

ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD ORDINANCE 1962.

No. 31 of 1962.

An Ordinance to make provision for the Establishment
of a Hospital Advisory Board for Alice Springs
and for other purposes.

[Reserved 26th June, 1962.]

[Assented to 9th August, 1962.]*

BE it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1961*, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Alice Springs Hospital Advisory Board Ordinance 1962*.

**Commence-
ment.**

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.†

Definitions.

3. In this Ordinance, unless the contrary intention appears—

“member” means a member of the Board;

“the Board” means the Alice Springs Hospital Advisory Board constituted under this Ordinance;

“the Director of Health” means the person for the time being holding, or performing the duties of, the office of Commonwealth Director of Health for the Northern Territory;

“the Medical Superintendent” means the person for the time being holding, or performing the duties of, the office of Medical Superintendent of the Alice Springs Hospital;

“the Minister” means the Minister of State for Health;

“the Hospital” means the hospital at Alice Springs.

**Constitution
of the Board.**

4.—(1.) For the purposes of this Ordinance there shall be a Board, to be known as the Alice Springs Hospital Advisory Board, which shall consist of—

(a) the Director of Health;

(b) a member of the Legislative Council;

(c) two members, each of whom is a member of the Alice Springs Town Management Board; and

Assent notified in the *Government Gazette* of the Northern Territory on 22nd August, 1962 (see *Gazette* No. 39, 1962, p. 150).

† The date fixed was 25th January, 1963 (see *Government Gazette* No. 4A of 25th January, 1963, p. 18A).

(d) three other members, one of whom shall be a medical practitioner registered under the *Medical Practitioners Registration Ordinance 1935-1961* and residing in Alice Springs.

(2.) The members of the Board specified in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of the last preceding sub-section shall be appointed by the Administrator in Council.

(3.) A member of the Legislative Council shall not be appointed to be a member of the Board unless he is a member of that Council elected for the Electoral District of Alice Springs or Stuart or a nominated non-official member residing in Alice Springs.

(4.) Where a member of the Board who is appointed by virtue of his membership of the Legislative Council, or the Alice Springs Town Management Board, ceases to be a member of that Council or Town Management Board he ceases to be a member of the Board.

(5.) Subject to sections seven and eight of this Ordinance a member of the Board, not being the Director of Health or a member appointed by virtue of his membership of the Legislative Council or the Alice Springs Town Management Board, holds office for three years.

5.—(1.) The first appointment of members of the Board shall be made within twenty-eight days from the commencement of this Ordinance and the Administrator shall, by notice in writing to each member of the Board, appoint a time and place for the first meeting of the Board.

Appointment
of members.

(2.) The time so appointed shall be within fourteen days from the date of the appointment of the member last appointed to the Board.

(3.) At the first meeting, the Board shall elect—

(a) a Chairman, who shall hold office until the Board elects a new Chairman; and

(b) a Deputy Chairman, who shall hold office until the Board elects a new Deputy Chairman.

(4.) The Chairman of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he is present.

(5.) In the event of the illness or absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman shall have and may exercise all the powers and functions of the Chairman.

(6.) In the event of the absence of the Chairman of the Board and Deputy Chairman of the Board from a meeting of the Board, the members present shall appoint one of their number to preside at that meeting.

(7.) At meetings of the Board, six members shall form a quorum, and the Chairman, Deputy Chairman or person acting as Chairman at any particular meeting, has a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, also has a casting vote.

(8.) The absence of any member from a meeting of the Board shall be reported by the Chairman to the Administrator.

(9.) Every member present at any meeting of the Board shall vote on all questions put to the meeting; but if all the members are not present at the meeting, any two members may request that the question be deferred for determination by a full meeting of the Board and the question shall then be deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

(10.) Where any question has been so deferred, a notification of the fact shall be sent to each member, and every member who has received the notification shall attend the next meeting or submit to the Board a reasonable explanation of his failure to attend.

(11.) Minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board shall be kept by the Secretary to the Board, and copies of minutes relating to each meeting shall be transmitted by the Chairman to the Administrator as soon as practicable after the meeting is held.

Meetings.

6.—(1.) The first meeting of the Board shall be held at the time and place appointed by the Administrator in accordance with the last preceding section.

(2.) Subject to the last preceding section and section twelve of this Ordinance—

(a) the Chairman shall appoint a place and time for each meeting of the Board, but so that the time appointed is within three months of the date of the meeting last held before the time appointed; and

(b) meetings of the Board shall be held at the places and times so appointed.

(3.) If three members of the Board by notice in writing to the Chairman require the Chairman to appoint a place and time for a meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall appoint a place and time for a meeting so that the meeting may be held within seven days of the day on which he receives the notice.

7. The Administrator may, on the recommendation of the Board, dispense with the services of any member for misbehaviour or for neglect or failure to carry out any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

8. A member shall be deemed to have vacated his office—
- (a) if his services are dispensed with in pursuance of the last preceding section;
 - (b) if he becomes bankrupt or takes advantage of any provision of any Act relating to bankruptcy;
 - (c) if he becomes of unsound mind;
 - (d) if he resigns his office by writing addressed to the Administrator and the resignation is accepted by the Administrator;
 - (e) if he absents himself (except on leave granted by the Board) from two consecutive meetings of the Board; or
 - (f) if he ceases to be qualified as a member pursuant to section four of this Ordinance.

Vacation of office as member of the Board.

9.—(1.) The Board may, subject to the directions of the Administrator and with his concurrence, appoint a Secretary to the Board and such clerical and other officers as are necessary for the efficient operation of the Board.

Appointment of Secretary to the Board.

(2.) Subject to any Act, providing for the determination of terms and conditions of employment, which is applicable, a person appointed under this section shall be engaged for such period as the Board, subject to the directions of the Administrator and with his concurrence, determines, and his employment shall be at such salary, wages or rate of pay, and upon such terms and conditions, as the Board, subject to the directions of the Administrator and with his concurrence, determines.

10.—(1.) The Board shall—

- (a) discuss and consider such matters as it thinks fit concerning the administration of the Hospital; and
- (b) after discussing and considering such matters, make such recommendations as it thinks fit to the Director of Health.

General powers and duties of the Board.

(2.) The Board may confer with such registered medical practitioners as it thinks fit on matters of interest to the Hospital.

(3.) The Board may confer with such other persons as it thinks fit on matters of interest to the Hospital and may, at a meeting of the Board, hear or receive correspondence from a person, not being a person employed in the Department of Health, making a complaint or criticism in relation to the administration of the Hospital.

(4.) The Board may, on giving reasonable notice to the Medical Superintendent, visit and inspect the Hospital at any time between eight o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the afternoon, exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays.

(5.) The powers conferred on the Board by this Ordinance shall not be affected by reason only of there being a vacancy in the membership of the Board.

Reports.

11.—(1.) The Board shall, in each year—

(a) in the month of February, furnish to the Minister—

(i) a report as to the condition of the buildings, furniture, fittings, equipment and installations of the Hospital; and

(ii) a statement setting out proposals for such additions and alterations as, in the opinion of the Board, ought to be made to such buildings, furniture, fittings, equipment and installations during the year commencing on the next succeeding first day of July; and

(b) in the month of July, furnish to the Medical Superintendent and to the Administrator for transmission to the Minister the comments of the Board on the administration of the Hospital during the year ended on the last preceding thirtieth day of June.

Minister may
call special
meeting of the
Board.

12. The Minister or Administrator, or any person authorized by either of them in writing to do so, may at any time call a special meeting of the Board, or require the Chairman or the Secretary to the Board to call such a meeting, and it shall be the duty of the Chairman or the Secretary, as the case may be, to call a meeting accordingly.

Minister may
attend any
meeting of the
Board.

13.—(1.) The Minister or Administrator, or a person authorized by either of them in writing to do so, shall be entitled to be present at any meeting of the Board and to speak at such a meeting but shall not take any other part in the proceedings of the meeting.

(2.) The Medical Superintendent may by leave of the Chairman be present at a meeting of the Board and speak at that meeting but shall not take any other part in the proceedings of the meeting.

14. The Administrator in Council may make regulations, **Regulations.** not inconsistent with this Ordinance, prescribing all matters which by this Ordinance are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Ordinance.
