



Dysert O'Dea Clan (Aust)

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DYSERT O'DEA CLAN ASSOCIATION (AUST)

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be called the "Dysert O'Dea Clan Association (Aust)." The (Aust) signifies the Australian sub-group of the Clan (defined as "Dysert O'Dea Clan Association" centred in Ireland also defined as the "**Clan**")
2. The Objects of the Association are to:
 - Facilitate and encourage exchange between Clan members to research the history and genealogy, ancient and modern, of the O'Dea Clan.
 - Foster kinship, establish friendships, rekindle relationships.
 - Promote the Clan and Organise Clan gatherings.
 - Inform the Clan membership of its activities and promotions by publishing a regular Newsletter from time to time.
3. Membership shall be open to all persons who bear the surname or maiden name O'Dea (including O'Day, O'Dee, Day or Dee etc.), and their relations, and others wishing to promote the objects of the main Association and the Australian sub-group.
4. All full members shall pay an annual membership fee (which can be levied as a 3 year fee) for subscription to the "Dysert O'Dea Clan Association" centred in Ireland. Membership of the "Clan" will constitute automatic membership of the Australian sub Group. No additional fee will be levied on the Australian sub group members. Persons who attend and pay the registration fee will be provided associate status of the "Dysert O'Dea Clan Association (Aust)", but will have no voting rights at Australian clan meeting in relation to the business of the Australian sub-group, unless they convert the associate status full membership.
5. The elected Committee of the Irish Clan shall set the annual membership fee of the "Dysert O'Dea Clan Association", which shall be approved at the Clan Gathering. This fee shall be set so that income and expenditure are in balance. The subscription shall be payable each three years in conjunction with the Clan Gathering. There will be individual and family/household membership, and latter entitling a maximum of two votes to persons of that family/household over 18 years who are paid-up and present. Voting rights of the Australian sub-group will be in accordance with the Clan voting rights and require full membership status.
6. The sub-group will have the ability to receive Membership subscriptions and any other income received by members for on forwarding to Treasurer and for receipt and payment of sub-group gathering monies. the Association shall be lodged to a bank account in the name of the association's Australian sub -group name. Withdrawals from the account shall be made solely on the joint signatures of any two of the committee nominated persons (4 in total). All signatories shall be based in Australia. Monies raised by the sub-group other than for membership shall be retained in the local account (other than membership fees). The local sub-group shall annually determine if any funds can be provided to the Clan from the sub-group for the purpose of maintaining the Clan Castle or any other project the sub-committee deems appropriate.
7. The affairs of the Clan shall be managed by an Australian sub-group Clan Committee comprising:
 - Chairman
 - Secretary and
 - Treasurer
 - Committee (no less than 5 but up to 12 members)From time to time, the above officers may co-opt additional persons to further the Objects of the Association.
8. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to ensure that the O'Dea Clan Gathering is organised on a three year basis. Notification of a subsequent Gathering shall be sent to al those who attending the previous one plus Clan members (locally and/or overseas) and any new member registered on the data base of the Australian group.
9. Officers shall be elected at each Clan Gathering by members who are present and fully paid-up. Current Title holders shall retire from their offices at the end of the Gathering. The previous officer board shall oversee the election of new officers. All office holders shall be entitled to re-election. Nominations for election must be received, in writing by the Chairman, who will publish them, at least twenty four hours prior to the election.
10. The Clan Committee shall hold a formal General Meeting at the Australian sub-group Clan Gathering at which Reports shall be presented by the Chairman, Treasurer and other officers. Other meetings shall be held as required.
11. This Constitution shall be approved at the second Clan Gathering together with any amendments proposed and agreed at this second Gathering subject to a simple majority of those present and eligible to vote. Thereafter, proposed amendments must be advised to the secretary in writing at least a week before Clan Gatherings. These will be published on the first day of the Gathering and a two thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote shall be required to carry any such amendments.