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# GEORGII V REGIS.

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# No. 1349.

An Act to vest certain land now vested in the Port Pirie Young Men's Association in the Young Men's Christian Association of Port Pirie, to incorporate such last-mentioned Association, and for other purposes.

[Assented to, December 5th, 1918.]

E it Enacted by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

- 1. This Act may be cited as the "Young Men's Christian Short title. Association of Port Pirie Act, 1918."
- 2. The Port Pirie Young Men's Association Act, 1910, is hereby Repeal of Act 1026 of 1910. repealed.
- 3. The constitution and by-laws of the Young Men's Christian Constitution and Association of Port Pirie, whereby the said Association is to be governed, controlled, and conducted, are set forth in the First Schedule hereto.

4. The said Association is hereby constituted a body corporate, Incorporation of with perpetual succession and a common seal, under the name of the "Young Men's Christian Association of Port Pirie," and by that name may sue and be sued, defend and be defended, in all Courts and before all tribunals, and may purchase, take on lease, sell, lease, mortgage, exchange, and otherwise own, possess, and deal with any real and personal property, and also procure, receive, and take, acquire, lease, and possess, all gifts, benefactions, goods, chattels, and personal property whatsoever. 5. Sections

Cf. 1026, 1910, s. 3.

Certain sections of the Associations Incorporation Act to apply. Cf. ibid., s. 4.

Lands vested in Association. 5. Sections 6, 12, and 13 of the Associations Incorporation Act, 1890, shall apply to and in respect of the said Association as if it were an association incorporated under the said Act.

6. All that piece of land containing about two acres delineated in the plan in the Second Schedule hereto and therein hatched and marked "A", which said piece of land was by this Act hereby repealed vested in the Port Pirie Young Men's Association, is hereby vested in the Young Men's Christian Association of Port Pirie.

Power of Government to resume.

Cf. ibid., s. 6.

- 7. (1) If at any time the objects for which the Young Men's Christian Association of Port Pirie is formed are not being carried out, the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the State may give notice in writing to the said Association ordering it to carry out the said objects.
- (2) Unless before the expiration of three months from the giving of such notice the said Commissioner is satisfied that the said objects are being carried out by the said Association, the Governor may, notwithstanding anything in the constitution and by-laws of the said Association or in this Act to the contrary, resume the land hereby vested in the said Association, subject, however, to any existing mortgage over the said land, and may, subject to the rights of any person under any such mortgage, enter upon the said land, and the same, together with all erections and buildings thereon, have again, repossess, and enjoy, as if the said land had never been vested in the said Association.
- (3) Upon such resumption any certificate of title or other muniment of title to the said land shall be cancelled by the Registrar-General of Deeds.

Power to mortgage. Cf. ibid., s. 7.

8. The said Association is hereby authorised and empowered to grant mortgages over the land hereby vested in it: Provided that the total amount of principal moneys secured by such mortgages shall not at any time exceed the sum of Three Thousand Pounds.

9. The lands and buildings belonging to and used and occupied

Property belonging to and occupied by Association to be exempt from local taxation. Cf. 1bid., s. 8.

exempt.

by the Young Men's Christian Association of Port Pirie shall be exempt from all corporation rates and assessments therefor; but so nevertheless that any land or building, or part of any land or building, belonging to the said Association which are at any time let and not in the occupation of the said Association shall, whilst so let and not in the occupation of the said Association, not be so

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

H. L. GALWAY, Governor.

#### SCHEDULES.

### THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

Section 3.

# YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF PORT PIRIE. CONSTITUTION.

#### ARTICLE I.

#### Name and Object.

1. The name of the Association shall be the "Young Men's Christian Association of Port Pirie.'

2. The object of the Association is to develop the Christian character and usefulness of its members, and to improve the spiritual, mental, social, and physical

condition of men and boys.

3. In accomplishing this object the Association may establish and provide for the conduct and maintenance of Young Men's Christian Association work in one or more parts of the area, and either generally or for particular groups of men and boys. It may hold and may sell or dispose of or deal with such property, real or personal, as may be purchased or acquired by the Association, by exchange or otherwise, or given, devised, or bequeathed to the Association. Property entrusted to its care and keeping shall be held and dealt with according to the terms of such trust.

#### ARTICLE II.

#### Membership.

1. Any man of good moral character may become a member upon payment of the annual fee.

2. Any man of 18 years of age or over, duly proposed and seconded, may be an active member, provided-

(a) that he signs the declaration of the Association known as the \*Paris Basis; or

(b) that he is a member in good standing in an †Evangelical Church.

Only active members shall have the right to vote or hold the office of Director.

3. Boys between the ages of twelve (12) and eighteen (18) may be admitted to membership on such conditions and with such privileges as the Board of Directors may determine.

4. Any member of the Association may propose an applicant for membership, such proposition to be made in writing to the Membership Committee. Any applicant reported favorably may be elected at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

5. The annual fees may be determined by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting, sixty days' notice having been given of any contemplated change. The

fees are payable at the office of the Association.

## ARTICLE III.

# Board of Directors.

1. The management of the Association shall be vested in a Board of fifteen Directors, twelve of whom shall be elected by the active members of the Association, and three of whom shall be chosen by the State or National Committee of the

Young Men's Christian Association annually.

2. There shall be an election of Directors by ballot in April of each year, when there shall be chosen Directors to fill vacancies occurring annually in said Board as hereinafter provided, who shall enter upon office immediately upon election, and continue for three years, or until their successors shall have entered upon the discharge of their duties; except that at the first election after the adoption of this Constitution there shall be chosen twelve Directors, four of whom shall hold office for three years, four for two years, and four for one year. The division shall be made by the Board at its first meeting.

3. Not more than one-third of the Directors thus elected may be members of the same religious denomination. Should an election result in the choice of a greater 4. The

number, the Board shall decide who is to remain.

4. The Board of Directors shall hold its first meeting within the two weeks immediately following an annual election, when there shall be chosen, by ballot, from its own number, a President, a Vice-President, an Honorary Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be the officers of the Association and of the Board, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors shall have been elected.

5. The Board of Directors shall have power to appoint a General Secretary and

other employed officers, as may be considered advisable by the Board.

6. The Board of Directors shall have power to fill all vacancies occuring from any cause in any of the offices, including that of Director, until the next annual meeting thereafter.

7. The Board of Directors shall have and exercise all the powers necessary to control the work and policy of the Association in all its details. No contract, debt, or obligation shall be binding unless contracted under authority of the Board.

8. The Board of Directors shall have power to make such by-laws for the furtherance of the objects of the Association and the conduct of its operations as may from time to time be deemed desirable, and may alter or repeal the same: Provided that no such by-law shall be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### Duties of the Officers.

1. The President shall preside at all business meetings of the Association and of the Board (except committee meetings, which shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Committee), and shall present in writing at the annual meeting of the Association a full report of the year's work. He shall be ex officio a member of all committees.

2. In the absence or inability of the President, his several duties shall devolve

upon the Vice-President.

3. The Honorary Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Board; he shall also notify all officers of their election and all committees of their appointment; in the absence of a General Secretary he shall be the Acting General Secretary.

4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys of the Association, and disburse the same under the order of the Board of Directors, shall keep a full account of all moneys received and paid out, and shall report the same to the Board at its monthly meetings and to the Association at the annual meetings, and at other times when

required.

5. The General Secretary shall have general oversight, under the Board of Directors, of all the work of the Association; he shall labor to enlist the members in active Christian work, and discharge such other duties as the Board may require, and shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees.

6. The Board of Directors shall hold meetings at least once every month, and

five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE V.

#### Standing Committees.

- 1. Provision shall be made for the following Standing Committees, of such a number as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine:—
  - 1. Executive

- 6. Boys Department
- 2. Finance
- 7. Membership
- 3. Religious Work Department 8.
- 8. Visiting
- 4. Educational Department
- 9. Nominating
- 5. Social Department
- 10. Physical Work Department
- 2. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the administration of the affairs of the Association in the intervals between Board meetings, and shall consider and mature plans for the general work of the Association, conferring with other committees when necessary. This Committee shall also be responsible for the care of the Association building.
- 3. The Finance Committee, which shall also be the Executive Committee, shall devise means for obtaining the necessary funds for current expenses, and plan for the securing of these funds by the Board of Directors. The Committee shall also prepare and submit to the Board at its first meeting after an annual election a written

estimate

estimate of the receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year, with an itemised list of the appropriations which, upon approval by the Board, shall be the working schedule of expenses. No obligations beyond the amount thus appropriated shall be incurred by any officer or committee unless authorised by the Board of Directors.

4. The Religious Work Committee shall arrange and have charge of all the religious work of the Association, shall devise means to enlist therein the talents of members, and also seek to promote the attendance of young men upon church services.

5. The Educational Work Committee shall devise means for the intellectual improvement of the members by supervising and promoting such agencies as the library, reading room, educational lectures, and practical talks, educational clubs and class work. In co-operation with the Educational Director it shall plan, unify, and conduct the work of the department.

6. The Physical Department Committee shall have the care and oversight of the Physical Department, and, in consultation with the Physical Director, shall

plan its work for men and boys.

7. The Social Work Department Committee shall provide entertainments and other means to promote social intercourse among the members, and to secure the

social elevation of young men.

- 8. The Membership Committee shall devise means for maintaining and building up the membership of the Association. This Committee shall also receive all propositions for membership coming to it, as provided in section 4 of Article II., and after such inquiry as may be necessary concerning the character of each person proposed, shall report in writing at a monthly meeting of the Board those recommended for election.
- 9. The Boys Department Committee shall have the oversight of the organisation and work of this department.
- 10. It shall be the province of the Women's Committee to aid in making the rooms attractive, to assist in the social work and entertainments, and to interest the women of the various churches in the work of the Association.
- 11. The Auditors, appointed by the Board of Directors, shall audit the books and accounts of the Treasurer and of all other persons and committees handling funds.
- 12. The members of the Visiting Committee shall officially represent the Board at the social and religious meetings of the Association. They shall acquaint themselves with the religious condition of the Association and the working of each of the committees, and shall report their observation to the Board in writing. This committee shall be composed of members of the Board, and shall be so constituted as to include during each year all the members of the Board in rotation, except the President, each of whom shall be required to serve for one month in each year. A schedule of the appointments for the year shall be furnished to each Director by the Honorary Secretary.

13. Written reports shall be made by the standing committees at the monthly

meetings of the Board of Directors.

- 14. At the regular meeting of the Board next preceding an annual election, the President shall appoint, subject to its approval, five members of the Board, not more than two of whom shall be from any one denomination, to nominate members for election to the Board of Directors. Any active member of the Association may present in writing, over his own signature, to the Nominating Committee, within a week after its appointment, the name of any active member for nomination, and no person shall be eligible for election as a Director unless his name shall thus have been submitted or nominated by the said Nominating Committee.
- 15. Each Committee shall keep a record of its meetings and work, and deposit the same with the General Secretary.
  - 16. The Board of Directors may at any time remove a member of any committee.

#### ARTICLE VI.

#### Discipline.

1. For neglect of duty by any officer without reasonable excuse, or for lapse of membership, the Board of Directors may declare his office vacant. Notice and opportunity shall be given for defence.

2. The Board of Directors shall have the power to investigate any charges of disorder or insubordination in the rooms or meetings, as well as any case of immorality or impropriety on the part of any member or persons visiting the rooms or taking part in the meetings of the Association.

3. Such charges shall be made in writing, and the Board of Directors, after due investigation, shall have power to expel such offenders, or to forbid them access to the rooms or meetings, if guilty, or take such other actions as may be deemed

expedient. Notice and opportunity shall be given for defence.

#### ARTICLE VII.

#### Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held in April.

2. Special meetings may be called by the President, or he shall call the same when requested in writing by ten active members.

3. Ten active members shall constitute a quorum for any annual or special

meeting.

4. Denominational controversy shall not be permitted at any of the meetings in connection with the Association.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

#### Amendments.

Amendments to the Constitution can only be adopted by a two-thirds vote of all the active members present at a special meeting of the Association, such amendments having been proposed at a previous regular meeting; they must also be approved by the formal action of the Board of Directors. Articles I., II., and VIII. are not subject to amendment.

#### \*THE PARIS BASIS.

The Young Men's Christian Associations seek to unite those young men who, regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour, according to the Holy Scriptures, desire to be His disciples in their doctrine and in their life, and to associate their efforts for the extension of His kingdom among young men.

#### †THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH BASIS.

When this is used as a test for active membership, the applicant will refer to the Minister of his Church for approval.

# The Second Schedule YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF PORT PIRIE ACT, 1918

