

ANNEXURE A

Special Resolution

The Clubs constitution has not been reviewed nor updated since its inception in 1991. The changes proposed are designed to address current legal requirements, contemporary practices and technology and governance policy that the committee considers to be in the best interests of the Club.



1. Revoke the Clubs current constitution in its entirety
2. Adopt the Queensland Department of Fair Trading draft model rules/constitution (as set out in Annexure B) in its entirety with the following variations which the committee feels better serves the needs of the Gold Coast Tweed Bonsai Club.

Clause	Model Rule	Proposed Rule	Explanation
3 Objects	The objects of the association are— <i>[the objects should be stated fully]</i>	<p>1. To promote, encourage, and advance the art and practice of bonsai, including the cultivation, styling, and appreciation of potted trees and related art forms.</p> <p>2. To organise, conduct, and support bonsai exhibitions, displays, and showings for both private and public enjoyment, whether solely by members or in conjunction with other organisations.</p> <p>3. To provide educational opportunities through lectures, workshops, demonstrations, field trips, and classes for members and the public, aimed at developing knowledge, skills, and appreciation of bonsai.</p> <p>4. To establish and maintain a forum for the exchange of</p>	These are the objects of our organisation

	<p>ideas, techniques, and information relating to bonsai and its associated disciplines.</p> <p>5. To encourage participation in bonsai-related events, including but not limited to exhibitions, workshops, and public displays, fostering awareness and engagement with the art form in the wider community.</p> <p>6. To promote fellowship, inclusivity, and mutual support among members through the provision of social activities, amenities, and opportunities for shared learning and interaction.</p> <p>7. To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects</p>	
4 Powers		
4 (3)	<p>The association may take over the funds and other assets and liabilities of the present unincorporated association known as the (the <i>unincorporated association</i>).</p>	<p>The association may take over the funds and other assets and liabilities of the present unincorporated association known as the “Gold Coast Tweed Bonsai Club”</p> <p>This details the clubs name</p>

<p>5 Classes of members</p>			
5 (1)	<p>The membership of the association consists of ordinary members, and any of the following classes of members— <i>[the names of the classes (if any) should be stated fully]</i></p>	<p>The membership of the association consists of the following classes of members—</p> <p>(a) Ordinary (b) Life members (c) Honorary members</p>	<p>The Committee considers that these three categories of membership are necessary</p>
<p>8 Membership Fees</p>			
8 (1)	<p>(1) The membership fee for each ordinary membership and for each other class of membership (if any)—</p> <p>(a) is the amount decided by the members from time to time at a general meeting; and</p> <p>(b) is payable when, and in the way, the management committee decides.</p>	<p>(1) The membership fee for each ordinary membership and for each other class of membership (if any)—</p> <p>(a) is the amount decided by the membership committee from time to time at a committee meeting; and</p> <p>(b) is payable when, and in the way, the management committee decides.</p>	<p>The Committee considers that the fees for membership should be decided by the Committee rather than the general membership</p>

Funds and Accounts			
45 (5)	<p>If a payment of \$100 or more is made by cheque, the cheque must be signed by any 2 of the following—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the president; (b) the secretary; (c) the treasurer; (d) any 1 of 3 other members of the association who have been authorised by the management committee to sign cheques issued by the association. 	<p>If a payment of \$100 or more is made by cheque or electronic funds transfer, the cheque or electronic funds transfer must be signed by any 2 of the following—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the president; (b) the treasurer; or (c) any committee member of the association who has been authorised by the management committee to sign cheques or electronic funds transfer issued by the association. 	<p>The Committee considers that it is necessary for electronic funds transfers above \$100 to be signed by two authorized signatories</p>

48 Financial Year			
48	The end date of the association's financial year is [insert date] in each year	The end date of the association's financial year is 31 st December in each year	This is consistent with our previous constitution
52 Acceptance of Rules and By Laws			
New rule	This rule is not in the draft rules	All members on admission to the club shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the Constitution, rules and By-laws of the club for the time being in force.	While the draft rules do not have a similar rule it is implied but for the sake of transparency the Committee considers it appropriate to specify this rule.