan Association has already been carrying out over the decades and will also provide various tax concessions to our Association. The Executive Committee has engaged the services of Coleman Greig Lawyers to review our constitution to see if it is suitable for application with the ACNC. Coleman Greig Lawyers have successfully assisted other Greek-Australian organisations with ACNC matters. From their review, they have identified that our organisation does have a "charitable purpose", which is required by the ACNC, however it is difficult to clearly identify this within the current constitution of the Association. The current constitution was written in 1980 and the Association's listed objectives were purposely left broad to capture a wide range of activities.

In order to satisfy the ACNC, Coleman Greig Lawyers have suggested the following changes:

- Part 1** Proposed new adoption: Clause 2 of the Memorandum of Association which lists our objectives to more clearly define what our organisation does and our current practices. The majority of the proposed clause is the same as the original clause, with the order rearranged to clearly show our charitable purpose.
- Part 2** Proposed changes: Article 51 (section ii) (sub-section j) in the Articles of Association - "POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE".
- Part 3** Proposed new adoption: Article 51(section ii) (sub-section p and sub-section q) in the Articles of Association - "POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE"
- Part 4** Proposed changes: Article 84 in the Articles of Association - "WINDING UP"

PART 1

PROPOSED NEW ADOPTION: MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION (Clause 2)

The objects for which the Association is established are the charitable purposes of advancing social and public welfare, education and culture of persons resident in the State of New South Wales in the Commonwealth of Australia who were born in Crete or are the descendants of persons who were born in Crete and promoting reconciliation, mutual respect and tolerance between individuals within that community in Australia and without restricting what the Association may do in furtherance of these purposes the Association may do any of the following: -

- (a) advance social and public welfare by various fundraising activities which include but are not limited to:
 - i. holding fundraising events such as raffles, auctions and other events in support of people who have been affected by natural disasters;
 - ii. organising annual Christmas toy drives in support of other not-for-profit organisations;
 - iii. cooking and providing meals to soup kitchens and the homeless to assist in alleviating poverty and homelessness in the broader community;

- iv. assisting members of the Association to learn the English language to better assist unemployed members in obtaining employment.
- (b) advance Cretan culture by funding and operating a school and providing facilities whereby traditional Cretan dancing and Cretan instruments can be taught to children.
- (c) establish or make available a building or room or rooms in a building and to furnish and maintain the same and to permit the same to be used for lectures, meetings, dances and social purposes by the members of the Association and their friends in furtherance of the objects either gratuitously or upon such terms as shall be agreed upon.
- (d) provide reading and writing rooms and a reference library and to furnish the same respectively with books, reviews, magazines and newspapers and other publications including instrumental and vocal music stationary and all other things that may be convenient and assist members of the Association in advancing their education and the Cretan culture.
- (e) establish and operate a creche / playgroup for the purpose of assisting working Cretan mothers.
- (f) develop and promote mutual respect, understanding, good relationships and communication with Cretans in Australia and abroad and to foster good relationships with Greeks and Australians generally.
- (g) promote education and respect of the laws and decrees of Australia and to encourage and assist those members of the Association who are eligible to become Australian citizens.
- (h) invite members of the Association who may have feelings of animosity between them to settle these differences so that harmony goodwill and friendship shall prevail within the Association. To this end, all political discussions and arguments are prohibited at all times whilst members of the Association are gathered together for meetings or social gatherings of the Association.
- (i) co-operate with acknowledged Greek national, religious & community authorities on a benevolent and educational level.
- (j) celebrate and honour various national and international days of significance which includes but is not limited to: -
 - i. Australia Day
 - ii. The Anniversary of the Holocaust of the Holy Monastery of Arkadi
 - iii. The Battle of Crete of May, 1941
 - iv. The Unknown Soldierand any other important religious or ceremonial occasions the Association may from time to time desire to observe that promote the Association's purpose of promoting mutual respect and tolerance between various groups of individuals in Australia.
- (k) in furtherance of the objects of the Association to hold or arrange competitions and provide or contribute towards the provision of prizes, scholarships, awards and distinctions in connection therewith. Provided that no member of the Association shall receive any prize, award of distinction of monetary value except as a successful competitor at any competition held or promoted by the Association or to the cost of holding or promotion of which the Association may have subscribed out of its income or property and which under the regulations affecting the said competition may be awarded to them.

- (l) construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carryout, alter or control any houses, buildings, grounds, works or conveniences which may directly or indirectly advance the Association's interests, and to contribute to, subsidize or otherwise assist and take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, development, working, management, carrying out, alteration or control thereof.
- (m) take steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings, advertisements or otherwise and may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purposes of procuring contributions to the fund of the Association in the shape of donations, annual or other subscriptions or otherwise.
- (n) print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets the Association may think desirable for the promotion of its objects.
- (o) make donations to organisations with similar charitable purposes.
- (p) establish or make available and operate a church or churches for the religious needs of Cretans by acquiring the freehold or leasehold of suitable church buildings.
- (q) operate and maintain Sunday schools for religious instruction of Cretans and for teaching of the Greek language.
- (r) provide all things necessary for the musical, dramatic and overall advancement of cultural experience of its members and their friends.
- (s) undertake commercial activities to fund the Association's work in furtherance of its objects of the Association.
- (t) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to apply for and obtain and hold a Club Licence and or any other Licence or Licences or Certificates of regulation under the liquor act or laws or any other axle laws for the time being operate and for such purposes or purpose is to appoint if necessary a desirable manager or manage is or other officers or officers to act as licensee or licensees and hold these licences or licences on behalf of the Association.
- (u) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to obtain and hold any licences or permission necessary for and to carry on the business of restaurant keepers and/or sellers of tobacco, cigars and cigarettes and of all kinds of goods, provisions etcetera required used or desired by members.
- (v) To hire and employ Secretaries, Managers, Clerks, servants and workmen and (subject to Clause 3 hereof) pay them and other persons in return for their services rendered to the Association: salaries wages gratuities and pensions.
- (w) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange hire or otherwise hold, either in its own name or in the name or names of its nominee or nominees, any estate or interest, any real and personal property, any rights, concessions, licences or privileges which the Association may think necessary or convenient for the purpose of carrying on its objects.
- (x) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Association may think fit and to secure the same or the repayment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the Association in any way and in particular by the issue of debentures, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the Association's property (both present and future), and to purchase, redeem and pay off any such securities.
- (y) To make, draw, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments.

- (z) In furtherance of the objects of the Association 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 Association.
- (aa) To take a hold mortgages, liens and charges to secure payment of the purchase price or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, of any other part of the Association's property of whatsoever kind sold by the Association, or any money due to the Association from purchases and others.
- (bb) To take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not for any or more of the objects of the Association.
- (cc) To invest and deal with the monies of the Association not immediately required in such manner as the Administrative Committee defined in the Articles of Association of the Company thinks fits and to vary, sell or dispose of all or any of such investments.
- (dd) To appoint agents or attorneys in Australia or abroad and to act as agents for organisations having similar objects.
- (ee) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to undertake such guarantees and give such indemnities and to enter into such bonds as the Association may consider desirable.
- (ff) To sell, mortgage, charge, exchange or dispose of, or turn to account or otherwise deal with the property or rights of the Association or any part thereof for such consideration and in such manner as may be decided by resolution of a General Meeting. Provided that in case the name is subject to any trust the Association shall only deal with that in such manner as allowed by law having regard to such trust.
- (gg) To work in close co-operation and/or amalgamate with any other Society, Association or Community having objects similar to those of the Association and whose Memorandum of Association or other constitution prohibits the division of its income and property amongst its members at least the same extent as is done by clause 3 of this Memorandum.
- (hh) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any one or more of the companies, institutions, societies or associations with which the Association is authorised to amalgamate.
- (ii) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to transfer all or part of the property, assets, liabilities, and engagements of the Association to any one or more of the companies, institutions, societies or Associations with which the Association is authorised to amalgamate.
- (jj) To establish and maintain and concur in establishing and maintaining a Federal Council representing this Association and other societies and associations in any part of the Commonwealth of Australia having objects similar to those of this Association.
- (kk) To obtain any provisional tender or other official or Government power, consent or authority or act of Parliament for enabling the Association to carry on its objectives into effect or for effecting any modification of the constitution of the Association or for any other purpose which may seem expedient and to oppose any proceedings or applications which may seem calculated directly or interacted to prejudice the interest of the Association.

- (ll) To accept or take any security for any debt or liability to the Association or any property real or personal in or towards payment or satisfaction of any such debt or liability.
- (mm) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to enter into any arrangements with any governments, municipalities or other corporations or public bodies or any of them to obtain any rights privileges or concessions which the Association may think it desirable to obtain and carry out exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
- (nn) To do all or any of the above mentioned things in any part of the world where the same may lawfully be done respectively and either singularly or in conjunction with any other association, firm or person and either as principals, agents, contractors, trustees or otherwise and to hold council meetings wherever found most convenient for the purpose of this Association's business.
- (oo) No official of the Association shall use their position in a way that might give the impression they represent the Association in any of their individual political activities.
- (pp) The provisions of the Third Schedule to the Companies Act 1961 shall not apply to the Association and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph should be read and construed without reference to the provisions of that Schedule.
- (qq) Provided that the association shall not support with its funds or endeavour to impose on or procure to be observed by its members or others any regulation or restriction which if an object of the Association would make it a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union Act, 1958.
- (rr) To make ancillary rules and to do all such things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the abovementioned objects or any of them.
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PART 2

PROPOSED CHANGES: Article 51(section. ii)(sub-section .j)

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

Current sub-section: (j) To invest and deal with any of the moneys of the Association not immediately required for the purpose of the Association upon such securities and in such a manner as the Committee may think fit and from time to time to vary or realise such investments.

Proposed sub-section: (j) To invest and deal with any of the moneys of the Association not immediately required for the purpose of the Association upon such securities and in such a manner as the Committee may think fit including providing funds to any other institution, organisation, entity or person, in furtherance of the Association's objects and from time to time to vary or realise such investments.

PART 3

PROPOSED NEW ADOPTION: Article 51(section. ii)(sub-section. p and sub-section. q) POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

Proposed sub-section: (p) To take and act on the opinion of a legal practitioner who holds a current practising certificate in New South Wales in relation to the interpretation or effect of these Articles or any of the powers of these Articles.

Proposed sub-section: (q) To do all other things which the Committee considers is conducive or ancillary to, or in furtherance or aid of, the exercise of the Committee's powers under these Articles.

PART 4

PROPOSED CHANGES: Article 84 WINDING UP

Current Article: In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Association and there remains, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall be distributed as follows:-

- (a) One fifth (1/5) to Benevolent Institutions of Sydney and New South Wales, determined by the members in general meeting.
- (b) One fifth (1/5) to the District Hospital of Hania, Crete
- (c) One fifth (1/5) to the District Hospital of Rethymnon, Crete
- (d) One fifth (1/5) to the District Hospital of Heraklion, Crete
- (e) One fifth (1/5) to the District Hospital of Lassythion, Crete

Proposed Article: In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Association and there remains, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall be distributed to the following organisations having objects similar to the objects of this Association and whose rules prohibit the distribution of its or their income among its or their members :-

- (a) One fifth (1/5) to Benevolent Institutions of Sydney and New South Wales, determined by the members in general meeting.
 - (b) One fifth (1/5) to the District Hospital of Hania, Crete
 - (c) One fifth (1/5) to the District Hospital of Rethymnon, Crete
 - (d) One fifth (1/5) to the District Hospital of Heraklion, Crete
 - (e) One fifth (1/5) to the District Hospital of Lassythion, Crete
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ΕΞΗΓΗΣΗ ΠΟΥ ΑΦΟΡΑ ΤΙΣ ΠΡΟΤΕΙΝΟΜΕΝΕΣ ΑΛΛΑΓΕΣ ΣΤΟ ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΤΙΚΟ ΜΕ ΕΙΔΙΚΟ ΨΗΦΙΣΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΙΟ 10 ΤΗΣ ΗΜΕΡΗΣΙΑΣ ΔΙΑΤΑΞΗΣ ΤΗΣ Γ.Σ

Ιστορικό

Το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο προτείνει να υποβάλει αίτηση στην «Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission (ACNC)» για την αναγνώριση της Κρητικής Αδελφότητας ως φιλανθρωπική οργάνωση. Αυτό θα αναγνωρίσει επίσημα το πολύτιμο έργο που έχει ήδη επιτελέσει η Κρητική Αδελφότητα εδώ και δεκαετίες και θα παρέχει επίσης διάφορα φορολογικά πλεονεκτήματα στην Αδελφότητά μας. Το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο έχει προσλάβει τις υπηρεσίες της Coleman Greig Lawyers για να εξετάσουν το καταστατικό μας για να διαπιστώσουν εάν είναι κατάλληλο για εφαρμογή με το ACNC. Η Coleman Greig Lawyers έχει βοηθήσει με επιτυχία άλλους ελληνοαυστραλιανούς οργανισμούς σε θέματα ACNC. Από την ανασκόπησή τους, εντόπισαν ότι ο οργανισμός μας έχει πράγματι έναν «φιλανθρωπικό σκοπό», τον οποίο απαιτεί η ACNC, ωστόσο είναι δύσκολο να εντοπιστεί με σιγουριά αυτό στο πλαίσιο του σημερινού καταστατικού της Αδελφότητας. Το εκ του πάροντος καταστατικό γράφτηκε το 1980 και οι στόχοι της Αδελφότητας που απαριθμήθηκαν ήταν σκόπιμα ευρείς για να καταγράψουν ένα ευρύ φάσμα δραστηριοτήτων.

Για να ικανοποιήσουν το ACNC, οι δικηγόροι Coleman Greig πρότειναν τις ακόλουθες αλλαγές:

- Μέρος 1** Προτεινόμενη νέα υιοθέτηση: Όρος 2 του Μνημονίου της Αδελφότητας που απαριθμεί τους στόχους μας για να ορίσουμε με μεγαλύτερη σιγουριά τι κάνει ο οργανισμός μας και τα εκ του πάροντα πρακτικά μας. Η πλειονότητα του προτεινόμενα ορου είναι η ίδια με το αρχικό ορο, με τη σειρά ξαναταυτοποιημένοι για να δείχνει ξεκάθαρα τον φιλανθρωπικό μας σκοπό.
- Μέρος 2** Προτεινόμενες αλλαγές: Άρθρο 51 (τμήμα ii) (εδάφιο i) στο Καταστατικό - «ΑΡΜΟΔΙΟΤΗΤΕΣ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΘΗΚΟΝΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ».
- Μέρος 3** Προτεινόμενη νέα υιοθέτηση: Άρθρο 51(τμήμα ii) (εδάφιο iστ και εδάφιο ιζ) στο Καταστατικό - «ΑΡΜΟΔΙΟΤΗΤΕΣ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΘΗΚΟΝΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ»
- Μέρος 4** Προτεινόμενες αλλαγές: Άρθρο 84 στο καταστατικό - «ΔΙΑΛΥΣΗ»

ΜΕΡΟΣ 1

ΠΡΟΤΕΙΝΟΜΕΝΗ ΝΕΑ ΥΙΟΘΕΤΗΣΗ: ΜΝΗΜΟΝΙΟ ΣΥΝΔΕΣΗΣ (Ρήτρα 2)

Τα αντικείμενα για τα οποία ιδρύεται η Αδελφότητα είναι οι φιλανθρωπικοί σκοποί της προώθησης της κοινωνικής και δημόσιας ευημερίας, της εκπαίδευσης και του πολιτισμού των ατόμων που κατοικούν στην Πολιτεία της Νέας Νότιας Ουαλίας στην Κοινοπολιτεία της Αυστραλίας που γεννήθηκαν στην Κρήτη ή είναι απόγονοι προσώπων που γεννήθηκαν στην Κρήτη και προάγει τη συμφιλίωση, τον αμοιβαίο σεβασμό και την ανεκτικότητα μεταξύ ατόμων εντός αυτής της κοινότητας στην Αυστραλία και χωρίς να περιορίζει το τι μπορεί να κάνει η Αδελφότητα για την προώθηση αυτών των σκοπών, η Αδελφότητα μπορεί να κάνει οποιοδήποτε από τα ακόλουθα:

- (α) προώθηση της κοινωνικής και δημόσιας ευημερίας με διάφορες δραστηριότητες συγκέντρωσης κεφαλαίων που περιλαμβάνουν, αλλά δεν περιορίζονται σε:
- διοργάνωση εκδηλώσεων συγκέντρωσης χρημάτων, όπως κληρώσεις, δημοπρασίες και άλλες εκδηλώσεις για την υποστήριξη ανθρώπων που έχουν πληγεί από φυσικές καταστροφές·
 - διοργάνωση ετήσιων χριστουγεννιάτικων παιχνιδιών για την υποστήριξη άλλων μη κερδοσκοπικών οργανισμών·
 - το μαγείρεμα και παροχή γευμάτων σε κουζίνες σούπερ και σε άστεγους για να βοηθήσει στην άμβλυση της φτώχειας και των αστέγων στην ευρύτερη κοινότητα·

iv. βοηθώντας τα μέλη της Αδελφότητας να μάθουν την αγγλική γλώσσα για να βοηθήσουν καλύτερα τα άνεργα μέλη να βρουν εργασία.

- (b) να προωθήσει τον Κρητικό πολιτισμό χρηματοδοτώντας και λειτουργώντας ένα σχολείο και παρέχοντας εγκαταστάσεις με τις οποίες μπορούν να διδαχθούν στα παιδιά παραδοσιακούς κρητικούς χορούς και κρητικά όργανα.
- (c) να ιδρύσει ή να διαθέσει ένα κτίριο ή δωμάτιο ή δωμάτια σε ένα κτίριο και να τα επιπλώσει και να τα διατηρήσει και να επιτρέψει τη χρήση του για διαλέξεις, συναντήσεις, χορούς και κοινωνικούς σκοπούς από τα μέλη της Αδελφότητας και τους φίλους τους σε προώθηση των σκοπών είτε δωρεάν είτε με όρους που θα συμφωνηθούν.
- (d) παρέχει αίθουσες ανάγνωσης και γραφής και βιβλιοθήκη αναφοράς και παρέχει αντίστοιχα βιβλία, κριτικές, περιοδικά και εφημερίδες και άλλες εκδόσεις, συμπεριλαμβανομένων των ενόργανων και φωνητικών ειδών μουσικής και όλα τα άλλα πράγματα που μπορεί να είναι βολικά και βοηθούν τα μέλη της Αδελφότητας στην προάγηση της εκπαίδευσής τους και τον κρητικό πολιτισμό.
- (e) ίδρυση και λειτουργία βρεφονηπιακού σταθμού / παιδικής ομάδας με σκοπό τη βοήθεια των εργαζόμενων Κρητικών μητέρων.
- (f) αναπτύζει και πρόθεση του αμοιβαίου σεβασμού, την κατανόηση, τις καλές σχέσεις και την επικοινωνία με Κρητικούς στην Αυστραλία και στο εξωτερικό και να καλλιεργήσει καλές σχέσεις με Έλληνες και Αυστραλούς γενικότερα.
- (g) να προάγει την εκπαίδευση και τον σεβασμό των νόμων και διαταγμάτων της Αυστραλίας και να ενθαρρύνει και να βοηθά εκείνα τα μέλη της Αδελφότητας που δικαιούνται να γίνουν Αυστραλοί πολίτες.
- (h) προσκαλη μέλη της Αδελφότητας που μπορούν να έχουν αισθήματα εχθρότητας μεταξύ τους να διευθετήσουν αυτές τις διαφορές, έτσι ώστε η αρμονία, η καλή θέληση και η φιλία να επικρατήσουν εντός της Αδελφότητας. Για το σκοπό αυτό, όλες οι πολιτικές συζητήσεις και επιχειρήματα απαγορεύονται ανά πάσα στιγμή, ενώ τα μέλη της Αδελφότητας συγκεντρώνονται για συναντήσεις ή κοινωνικές συγκεντρώσεις της Αδελφότητας.
- (i) να συνεργάζεται με αναγνωρισμένες ελληνικές εθνικές, θρησκευτικές και κοινοτικές αρχές σε φιλανθρωπικό και εκπαιδευτικό επίπεδο.
- (j) γιορτάζουν και τιμούν διάφορες σημαντικές εθνικές και διεθνείς ημέρες που περιλαμβάνουν, αλλά δεν περιορίζονται σε: -
i. Ημέρα της Αυστραλίας
ii. Η επέτειος του Ολοκαυτώματος της Ιεράς Μονής Αρκαδίου
iii. Η Μάχη της Κρήτης του Μάη, 1941
iv. Ο Άγνωστος Στρατιώτης
- και οποιεσδήποτε άλλες σημαντικές θρησκευτικές ή τελετουργικές περιστάσεις η Αδελφότητα μπορεί από καιρό σε καιρό να επιθυμεί να παρατηρήσει ότι προάγει τον σκοπό της Αδελφότητας να προωθήσει τον αμοιβαίο σεβασμό και την ανεκτικότητα μεταξύ διαφόρων ομάδων ατόμων στην Αυστραλία.
- (k) για την προώθηση των σκοπών της Αδελφότητας να διοργανώνει ή να οργανώνει διαγωνισμούς και να παρέχει ή να συμβάλλει στην παροχή βραβείων, υποτροφιών, βραβείων και διακρίσεων σε σχέση με αυτά. Υπό την προϋπόθεση ότι κανένα μέλος της Αδελφότητας θα λάβει οποιοδήποτε βραβείο, βραβείο διάκρισης χρηματικής αξίας, παρά μόνο ως επιτυχημένος διαγωνιζόμενος σε οποιονδήποτε διαγωνισμό που διεξάγεται ή προωθείται από την Αδελφότητα ή για το κόστος διεξαγωγής ή προώθησης του οποίου η Αδελφότητα μπορεί να έχει εγγραφεί εισοδήματα ή περιουσιακά στοιχεία και τα οποία σύμφωνα με τους κανονισμούς που επηρεάζουν τον εν λόγω διαγωνισμό μπορούν να τους απονεμηθούν.

- (l) να κατασκευάσει, να βελτιώσει, να συντηρήσει, να αναπτύξει, να εργαστεί, να διαχειριστεί, να πραγματοποιήσει, να τροποποιήσει ή να ελέγξει οποιαδήποτε σπίτια, κτίρια, χώρους, έργα ή ανέσεις που μπορεί άμεσα ή έμμεσα να προωθήσουν τα συμφέροντα της Αδελφότητας και να συνεισφέρουν, να επιδοτούν ή να βοηθήσουν με άλλο τρόπο και λαμβάνουν μέρος στην κατασκευή, βελτίωση, συντήρηση, ανάπτυξη, εργασία, διαχείριση, εκτέλεση, μετατροπή ή έλεγχο αυτών.
- (m) λαμβάνει μέτρα με προσωπικές ή γραπτές εκκλήσεις, δημόσιες συναντήσεις, διαφημίσεις ή με άλλο τρόπο και μπορεί από καιρό σε καιρό να κριθεί σκόπιμο για τους σκοπούς της εξασφάλισης συνεισφορών στο ταμείο της Αδελφότητας με τη μορφή δωρεών, ετήσιων ή άλλων συνδρομών ή με άλλο τρόπο .
- (n) εκτυπώνει και δημοσιεύει οποιεσδήποτε εφημερίδες, περιοδικά, βιβλία ή φυλλάδια που η Αδελφότητα θεωρεί επιθυμητή για την προώθηση των αντικειμένων της.
- (o) να κάνει δωρεές σε οργανισμούς με παρόμοιους φιλανθρωπικούς σκοπούς.
- (p) ίδρυση ή διάθεση και λειτουργία εκκλησίας ή εκκλησιών για τις θρησκευτικές ανάγκες των Κρητικών με την απόκτηση της ελεύθερης ιδιοκτησίας ή της μίσθωσης κατάλληλων εκκλησιαστικών κτιρίων.
- (q) λειτουργία και διατήρηση κατηχητικών σχολείων για τη θρησκευτική διδασκαλία των Κρητών και για τη διδασκαλία της ελληνικής γλώσσας.
- (r) παρέχει όλα τα απαραίτητα για τη μουσική, τη δραματική και τη συνολική προαγωγή της πολιτιστικής εμπειρίας των μελών και των φίλων τους.
- (s) αναλαμβάνουν εμπορικές δραστηριότητες για τη χρηματοδότηση του έργου της Αδελφότητας για την προώθηση των σκοπών της της Αδελφότητας.
- (t) Για την προώθηση των σκοπών της Αδελφότητας να υποβάλει αίτηση και να αποκτήσει και να κατέχει Άδεια Λέσχης ή οποιαδήποτε άλλη Άδεια ή Άδειες ή Πιστοποιητικά κανονισμού βάσει του νόμου περί οινοπνευματωδών ποτών ή νόμων ή οποιουδήποτε άλλου νόμου για τον άξονα προς το παρόν και για τέτοιοι σκοποί ή σκοπός είναι να διοριστεί, εάν είναι απαραίτητο, ένας επιθυμητός διευθυντής ή διευθυντικό στέλεχος ή άλλα στελέχη ή αξιωματούχοι που θα ενεργούν ως κάτοχοι άδειας ή κάτοχοι άδειας και κατέχουν αυτές τις άδειες ή άδειες εκ μέρους της Αδελφότητας.
- (u) Για την προώθηση των σκοπών της Αδελφότητας να αποκτήσει και να κατέχει οποιεσδήποτε άδειες ή άδεια που απαιτούνται για και για τη διεξαγωγή της επιχείρησης εστιατορίων και/ή πωλητών καπνού, πούρων και τσιγάρα και όλων των ειδών αγαθών, προμήθειες κλπ που απαιτούνται ή επιθυμούν τα μέλη.
- (v) Να προσλαμβάνει και να προσλαμβάνει Γραμματείς, Διευθυντές, Υπαλλήλους, υπαλλήλους και εργάτες και (με την επιφύλαξη του Άρθρου 3 του παρόντος) να πληρώνει αυτούς και άλλα πρόσωπα σε αντάλλαγμα για τις υπηρεσίες τους που παρέχουν στην Αδελφότητα: μισθοί μισθοί φιλοδωρήματα και συντάξεις.
- (w) Να αγοράσει, να αναλάβει μίσθωση ή με αντάλλαγμα τη μίσθωση ή με άλλο τρόπο να κατέχει, είτε στο όνομά της είτε στο όνομα ή στα ονόματα του υποψηφίου ή των υποψηφίων του, οποιαδήποτε περιουσία ή συμφέρον, οποιαδήποτε ακίνητη και προσωπική περιουσία, οποιαδήποτε δικαιώματα, παραχωρήσεις, άδειες ή προνόμια που η Αδελφότητα μπορεί να θεωρήσει απαραίτητα ή βολικό για τη μεταφορά των αντικειμένων του.
- (x) Να δανειστεί ή να συγκεντρώσει ή να εξασφαλίσει την πληρωμή χρημάτων με τέτοιο τρόπο που η Αδελφότητα κρίνει σκόπιμο και να εξασφαλίσει τα ίδια ή την αποπληρωμή ή την εκτέλεση οποιουδήποτε χρέους, υποχρέωσης, σύμβασης, εγγύηση ή άλλη δέσμευση που αναλήφθηκε ή πρόκειται να συναφθεί από την Αδελφότητα με οποιονδήποτε τρόπο και ειδικότερα από την έκδοση χρεογράφων, διαρκών ή μη, που χρεώνονται σε όλη ή οποιαδήποτε από την περιουσία της Αδελφότητας (παρούσα και μελλοντική) και για αγορά, εξαγορά και να εξοφλήσει τυχόν τέτοιους τίτλους.
- (y) Να συντάσσει, να κληρώνει, να αποδέχεται, να οπισθογραφεί, να προεξοφλίζει, να εκτελεί και να εκδίδει γραμμάρια, συναλλαγματικές, φορτωτικές και άλλα διαπραγματεύσιμα ή μεταβιβάσιμα μέσα.

- (z) Για την προώθηση των σκοπών της Αδελφότητας να πουλήσει, να βελτιώσει, να διαχειριστεί, να αναπτύξει, να ανταλλάξει, να εκμισθώσει, να διαθέσει, να μετατρέψει σε λογαριασμό ή με άλλο τρόπο να αντιμετωπίσει το σύνολο ή οποιοδήποτε μέρος της περιουσίας και δικαιώματα της Αδελφότητας.
- (aa) Να αναλαμβάνει υποθήκες, εμπράγματα βάρη και χρεώσεις για να εξασφαλίσει την πληρωμή της τιμής αγοράς ή οποιοδήποτε απλήρωτου υπολοίπου της τιμής αγοράς, οποιοδήποτε άλλου μέρους της ιδιοκτησίας της Αδελφότητας είδος που πωλείται από την Αδελφότητα, ή οποιαδήποτε χρήματα οφείλονται στην Αδελφότητα από αγορές και άλλα.
- (bb) Να λάβει οποιαδήποτε δωρεά περιουσίας είτε υπόκειται σε κάποιο ειδική εμπιστοσύνη είτε όχι για οποιοδήποτε ή περισσότερα από τα αντικείμενα της Αδελφότητας.
- (cc) Να επενδύει και να αντιμετωπίζει τα χρήματα της Αδελφότητας που δεν απαιτούνται άμεσα με τρόπο που το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο ορίζεται στο Καταστατικό της Αδελφότητας της Εταιρείας κρίνει σκόπιμο και να μεταβάλλει, να πουλήσει ή να διαθέσει όλες ή οποιαδήποτε από αυτές τις επενδύσεις.
- (dd) Να διορίζουν αντιπροσώπους ή δικηγόρους στην Αυστραλία ή στο εξωτερικό και να ενεργούν ως αντιπρόσωποι για οργανισμούς που έχουν παρόμοια αντικείμενα.
- (ee) Για την προώθηση των σκοπών της Αδελφότητας να αναλάβει τέτοιες εγγυήσεις και να δώσει τέτοιες αποζημιώσεις και να συνάψει δεσμούς που η Αδελφότητα μπορεί να θεωρήσει επιθυμητά.
- (ff) Να πουλήσει, να υποθηκεύσει, να χρεώσει, να ανταλλάξει ή να διαθέσει, ή να μετατρέψει σε λογαριασμό ή με άλλο τρόπο να ασχοληθεί με την περιουσία ή τα δικαιώματα της Αδελφότητας ή οποιοδήποτε μέρους αυτής για τέτοιο αντάλλαγμα και με τέτοιο τρόπο που μπορεί να αποφασιστεί με απόφαση γενική συνέλευση. Υπό την προϋπόθεση ότι σε περίπτωση που το όνομα υπόκειται σε οποιαδήποτε εμπιστοσύνη, η Αδελφότητα θα χειριστεί αυτό μόνο με τον τρόπο που επιτρέπεται από το νόμο, λαμβάνοντας υπόψη την εμπιστοσύνη αυτή του εμπορίου συνδιασμού.
- (gg) Να εργάζεται σε στενή συνεργασία και/ή να συγχωνεύεται με οποιαδήποτε άλλη Εταιρεία, Αδελφότητα ή Κοινότητα που έχει αντικείμενα παρόμοια με αυτά της Αδελφότητας και της οποίας το Μνημόνιο Αδελφότητας ή άλλο καταστατικό απαγορεύει τη διανομή του εισοδήματος και της περιουσίας αναμεταξύ των μελών της τουλάχιστον στον ίδιο βαθμό που γίνεται από του άρθρο 3 του παρόντος Μνημονίου.
- (hh) Για την προώθηση των σκοπών της Αδελφότητας να αγοράσει ή με άλλο τρόπο να αποκτήσει και να αναλάβει το σύνολο ή μέρος της περιουσίας, περιουσιακών στοιχείων, υποχρεώσεων και δεσμεύσεων οποιασδήποτε ή περισσότερων εταιρειών, ιδρυμάτων, εταιρειών ή αδελφοτήτων με τις οποίες είναι εξουσιοδοτημένη η Αδελφότητα να ενώσει.
- (ii) Για την προώθηση των σκοπών της Αδελφότητας να μεταβιβάσει το σύνολο ή μέρος της περιουσίας, των περιουσιακών στοιχείων, των υποχρεώσεων και των δεσμεύσεων της Αδελφότητας σε μία ή περισσότερες από τις εταιρείες, ιδρύματα, κοινωνίες ή αδελφοτήτες με τις οποίες η Αδελφότητα είναι εξουσιοδοτημένη να ενώσει.
- (jj) Να ιδρύει και να διατηρεί και να συναινεί στην ίδρυση και τη διατήρηση ενός Ομοσπονδιακού Συμβουλίου που εκπροσωπεί αυτήν την Αδελφότητα και άλλες κοινωνίες και αδελφοτήτες σε οποιοδήποτε μέρος της Η Κοινοπολιτεία της Αυστραλίας που έχει αντικείμενα παρόμοια με αυτά αυτής της Αδελφότητας.
- (kk) Για την απόκτηση οποιασδήποτε προσωρινού διαγωνισμού ή άλλης επίσημης ή κυβερνητικής εξουσίας, συναίνεσης ή εξουσιοδότησης ή πράξης του Κοινοβουλίου για να μπορέσει η Αδελφότητα να επιτύχει τους στόχους της εν ισχύ ή την πραγματοποίηση οποιασδήποτε μετασχηματισμού του καταστατικού της Αδελφότητας ή για οποιοδήποτε άλλο σκοπό που μπορεί να φανεί σκόπιμο και να αντιταχθεί σε οποιαδήποτε διαδικασία ή αίτηση που μπορεί να φανεί υπολογισμένη άμεσα ή αλληλεπιδρούν για να θίξουν τα συμφέροντα της Αδελφότητας.

- (ll) Να αποδεχτεί ή να αναλάβει οποιαδήποτε εγγύηση για οποιοδήποτε χρέος ή υποχρέωση προς την Αδελφότητα ή οποιαδήποτε ακίνητη ή προσωπική περιουσία ή για την πληρωμή ή την ικανοποίηση οποιουδήποτε τέτοιου χρέους ή υποχρέωσης.
- (mm) Για την προώθηση των σκοπών της Αδελφότητας να εισέρχεται σε οποιοδήποτε διευθετήσεις με οποιοδήποτε κυβερνήσεις, δήμους ή άλλες εταιρείες ή δημόσιους φορείς ή οποιοδήποτε από αυτούς για την απόκτηση τυχόν προνομίων δικαιωμάτων ή παραχωρήσεων που η Αδελφότητα μπορεί να θεωρήσει επιθυμητό να αποκτήσει και να πραγματοποιήσει ασκούν και συμμορφώνονται με οποιοδήποτε τέτοιες ρυθμίσεις, δικαιώματα, προνόμια και παραχωρήσεις.
- (nn) Να κάνει όλα ή οποιοδήποτε από τα παραπάνω αναφερόμενα πράγματα σε οποιοδήποτε μέρος του κόσμου όπου το ίδιο μπορεί να γίνει νόμιμα αντίστοιχα και είτε μεμονωμένα είτε σε συνδυασμό με οποιαδήποτε άλλη αδελφότητα, εταιρεία ή πρόσωπο και είτε ως εντολείς, πράκτορες, εργολάβοι, διαχειριστές ή άλλως και να διεξάγει συνεδριάσεις του συμβουλίου όπου κρίνεται καταλληλό για τους σκοπούς της επιχρησής αυτής της Αδελφότητας.
- (oo) Κανένας αξιωματούχος της Αδελφότητας δεν θα χρησιμοποιήσει τη θέση του με τρόπο που θα μπορούσε να δώσει την εντύπωση ότι εκπροσωπεί την Αδελφότητα σε οποιαδήποτε από τις μεμονωμένες πολιτικές τους δραστηριότητες.
- (pp) Οι διατάξεις του Τρίτου Παραρτήματος του νόμου περί εταιρειών του 1961 δεν εφαρμόζονται στην Αδελφότητα και οι προηγούμενες διατάξεις αυτού του παραγράφου θα πρέπει να διαβαστούν και να ερμηνευτούν χωρίς αναφορά στις διατάξεις του εν λόγω Προγράμματος.
- (qq) Υπό την προϋπόθεση ότι η Αδελφότητα δεν θα στηρίξει με τα κεφάλαιά της ούτε θα προσπαθήσει να επιβάλει ή να εξασφαλίσει την τήρηση των μελών της ή άλλων οποιουδήποτε κανονισμού ή περιορισμού που εάν ένα αντικείμενο της Αδελφότητας θα την έκανε συνδικαλιστική οργάνωση κατά την έννοια του νόμου περί συνδικάτων, 1958.
- (rr) Να θεσπίζει παρεπόμενους κανόνες και να κάνει όλα τα πράγματα που μπορεί να είναι συμπτωματικά ή ευνοϊκά για την επίτευξη των προαναφερθέντων σκοπών ή οποιοδήποτε από αυτούς.
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ΜΕΡΟΣ 2

ΠΡΟΤΕΙΝΟΜΕΝΕΣ ΑΛΛΑΓΕΣ: Άρθρο 51(τμήμα ii)(υποτμήμα .i) ΑΡΜΟΔΙΟΤΗΤΕΣ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΘΗΚΟΝΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ

Τρέχουσα υποενότητα: (j) Να επενδύει και να αντιμετωπίζει οποιοδήποτε από τα χρήματα της Αδελφότητας που δεν απαιτούνται άμεσα για τους σκοπούς της Αδελφότητας σε τέτοιους τίτλους και με τέτοιο τρόπο που το Συμβούλιο μπορεί να κρίνει σκόπιμο και από καιρό σε καιρό να διαφοροποιήσει ή να πραγματοποιήσει τέτοιες επενδύσεις.

Προτεινόμενη υποενότητα: (j) Να επενδύει και να αντιμετωπίζει οποιοδήποτε από τα χρήματα της Αδελφότητας που δεν απαιτούνται άμεσα για τους σκοπούς της Αδελφότητας σε τέτοιους τίτλους και με τέτοιο τρόπο που το Συμβούλιο μπορεί να κρίνει σκόπιμο, συμπεριλαμβανομένης της παροχής κεφαλαίων σε οποιοδήποτε άλλο ίδρυμα, οργανισμό, οντότητα ή πρόσωπο, για την προώθηση των σκοπών της Αδελφότητας και από καιρό σε καιρό να μεταβάλλει ή να πραγματοποιεί τέτοιες επενδύσεις.

ΜΕΡΟΣ 3

ΠΡΟΤΕΙΝΟΜΕΝΗ ΝΕΑ ΕΓΚΡΙΣΗ: Άρθρο 51(τμήμα ii)(υποτμήμα ρ και υποτμήμα ς) ΑΡΜΟΔΙΟΤΗΤΕΣ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΘΗΚΟΝΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ

Προτεινόμενη υποενοότητα: (ρ) Να λάβει και να ενεργήσει βάσει της γνώμης ενός νομικού επαγγελματία που έχει συγχρονο πιστοποιητικό άσκησης στη Νέα Νότια Ουαλία σε σχέση με την ερμηνεία ή την επίδραση αυτών των Άρθρων ή οποιασδήποτε από τις εξουσίες αυτών των Άρθρων.

Προτεινόμενη υποενοότητα: (ς) Να κάνει όλα τα άλλα πράγματα που το Συμβούλιο θεωρεί ότι ευνοούν ή βοηθούν, ή για την προώθηση ή την υποβοήθηση, της άσκησης των εξουσιών του Συμβουλίου σύμφωνα με τα παρόντα Άρθρα.

ΜΕΡΟΣ 4

ΠΡΟΤΕΙΝΟΜΕΝΕΣ ΑΛΛΑΓΕΣ: Άρθρο 84 ΕΚΤΕΛΕΣΗ

Ισχύον Άρθρο: Σε περίπτωση λύσης ή διάλυσης της Αδελφότητας και απομένει, μετά την ικανοποίηση όλων των οφειλών και υποχρεώσεων, οποιοδήποτε περιουσιακό στοιχείο θα μοιραστεί ως εξής:

- (a) Ένα πέμπτο (1/5) σε Φιλανθρωπικά Ιδρύματα του Σίδνεϊ και της Νέας Νότιας Ουαλίας, καθορισμένο από τα μέλη στη γενική συνέλευση.
- (b) Ένα πέμπτο (1/5) στο Επαρχιακό Νοσοκομείο Χανίων Κρήτης
- (c) Ένα πέμπτο (1/5) στο Επαρχιακό Νοσοκομείο Ρεθύμνου Κρήτης
- (d) Ένα πέμπτο (1/5) στο Επαρχιακό Νοσοκομείο Ηρακλείου Κρήτης
- (e) Ένα πέμπτο (1/5) στο Επαρχιακό Νοσοκομείο Λασιθίου Κρήτης.

Προτεινόμενο άρθρο: Σε περίπτωση διάλυσης ή διάλυσης της Αδελφότητας και παραμενόμενα της, μετά την ικανοποίηση όλων των οφειλών και υποχρεώσεων, οποιοδήποτε περιουσιακό στοιχείο θα διανεμηθεί στους παρακάτω οργανισμούς που έχουν σκωπούς παρόμοια με τους σκωπούς της Αδελφότητας και των οποίων οι κανόνες απαγορεύουν το μοίρασμα του εισοδήματός τους μεταξύ των μελών του ή των μελών τους:

- (a) Ένα πέμπτο (1/5) σε Φιλανθρωπικά Ιδρύματα του Σίδνεϊ και της Νέας Νότιας Ουαλίας, καθορισμένο από τα μέλη στη γενική συνέλευση.
 - (b) Ένα πέμπτο (1/5) στο Επαρχιακό Νοσοκομείο Χανίων Κρήτης
 - (c) Ένα πέμπτο (1/5) στο Επαρχιακό Νοσοκομείο Ρεθύμνου Κρήτης
 - (d) Ένα πέμπτο (1/5) στο Επαρχιακό Νοσοκομείο Ηρακλείου Κρήτης
 - (e) Ένα πέμπτο (1/5) στο Επαρχιακό Νοσοκομείο Λασιθίου Κρήτης.
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Annual General Meeting

Date: 03 December 2021		Time: 7pm	Place: The Cretan House 57 Sydenham Road, Marrickville NSW
Committee Members Present:	Terry Saviolakis Maria Lagoudakis Nectaria Frayne Eleni Venizelou Dimi Bourel Maria Lironis Leto Kougias Emmanuel Vitetzakis (zoom) Stel Vamianakis (zoom) Despina Rakis (zoom)	There were 17 members present and 17 members attending via zoom teleconference (allowable by ASIC until 31 December due to COVID19).	
Committee Members Apologies:	Angelo Siganakis		

1. WELCOME

The President, Terry Saviolakis, commenced the meeting at 7.30pm. He thanked everyone for their attendance and announced that there were 34 members present (17 in person and 17 via Zoom). This constituted a quorum so the AGM could proceed. A one minute silence was then held to honour all the members who had passed away in the last year

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Terry Saviolakis asked for nominations for the Chairperson for the Annual General Meeting.

Kosta Grafanakis nominated Paul Katakis.
Emmanuel Mountakis seconded.
Paul Katakis declined.

Terry Saviolakis nominated Emmanuel Mountakis.
Kosta Grafanakis seconded.
Emmanuel Mountakis accepted.

Emmanuel Mountakis was declared the Chairperson and gave a brief welcome.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2020 AGM

Emmanuel Mountakis asked the members present if they would like the minutes to be read out. The members present were in agreement to not to have them read out as they had already been circulated to members previously.

Emmanuel Mountakis asked for motions for the approval of the minutes. The previous years' minutes were motioned for approval by Kosta Grafanakis and seconded by John Lagoudakis. There were no objections and the motion passed.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Terry Saviolakis welcomed all members present and thanked everyone for attending.

He stated that the previous year was very eventful for the Association despite the COVID19 Pandemic and lockdown. In the last year we celebrated the 200th Anniversary of Greece's Independence and the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete. He was pleased to announce that the roof restoration project was completed during the year and all Asbestos had been removed.

- In November 2020 – The Cretan Association commemorated the Holocaust of Arkadi after the first lockdown. The Holocaust of Arkadi was an important event for the whole of Greece and not just Crete and we were pleased to be able to hold a dinner and church service despite the situations. At the dinner we raised \$650 for Children's Cancer Institute and \$900 for the Hellenic Initiative.
- In December 2020 – The Cretan Association held their Christmas Party at the Cyprus Club. The youth musicians played traditional Cretan instruments. Hundreds of toys were donated to Westmead Hospital via the Delphi Bank toy drive.
- In January 2021 – The Cretan Federation of Australia and New Zealand annual conference was held online via zoom teleconference due to lockdowns.
- In February 2021 – The Cretan Association held its annual Agiasmo and cutting of the vasilopita at Ashbury Senior Citizen's Centre for the first dance lesson of the year. Father Christodoulos, the Cretan Association's Parish Priest attended this evening. Terry Saviolakis took the opportunity to congratulate him on his recent elevation to the rank of Bishop.
- Also in February 2021 – The Cretan Association supported the renaming of Marrickville to 'Little Greece' by writing a letter to the councillors and mayor of Inner West Council.
- In March 2021 – a musical concert was held in memory of Kosta Mountakis. Terry Saviolakis thanked the Cretan Federation of Australia and New Zealand for organising the concert in both Sydney and Melbourne. 8 musicians performed and it was a memorable night.
- Also in March 2021 – The Cretan Association participated in the Hellenic Lyceum's 1821 costume exhibition at Kogarah Church Hall. We lent our Cretan mannequins "George and Katerina" to the costume exhibition for three months and were happy to sponsor the event. The exhibition was well attended by the Greek-Australian community.
- In March 2021 – Many events were held to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the start of the Greek War of Independence. The members of the Cretan Association were active and attended many events.
- In April 2021 – The Cretan Association held many events to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete. Over 400 people attended our dance at the Croatian Club. Members of performing dance group marched on Anzac Day with the Greek RSL. The annual Battle of Crete cenotaph ceremony was held in Martin Place with 104 year old veteran Alf Carpenter attending. A mimosino was held for Battle of Crete at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Cathedral followed by a Battle of Crete documentary arranged by the Cretan Federation of Australia and New Zealand. An Anglican church service was also held at Garrison Church.
- In May 2021 – The Cretan Association held a commemorative evening to mark the 200th Anniversary of Greek Independence and the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete. Dr Alfred Vincent and Dr Michael Bendon spoke and gave presentations about the history of the events. The event was attended by over 100 people, both our members and the wider Greek Community.

- Also in May 2021 – The Cretan Association was invited by Waverley Council to a ceremony to unveil a new war memorial within their memorial park.
- Also in May 2021 – The Cretan Federation held a book launch to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Cretan Federation and the 20th Anniversary of the Cretan Youth Federation.
- In June 2021 – The Cretan Association's performing dancing group was invited to the Royal Australian Air Force Base in Richmond to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete. The performing group danced next to a Hercules aircraft, similar to an aircraft used in the Battle of Crete. Thank you to RAAF and aircraftsman Yianni Skoulakis for coordination of the event and Paul Spanoudakis for organising the dance group.
- In June 2021 – The Youth Committee held a taverna night at the Greek Orthodox Community Club in Lakemba. The youth musicians performed on the night. Over \$6,000 was raised to go towards new στολές that the Cretan Association is planning to buy.

Terry then wished to thank the following:

- The Executive Committee for their efforts during the year. The tireless work of the committee didn't stop due to the lockdown.
- Alexander Mountakis and the Youth Committee for all their efforts - the future of the Association.
- Eleni Venizelou for being the Dance Group Coordinator, organising στολές and performances.
- The dance teachers: Nicoletta Assargiotis for her commitment over the years. Christopher Townsend and Vayia Spanoudakis for all their efforts since being appointed. Very important that youth have stepped up to be teachers. He also thanked Ari Paraskakis for all his efforts and Paul Spanoudakis since being appointed.
- The youth and dancing groups that attended dancing every week that we were open during the year.
- The Cretan Association's major sponsor Delphi Bank.
- The Cretan Association's Gold Sponsor Victoria Cross Funerals.
- All the Cretan Association's calendar sponsors.
- The real estate agents of our properties who assisted immensely during COVID and the lockdown – Jim Markakis, Richardson and Wrench Newtown and Paul Spanoudakis, Raine & Horne Maroubra.
- Nina Giannoulis and Steven James Jewellers for donating amazing pieces for raffles.
- Nick Janes, the Cretan Association's accountant for completing the Financial Statements and Income Tax Returns for the Association for free every year at no charge to the Association. This would ordinarily cost \$5,000 and Nick has been doing this for free for at least the last 8 years if not more.
- Nick Janes, our Accountant who has assisted with the applications to receive \$30,000 in Government grants to keep the association afloat during the lockdown.
- The Audit Committee Frances Siganakis (who sends her apologies for tonight) and Nina Giannoulis and Despina Parliaros.

- Lastly, to the anonymous member who gave the Cretan Association an interest free loan of \$30,000 to assist with the roof replacement project. The roof replacement project has been completed and the member has been paid back in full.

Emmanuel Mountakis then asked if any members had any questions. No questions were raised.

Emmanuel Mountakis asked for motions for the approval of the report.

The report was motioned for approval by Sophie Valiontis and seconded by Ari Paraskakis.

There were no objections and the report was approved.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Maria Lagoudakis gave a report as Secretary.

She explained that the Committee had planned a Cretan Lyra painting night which had to be cancelled due to COVID. The committee is planning on rescheduling this in the new year. She also explained that the Committee had planned a cherry picking day which had to be cancelled due to COVID. The committee is planning on holding this event in 2022 subject to seasons.

She informed the members that the first Friday night gathering and dance lesson for 2022 will be held at Ashbury Senior Citizens Centre on February 04, 2022 for the annual cutting of the Vasilopita and Agiasmo. She hoped all our members could attend.

She also informed the members that subject to COVID19, the 2022 Cretan Federation Convention will be held on the 4th, 5th and 6th of March 2022 in Melbourne. This is the same weekend as the Lonsdale Street Greek Festival. More information and details will become available from the Federation shortly.

Emmanuel Mountakis then asked if any members had any questions. No questions were raised.

Emmanuel Mountakis asked for motions for the approval of the report.

The report was motioned for approval by Sophie Valiontis and seconded by Ari Paraskakis.

There were no objections and the report was approved.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Nectaria Frayne gave a report as Treasurer of the Cretan Association.

The profit for the 2021 financial year was \$33,477.68 after tax. The total assets of the Association are \$3,978,262.87, including the Association's properties that were recently valued at \$3.9 Million. The total liabilities of the Association are \$754,087.69, including the bank loans of \$692,148.39. The total member's equity is therefore \$3,224,175.18.

Nectaria then explained some trends in the financial statements and other financial matters:

- The Cretan Panigiri and 60th Anniversary brought a lot of function income in the last financial year. This is the reason why this year's amount was so low.
- The rental income is higher this year due to some deferred rent being recovered this year from last financial year due to COVID19 rent relief.
- The kitchen/canteen takings were limited in the last two years due to lockdowns.

- Delphi bank decreased the interest rates on the Association's bank loans. This reduced the interest expenses.
- Jim Markakis, from Richardson and Wrench Newtown valued our buildings. The revaluation came to approximately \$3.9 Million.
- The roof repair project was finally finished – approximately \$50K was spent this financial year.
- Canterbury-Bankstown have reimbursed the Cretan Association for not being able to use Ashbury during lockdown.

Nectaria then explained the rental situation:

- A Bakery occupies the ground floor of 57 Sydenham Road.
- The Embossing Company in the back lane occupies the ground floor of 55 Sydenham Road
- A screen printing company occupies the front upstairs suite of 55 Sydenham Road
- A swimwear company occupied the back upstairs suite of 55 Sydenham Road. They vacated in July and the screen printing company took over the entire floor.
- The Bakery Rentals – downstairs struggled to pay rent for 18 months

Nectaria then thanked the Cretan Association's sponsors:

- Delphi Bank for reducing the interest rate to 3%
- Victoria Cross Funerals for donating/sponsoring \$1,000
- All the Cretan Association's calendar sponsors that donated/sponsored \$250

Nectaria then mentioned some donations that the Cretan Association has made:

- \$2,000 to the Cretan Federation's Crete Earthquake Appeal
- \$650 to the Children's Cancer Institute
- \$900 to the Hellenic Initiative
- \$1,000 to the Hellenic Lyceum Costume Exhibit

Nectaria informed the members that the Committee was trying to register as an 'Active Kids' provider. She concluded by thanking Terry Saviolakis for assisting in filling out forms for the Government grants received.

Emmanuel Mountakis then asked if any members had any questions.

Andrew Parliaros asked if Jim Markakis' appraisal was a bank valuation or an agent appraisal. Terry Saviolakis responded that it was not a full bank valuation, but was instead an agent market opinion.

Emmanuel Mountakis then asked if any members had any further questions. No further questions were raised.

Emmanuel Mountakis asked for motions for the approval of the report. The report was motioned for approval by Sophie Valiontis and seconded by Kosta Grafanakis. There were no objections and the report was approved.

7. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

Emmanuel Vitetzakis and Eleni Venizelou have a report as Public Relations Officers.

Despite not having elections last year (due to only having the required 11 members to form a Committee), 185 members still paid in the last year. There were 187 paid in the previous year so memberships were going well, despite the circumstances.

Emmanuel Vitetzakis and Eleni Venizelou outlined that it was a tough year with COVID19 lockdowns so they focused on videos and social media to keep members and followers active and stay connected. There were approximately 1,000 followers on Instagram and approximately 2,500 on Facebook. The followers on Facebook were 65% from Australia, 47% from Sydney, 10% from Melbourne, 8% from NZ, America, Canada, Belgium and Greece made up the difference.

Emmanuel and Eleni then listed some of their Public Relations initiatives:

- Weekly guessing competitions were held in lockdown with prizes being CDs from musicians who have visited us in the past.
- Friday flashbacks on social media during lockdown of past events.
- Sunday music sessions on social media.
- Live recordings on social media of the Kosta Mountakis concert.
- Live recordings on social media of the Battle of Crete Annual Ball.
- Live recordings on social media of the Battle of Crete Wreath Laying Ceremony in Martin Place and the Waverley Council new Battle of Crete war memorial.
- Live recordings on social media of the Youth Committee Taverna Night.
- Ixo Nyx online musical performance in November.

Emmanuel and Eleni then thanked everyone for their involvement on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Emmanuel Mountakis then asked if any members had any questions. No questions were raised.

Emmanuel Mountakis asked for motions for the approval of the report. The report was motioned for approval by Sophie Valiontis and seconded by Kosta Grafanakis. There were no objections and the report was approved.

8. REPORT FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE

Nina Giannoulis presented a report on behalf of the Audit Committee.

Nina Giannoulis stated that the Audit Committee had received documents and were satisfied that the financials were in order. She congratulated the Committee for their hard work, despite the lockdowns.

Despina Parliaros also briefly spoke on Zoom teleconference – She thanked the Committee for continuing their hard work while it was a difficult year. She congratulated the Committee on an exceptional job with communicating virtually.

Emmanuel Mountakis then asked if any members had any questions. No questions were raised.

Emmanuel Mountakis asked for motions for the approval of the report.

The report was motioned for approval by Sophie Valiontis and seconded by Kosta Grafanakis. There were no objections and the report was approved.

9. REPORT FROM YOUTH COMMITTEE

Alexander Mountakis presented a report on behalf of the Youth Committee.

He expressed that the Youth Committee didn't have as many events as they would have liked due to COVID19. Some of their accomplishments were:

- In October 2020 – They held a Halloween Fundraiser.
- In January 2021 – A Youth bonding night was held.
- In February 2021 – The Youth Committee ran the kitchen for a few weeks.
- In April 2021 – The Youth Committee made lambathes to sell for Easter.
- In June 2021 – The Youth Committee held a successful Taverna Night at the Greek Community Club. Fundraiser.

Emmanuel Mountakis then asked if any members had any questions. No questions were raised.

Emmanuel Mountakis asked for motions for the approval of the report.

The report was motioned for approval by Sophie Valiontis and seconded by Anastasia Janes. There were no objections and the report was approved.

10. REPORT FROM DELPHI BANK

Terry Saviolakis then read out a letter from Antonia Komarkowski (Local Engagement Officer) and Tom Christopoulos (Head of Sales) from Delphi Bank. The letter congratulated the President and Executive Committee of the Cretan Association on the successful events for the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete. They congratulated the members of the Cretan Association on supporting the Annual Toy Drive with hundreds of toys for Westmead Children's hospital.

They also congratulated the active Youth Committee of the Cretan Association on their successful Taverna night. The letter concluded with Delphi Bank encouraging our members to support the "Return of the Parthenon Marbles petition," a Delphi Bank initiative, that can be signed online or in person at any Delphi Bank Branch.

Emmanuel Mountakis then asked if any members had any questions. No questions were raised.

11. MAJOR ITEM: FUTURE OF THE CRETAN ASSOCIATION**11. A) SEARCH FOR A PERMANENT HOME**

The President, Terry Saviolakis expressed, as someone who has grown up in the Cretan Association, that it is a great community and really important that we keep everyone engaged and connected to make sure our Association survives for many years to come. The members should be very proud of what they have achieved over the years and that they have such an active club, when so many other clubs are dwindling.

The only thing we are missing is a more permanent home or clubhouse. The current Cretan House in Marrickville has been regularly used and utilised as a gathering and meeting place since opening two years ago. Each week, the Cretan Association rents Ashbury Senior Citizen's Centre for dance lessons and gatherings. It is the current Executive Committee's view that finding a more permanent home is very important for the Cretan Association's future. There are more freedoms having a usable space that is ours. At Ashbury we cannot leave things in the kitchen, we have to set up each week and now have to leave at a certain time. Finding a permanent home will also unite our youth and members.

Terry Saviolakis asked all members to keep a look out for any buildings or developments that they think would be suitable for the Executive Committee to look into for feasibility.

Terry Saviolakis informed the members that there has been a lot of activity in the Sydenham/Marrickville area with lots of developments and the new Metro station. A developer has given interest in buying 57 Sydenham Road and a restaurant was interested in leasing the ground floor of 57 Sydenham Road due to all of the developments and improvements happening. A restaurant also was interested in leasing the space, but the zoning was an issue.

Terry Saviolakis thought it was very important to note that as the properties were purchased after the introduction of Capital Gains Tax and only cost combined approximately \$1.2 Million, there would be significant tax to pay if they are sold. If they sell for \$4.0 Million, the tax could be as high as \$800,000.

Andrew Parliaros asked what would be an estimate of what would be left if the Association sold its properties to buy something else. Terry Saviolakis outlined that both properties market value is approximately \$4.0 Million, however the Association would be left with \$2.5 Million after paying off the property loans and factoring in capital gains taxes that would arise. Andrew Parliaros suggested that the Association should not wait too long, as property prices and even commercial property prices are factored to go up in value significantly in the next few years.

Emmanuel Mountakis outlined that it is a great long term plan to find a permanent home. He encouraged members to approach the Committee as opportunities arise and each proposal should be considered on its merit. He suggested that in the interim, after Covid, the Committee try utilise the Marrickville Cretan House more for different events.

John Lagoudakis asked if it is worth evicting the Bakery tenant downstairs and use that as a more permanent home, as it is approximately 3.5 times larger than the upstairs. Terry Saviolakis outlined that the Committee had explored this option. It is important to note that the rent is approximately \$35,000 - \$40,000 per year for the Bakery which the Association would lose. The space would also need extensive renovations (over \$100,000) as it is in a very poor condition currently. The Bakery has been struggling with COVID19 so if they decide to leave, the Committee would re-consider this.

Angelo Goutzios suggested it might be an option to apply and pay Inner West Council to get rezoning of the buildings to allow them to be used for something else like a restaurant. This would allow for more opportunities (may even increase the value of the property).

Angelo Goutzios noted that based on current rents, in 5-6 years the buildings should be paid off. At that time, rent would be likely increase to up to \$180,000 a year. It would be smarter to look then at buying something more permanent, because we would have more purchasing power.

Nick Janes suggested that it might be a good opportunity to buy a replacement asset if an investment is not possible.

John Lagoudakis noted that with the taxes, there would not be much left currently to buy something else.

Emmanuel Mountakis suggested that each committee each year should keep exploring different options to make this a reality.

Emmanuel Vitetzakis noted he has found that members do not like to travel too far. Renovating 57 Sydenham Road, Marrickville might be a better option once debts are paid off as it is more central. The Cretan Association would still get approximately \$100,000 in rent from 55 Sydenham Road. Buying something out west would be cheaper but might be too far for members.

Andrew Parliaros asked if members should inform the Committee if opportunities arise. Emmanuel Mountakis answered, yes, that all opportunities or suggestions should be given to the new committee to discuss and explore.

11. B) MEMBER FEEDBACK ON OFFERS PRESENTED TO THE CRETAN ASSOCIATION

Offer 1: Restaurant

Terry Saviolakis explained that the Committee had seriously considered the offer for a Greek Restaurant to lease the bottom floor of 57 Sydenham Road. This offer would mean that the space is fully renovated (at no cost to the Association) and there would be a certain number of events or dinners factored into the rent free of charge where the Association could make a significant amount of money. Even if the Restaurant vacated in the future, the space would be renovated and more suitable for us to use. Unfortunately, Council zoning did not allow a full licensed restaurant in the area but the Committee will keep reviewing for changes.

As the zoning did not allow this opportunity, there were no questions from members.

Offer 2: Sale of 57 Sydenham Road

Terry Saviolakis then informed the members present that "Addenbrooke Developers" had submitted an offer of \$1.2 Million to purchase 57 Sydenham Road, Marrickville. The Committee had refused this offer, subject to member feedback at the Annual General Meeting, as it was obviously well below the Market Value (\$1.8 Million) of the property.

Terry Saviolakis explained that this was obviously not an option, but that the Committee wanted to inform the members at the Annual General Meeting, so they can see that there is potential with the buildings and certainly something in the pipe-line going on in the area that people are looking to take advantage of.

Emmanuel Mountakis then asked for a vote to be conducted for or against the offer. All members voted against the offer.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Emmanuel Mountakis asked if there were any general business to be addressed.

12. A) REPORT FROM THE FEDERATION

Maria Lagoudakis read an address by Mr Tony Tsourdalakis, President of the Cretan Federation of Australia and New Zealand. Tony congratulated the Cretan Association of Sydney & New South Wales on a successful year.

12. B) CRETE EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Dimitrios Fokas asked how could members donate to the Cretan Earthquake appeal. Eleni Venizelou, the Treasurer would assist him.

Kosta Grafanakis suggested that the Cretan Association of Sydney open up an account for our members to donate to the Cretan Earthquake appeal directly rather than via the Federation. Terry Saviolakis explained that the Committee had already contributed \$2,000 to the Cretan Federation's Earthquake appeal. All the different Cretan associations in Australia and New Zealand were contributing to this fund to make a bigger impact all together. The Cretan Federation has contacted the proper authorities to make sure that the funds go to people in need through the appropriate channels.

12. C) HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP: ALF CARPENTER

Terry Saviolakis explained that the Committee is proposing to honour Alf Carpenter with an honorary life membership of the Cretan Association. Alf Carpenter is an 104 year old Veteran from the Battle of Crete and the last Veteran from NSW to have fought in Crete. He suggested that it would be special if the Association honours him by going to his Nursing home in Newcastle and awarding him with an honorary life membership.

It was noted that an honorary life membership is the highest honour of the Cretan Association and needs to be agreed by the members at a General Meeting.

Nectaria Frayne moved this motion to award Alf Carpenter with an honorary life membership and it was seconded by Dimi Bourel.

Emmanuel Mountakis then asked for a vote to be conducted and all members were in favour.

12. D) OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Eleni Venizelou noted that the Association has had two years interruption due to COVID19 and no one is sure how long it will go on for. She asked would there be any opposition by members to have an online voting system for elections in case things could not be held physically in the future. Kosta Grafanakis advised that this would have to be presented properly to members at the next Annual General Meeting with notice so the members could consider this change.

Eleni Venizelou expressed concern that it gets harder each and every year to get new people to join the Committee. It is a significant amount of work and some Committee members want to take a break but it is a big struggle to get people to join the Committee. Paul Katakis noted that the Cretan Association has lost a lot of people who left because of various issues in the past. Eleni Venizelou made a suggestion to allow a capped amount of non-Cretans to be in the Committee to help fix this major issue. A debate started regarding this and it was agreed that this was a constitutional matter and that any changes would have to be properly notified before the next Annual General Meeting to be discussed.

Terry Saviolakis noted that elections have not been held for the last few years because there are not enough candidates to hold an election. He reiterated that the Cretan Association needs help and encouraged older members to get their children and grandchildren to join the Committee.

Ari Paraskakis asked if the Association has plans to hold combined events with other Committees. They have been held in the past and were well attended. Terry Saviolakis responded that the Committee was aiming to hold an event together with the two Pontian Clubs of Sydney but this was post-poned due to COVID. Ari Paraskakis also noted that there is a combined youth event being held in May next year which our Youth Committee initiated helped organise. There are about 15 other Youth Committees part of this, including the University Greek Associations. It will be held as part of the Greek Festival and the Greek Orthodox Community is offering a grant/sponsorship for the event to occur.

Terry Saviolakis mentioned that the Cretan Association is once again collecting toys together with Delphi Bank for the Westmead Children Toy Drive. Toys can be given at the Cretan Association's Christmas Party to be donated to the Westmead Children's Hospital.

Emmanuel Mountakis asked what time is right to open up the Marrickville Cretan House and let people attend during the week to meet up. The Committee responded that due to the Roof Replacement works and COVID19 it was not possible before this. But it is definitely something that the Committee will consider once the restrictions ease and get a sense of normalcy.

13. ELECTION OF THE VOTING COMMITTEE

As there was no more general business to discuss, Emmanuel Mountakis asked for nominations for the Voting Committee who will oversee the election of the next Committee and Audit Committee.

Terry Saviolakis nominated Nick Janes
Kosta Grafanakis seconded
Nick Janes accepted

Eleni Venizelou nominated Sophie Valiontis
Nectaria Frayne seconded
Sophie Valiontis accepted

Kosta Grafanakis nominated Andrew Parliaros
Terry Saviolakis seconded
Andrew Parliaros declined

Dimi Bourel nominated John Lagoudakis
Emmanuel Mountakis seconded
John Lagoudakis accepted

Terry Saviolakis nominated Emmanuel Mountakis
Aris Paraskakis seconded
Emmanuel Mountakis accepted

Dimi Bourel nominated Kosta Grafanakis
Terry Saviolakis seconded
Kosta Grafanakis accepted

Andrew Parliaros nominated Angelo Goutzios
Terry Saviolakis seconded
Angelo Goutzios declined

The Voting Committee was therefore declared as follows:

Nick Janes

Sophie Valiontis

John Lagoudakis

Kosta Grafanakis

Emmanuel Mountakis

Nick Janes asked what occurs if there were not enough nominations for the Committee. It was clarified that if there are less than 11 Candidates then the previous Committee stays on. If there are 11 Candidates, then they will automatically be declared the new Committee. If there are more than 11 Candidates, then there will be elections to determine which 11 candidates will form the new Committee.

The elections are planned for Sunday 17th December at the Cretan House from 10:30am – 2:30pm. Given the COVID19 situation, it was agreed to inform members if there will not be elections so people don't come for no reason.

Emmanuel Mountakis thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.48pm.

Signed for accuracy

Terry Saviolakis
(President of Outgoing Executive Committee)

Emmanuel Mountakis
(Chairperson of AGM)

Maria Lagoudakis
(Secretary of Outgoing Executive Committee)