

# NEW THEATRE CONSTITUTION

## CONSTITUTION.

The name of the organisation shall be New Theatre.

The Theatre shall consist of all persons agreeing to the objects and principles of the Theatre, once admitted to membership in accordance with the rules.

### Objects and Principles.

The objects of the New Theatre are:—

1. To express through drama, based on the Australian tradition of freedom and democracy, the progressive aspirations of the Australian people.

2. To cultivate a theatre free from commercialism, capable of developing a native drama, and of educating all sections of the people to appreciate a high standard of contemporary and classical drama.

3. To secure the widest possible co-operation with all associations aiming at social justice.

### Life Membership.

£10. A reserved seat for every New Theatre play season, and for every experimental production for life. Full membership rights as set out in next clause.

### Membership.

£1/1/- per year, or 2/- per month.

Classes available, for small fee, on various aspects of theatre work.

Training in experimental productions.

Special concessions to social functions held under the auspices of New Theatre.

Two reserved seats to each production for the reduced rate of 12/6 annually.

Any member three months in arrears with subscription will be considered unfinancial, and only financial members may vote at General Meetings.

The Management Committee shall have power, upon application, to remit contributions of members unable to pay through unemployment, sickness, or any other sufficient reason.

If any member is unfinancial and inactive for twelve months, membership shall automatically cease.

#### Associate Membership.

16/- per year.

Two reserved seats for every New Theatre production, and for every experimental production. Special concessions to social functions.

#### Management Committee.

The Management Committee shall govern the Theatre according to the rules and subject to the direction and control of the General Meeting.

The Management Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and seven other members, to be elected annually at the General Meeting held in June.

Management Committee shall be invested with full power of control and management between Monthly General Meetings.

Any member absent from three consecutive meetings without sufficient excuse shall forfeit his or her seat on the Committee.

The vacancy shall be filled by the Management Committee, and election ratified at the following General Meeting.

Management Committee shall have the right to set up sub-committees to deal with Publicity, Work-shop, Social Activities, etc.

Any seven members shall form a quorum.

#### Production Committee.

Production Committee shall consist of seven members, to be elected annually at General Meeting, held in June. Committee shall have the right to elect its own organiser.

Plays to be selected by Production Committee, endorsed for an experimental reading by the Management Committee, and finally ratified by the general membership at the conclusion of the reading.

#### General Meeting.

The General Meeting of Members shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, and shall be open to all financial members of the Theatre.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in June. The General Meeting shall be the highest authority of the Theatre. A simple majority of any General Meeting shall be sufficient to determine any matter. A quorum at any General or Special Meeting shall be 20.

### Special Meeting.

Special General Meetings shall have the power to:—

1. Recall any or all officials of the Theatre.
2. Alter or amend the rules of the Theatre.
3. Or any other purpose.

Such meetings shall be convened by the Management Committee or by requisition signed by at least 40 financial members of the Theatre. Special Meetings shall deal solely with the business for which they were called, and such business shall be stated on the requisition, or by the Management Committee, and all members shall be notified of same. The Management Committee shall be responsible for convening these meetings, and such meetings shall be called within 14 days of notice being received by Secretary.

### Accounts.

All money transactions shall be conducted through the Bank Account.

Cheques shall be signed by any two of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Deposits shall be endorsed by any of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

All financial records shall be audited by an Auditor, who shall be elected by General Meeting.