

The Baptist Historical Society of New South Wales

CONSTITUTION

1.0 Name

The name of the Society shall be the Baptist Historical Society of New South Wales.

2.0 Objectives

- 2.1 To encourage research on Baptist people, places, institutions, products and events, especially those related to NSW and the ACT.
- 2.2 To obtain custody of Baptist historical records and to facilitate the careful documentation and preservation of Baptist history.
- 2.3 To publish articles, papers, books and other media on Baptist history.
- 2.4 To foster interest in Baptist history among local churches and to assist in the preparation and celebration of significant anniversaries.
- 2.5 To assist researchers at schools, colleges and universities.
- 2.6 To promote the care of buildings and sites of historical interest to Baptists.

3.0 Membership

The Society may accept for membership any person upon his/her nomination by a member of the Society and payment of a membership fee. The Society shall charge an annual membership fee determined by the Annual Meeting of the Society. The Secretary shall keep a list of financial members.

4.0 Meetings

General Meetings of the Society shall normally be held on the first Thursday of the months of February, May, August and November. The Annual Meeting shall be held in April or May for the presentation of reports, election of members of the Executive, appointment of an auditor and other business. Except for changes to this Constitution there shall be no quorum for General and Annual meetings.

5.0 Officers

The Officers of the Society shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer and any other officers elected by the Annual Meeting and shall meet as arranged. In the case of a tied vote the President shall have a casting vote in addition to his/her deliberative vote. Casual Executive vacancies may be filled by the Executive and persons so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting.

6.0 Finance

The Society shall operate a bank account in its name in which the funds of the Society shall be held. All cheques shall be signed by any two authorised members of the Executive.

7.0 Auditor

The Annual Meeting shall appoint an Auditor who shall not be a member of the Executive.

8.0 Amendments to the Constitution

Any proposed amendment to this Constitution must be made in writing to the Secretary who shall notify all members of the proposal in writing at least fourteen (14) days prior to the next General Meeting. A quorum at a meeting to amend the Constitution shall be ten (10) financial members.

9.0 Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Society all surplus property and funds shall be given to the Baptist Union of NSW to use in any manner which it sees fit.

Adopted 7 February 2008.