

**AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF THE HUMANITIES
SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER**

Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Australia and Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

PREAMBLE

A. WHEREAS on 25 June 1969, by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal in that behalf and of all other powers enabling Us so to do, of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have willed, granted, directed, appointed and declared and did thereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors will, grant, direct, appoint and declare a Charter of Incorporation (hereinafter referred to as the “original charter” to the Australian Humanities Research Council reconstituting it as the “The Australian Academy of the Humanities for the Advancement of Scholarship in Language, Literature, History, Philosophy and the Fine Arts” (hereinafter referred to as “the Academy”) so as to assist in the attainment of high standards in scholarship in the Humanities in Australia and help Australian humanists to take their full part in international activities in the field of the Humanities, thereby serving the best interests of the community.

B. WHEREAS on 8 December 1987 We assigned to Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia (“the Governor-General”) all Our powers and functions in respect of the issuing of letters patent:

- (a) granting a supplemental charter to anyone in the Commonwealth of Australia to whom a charter of incorporation has been granted by Us or Our predecessors; or
- (b) revoking, amending, or adding to, any charter of incorporation or supplemental charter granted to anyone in the Commonwealth of Australia by Us or Our predecessors;

and authorised the Governor-General to exercise any of those powers and functions in Our name and on Our behalf.

C. WHEREAS the Academy has petitioned the Governor-General to grant it a supplemental charter so that the Academy may more effectively carry out its purpose.

By these letters patent issued in Our name and on Our behalf by Our Governor-General We grant and declare with effect from 26 October 2015 as follows:

1. Except that the Academy continues to be one body corporate and politic, the original charter is revoked and replaced with this charter. The revocation of the original charter does not affect the validity of anything done under that charter.

2. The Academy shall continue to have perpetual succession and a Common Seal with power to break, alter and make anew the said Seal from time to time at their will and pleasure and by the same name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts and in all manner of actions and suits and shall have the power to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a Body Corporate including power to take and hold personal property and power to purchase or take on lease and hold lands, tenements or hereditaments or any interest in any lands, tenements or hereditaments whatsoever for the purposes of the Academy and power to sell, let on lease, alienate or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof.
3. The income and property of the Academy shall be applied solely towards the advancement of the objects of the Academy as hereinafter set out. The Academy shall not carry on any trade or business or engage in any transaction with a view to the pecuniary gain or profit of the members.
4. Except as hereinafter provided, no member shall have any personal claim on any property of the Academy and no part of the income or property of the Academy shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise by way of profit to any individual member of the Academy. Nothing herein contained shall prevent —
 - (a) the payment of remuneration to any officer or servant of the Academy or any member of the Academy or any other person in return for services rendered to the Academy or for goods supplied in the ordinary course of business; or
 - (b) the payment by the Council of the Academy of the expenses incurred by any member of the Academy in attending meetings, including meetings of the Council of the Academy, or otherwise undertaking any business of the Academy at the request of, or with the approval of, the Council of the Academy.
5. The objects and purposes for which the Academy is hereby constituted are the advancement of scholarship and of interest in and understanding of the Humanities, that is to say, in Language, Literature, History, Philosophy and the Fine Arts, and for that purpose:
 - (a) To advance knowledge of the Humanities.
 - (b) To encourage and support scholarship in the Humanities, to promote studies therein and to assist the publication of any such studies.
 - (c) To establish and maintain relations with international bodies concerned with the Humanities.
 - (d) To correlate and assist in correlating the efforts of other bodies in the Humanities.
 - (e) To arrange or assist in arranging meetings of humanists in Australia, to encourage and assist the visits of humanists from other countries to Australia, to assist Australian humanists in scholarly pursuits in Australia or elsewhere, and to assist in exchanges of scholars between Our Commonwealth of Australia and other countries.
 - (f) To administer or assist in administering funds for the purposes of research in the Humanities.

- (g) To assist and promote the development of libraries and research facilities in Australia in the field of the Humanities.
 - (h) To act as a consultant and an advisory body in matters concerning the Humanities.
6. Unless and until the By-laws of the Academy otherwise provide, there shall be two classes of members of the Academy, termed Fellows and Honorary Fellows, respectively. The Fellows of the Academy shall consist of —
- (a) the persons who were Members of the Australian Humanities Research Council immediately before the date of the original charter; and
 - (b) all persons, being persons of the highest distinction in scholarship in the Humanities, who become Fellows after that date in accordance with the By-laws of the Academy.

The Honorary Fellows of the Academy shall consist of all persons who become Honorary Fellows after the date of the original charter in accordance with the By-laws of the Academy.

7. The qualifications, methods and terms of admission of members of the Academy, their privileges and obligations, their liability to expulsion or suspension, and conditions of resignation from membership shall be as provided by the By-laws of the Academy.
8. Unless and until the By-laws of the Academy otherwise provide, all members of the Academy may use after their names the abbreviated designation “FAHA”.
9. The affairs of the Academy shall be managed by a body to be called “the Council of the Academy” which shall be the governing body of the Academy.
10. The Council of the Academy shall consist of such Fellows of the Academy elected or appointed in such manner as is provided by the By-laws of the Academy. The members of the Council of the Academy shall hold office for such periods as are provided by the By-laws and, if so provided by the By-laws, may be re-elected or re-appointed to the Council of the Academy in accordance with, and in the manner provided by, the By-laws.
11. A member of the Council of the Academy shall not be paid any remuneration in respect of the member's service as such a member and no member of the Council of the Academy shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Academy or any office of the Academy paid by fees.
12. The first Council of the Academy shall consist of the persons who were members of the Australian Humanities Research Council immediately before the date of these Presents and those persons shall hold office until the taking of office by their successors in accordance with the By-laws of the Academy.
13. The Council of the Academy shall have the sole control, management, and superintendence of the property, income, affairs and concerns of the Academy and

may appoint such secretaries and officers as it considers necessary and if not contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Our Charter or any By-laws made hereunder or the Laws and Statutes of Our Commonwealth of Australia or any State or Territory thereof, may do all such acts as may appear to it to be necessary or desirable for the purpose of carrying into effect the objects of the Academy and, in particular, without prejudice to the foregoing powers, the Council of the Academy shall have the following powers:


- (a) to accept any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not for any of the objects of the Academy;
- (b) to invest any moneys of, or belonging to, the Academy in such manner as may from time to time be provided by the By-laws of the Academy;
- (c) to borrow, raise or secure the payment or repayment of moneys in such manner as it may think fit;
- (d) to construct, maintain or alter any building or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Academy; and
- (e) to sell, lease mortgage, dispose of or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Academy.

14. The Council of the Academy may, so far as it deems expedient, delegate any of its powers (except this power of delegation) to such committees as it may from time to time establish. The Council of the Academy shall appoint the members of any committee that it establishes and shall determine the terms for which the members of any such committee shall hold office and may make rules for the conduct of the proceedings of any such committee and may otherwise regulate the activities of any such committee.
15. Unless and until the By-laws of the Academy otherwise provide, a general meeting, to be called the Annual General Meeting, shall be held in each year at such place, being the capital city of Our Commonwealth of Australia or of a State or Territory thereof, and at such date and time, as the Council of the Academy shall determine.
16. Other general meetings of the Fellows of the Academy, to be called Special General Meetings, may be convened by the Council of the Academy at any time, and shall be convened by the Council of the Academy on the requisition of such number of Fellows as the By-laws of the Academy from time to time prescribe.
17. Subject to the By-laws of the Academy, the Council of the Academy may determine any question relating to the notice to be given of or as to any matter of procedure at any general meeting of the Academy.
18. The Council of the Academy may submit any question to the vote of the Fellows of the Academy by means of a ballot to be conducted in such manner as the Council, subject to the By-laws, may decide, and the decision arrived at by such a vote shall have the same force and effect as a resolution of the Fellows in general meeting.
19. A majority of not less than two-thirds of the Fellows of the Academy present in person or by proxy and voting at a general meeting of the Academy specially called for the purpose and of which due notice has been given or the like majority of the

Fellows voting by means of a ballot as hereinbefore provided shall have power from time to time to make such By-laws as seem necessary and convenient for the regulation, government and advantage of the Academy and for the furtherance of its objects and purposes and from time to time to revoke or amend any such By-law but so that the same be not repugnant to these Presents or the Laws or Statutes of Our Commonwealth of Australia or any State or Territory thereof. No such By-law, or the revocation or amendment, thereof, shall take effect until approved by Our Governor-General. The Academy shall cause all By-laws of the Academy when approved to be printed and published, with the formal approval, in the official Gazette published by Our Government of Our Commonwealth of Australia.

20. Subject to clause 19, the By-laws appended to this Charter are the By-laws of the Academy.
21. And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare that these Our Letters or the enrolment or exemplification thereof shall be in all things good, firm, valid and effectual according to the true intent and meaning of the same and shall be taken, construed and adjudged in all Our Courts or elsewhere in the most favourable and beneficial sense and for the best advantage of the Academy, any mis-recital, non-recital, omission, defect, imperfection, matter or thing whatsoever notwithstanding.

Witness under my hand on *26th October* 2015



THE HON PAUL DE JERSEY
Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia