# CONSTITUTION OF VISHVA HINDU PARISHAD OF AUSTRALIA

1. NAME:

The name of the organisation shall be Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia (herein after called "the VHP"

2. OBJECTS:

The objects of the VHP are set out hereunder:

- (a). To provide a forum for discussion and reflection with a view to instill in Hindus settled in Australia a devotion to, and respect for, the principles and practices of Hindu ways of life.
- (b). To strengthen the Hindu respect for other religions, beliefs and creeds and to encourage the spirit of service to humanity at large.
- (c). To establish and maintain contacts with Hindus throughout Australia and the world to promote solidarity and coordinate the common objectives with all other world chapters of VHP as one team.

["Hindu" is a person who believes and practices, or respects, the Sanatan Dharma values of life including human, ethical and spiritual.]

- (d). To raise funds to assist the aims and objects of VHP.
- (e). To cooperate with and assist other Hindu organisations for peace and the common welfare of mankind, irrespective of colour, creed, religion or ethnic background.

MEMBERSHIP:

- (a). Application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant, and shall be in such form and contain such requirements as the Management Committee from time to time prescribes. The duration of the membership will be for 2 Years but members can be reappointed.
- (b). As soon as practicable after the receipt of an application for membership, it shall be considered by the Management Committee who shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant. In no case shall the committee be required to give any reason for the rejection of an applicant.

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- 3. (c). A register of members shall be kept showing in respect of each member his name, address and the date of commencement of membership.
- 4. <u>MANAGEMENT:</u> The management of the VHP shall be vested in a Management Committee consisting of 3 office-bearers and one other member.

No member of the management Committee shall be appointed to any salaried office of the VHP or any office of the VHP paid by fees and no remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be given by the VHP to any member of the Management Committee except repayment of out-of-pocket expenses, interest at a rate not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being charged by Bankers in Sydney for money lent to the VHP and reasonable and proper rent for premises let to the VHP.

5. OFFICE BEARERS: The office bearers shall consist of a president, Secretary, Treasurer and one council member. Any other non-member officer will be appointed by the management committee for 1 year and they will be obliged to act under the directive of the President to assist in the objects of VHP. The office-bearers of the Management Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Any casual vacancy occuring among the officebearers may be filled by the Committee and the person so appointed to fill such vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member so replaced.

The president will act and represent as the leader of the team. As far as possible he will consult the members of management Committee but in any important or urgent situations and in all routine matters of any kind he will act and make decisions to represent the VHP. Unless his actions are against the constitution or VHP, the management committee will ratify and accept such decisions which were taken by the president in good faith. The president will act as chief coordinator and his directions will be considered as decisive in all disputed matters arising within the VHP.

## 6. PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

(a). The Management Committee may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise appoint and regulate its meetings as it thinks fit. The president may at any time and the secretary on the requisition of any two members of the Committee summon a meeting of the Committee.

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- 6. (b). Questions at any meeting of the Committee shall be decided by a majority of those present and a determination by a majority of the members of the Committee present shall for all purposes be a determination of the Committee. In case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
  - (c). The continuing members of the Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the Committee, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to these Rules as the necessary quorum, the continuing member or members may act for the purposes of increasing the number of members of the Committee from amongst the members, which they are hereby empowered to do, or of summoning a general meeting of the VHP, but for no other purpose.
- 7. <u>VACATION OF OFFICE</u>: The office of a member of the Management Committee shall become vacant:
  - (a). Upon his decease.
  - (b). If he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally.
  - (c). If he becomes mentally ill or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with, in any way under the law relating to mental health.
  - (d). If he resigns his office by notice in writing to the VHP.
  - (e). If he resigns his office by notice in writing to the VHP.
  - (f). If he ceases to be a member of the VHP.
  - (g). Upon a resolution being passed by a two-thirds majority of members present at a properly constituted general meeting specially called for the purpose, to remove him from office.
  - (h). If he holds any office of profit under the VHP.
  - (i). If he is directly or indirectly interested in any project or proposed contract with the VHP.
  - (j). If he adversely criticises the VHP or its management outside the Committee forum or acts against the objectives of the VHP.

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- 8. <u>FINANCIAL YEAR:</u> The financial year shall conclude on June 30 (i.e. financial year will be from July 1 to June 30).
- 9. <u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:</u> The Annual General Meeting of members shall be held during the month of December in each year, when the Annual Report and audited financial statements shall be presented.
- 10. <u>SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS:</u> The president or any two members of the management Committee may at any time convene a Special General Meeting of the VHP. Special General Meetings shall also be convened by the secretary upon the written request of not less than five per cent in number of the members of the VHP and shall be held within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the request.
- 11. <u>QUORUM</u>: At Meetings of members a quorum shall consist of five members and a Management Committee Meeting shall consist of three members. Should within half an hour of thetime set down for a meeting to commence, a quorum be not present, than the meeting shall be adjourned to the same time and place seven days latter or to a place and to a time within one month of the date of such meeting, to be determined thereat. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum be not present, then those members attending shall be deemed to be a quorum, provided, the number of such members is not less than three.
- 12. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS
  - (a). The President shall preside as Chairman at every general meeting of the VHP, but if he is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act then th members present shall elect one of their number to be chairman of the meeting, a simple majority sufficing.
  - (b). The Chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
  - (c). At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a

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poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by the chairman or by at least three members present. Unless a poll is so demanded a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or loss, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the VHP shall each be conclusive evidence or the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

- (d). If a poll is duly demanded it shall be taken in such manner and either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the Chairman directs and the result of the poll shall be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded but a poll demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith.
- (e). In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which a poll is demanded shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- (f). Each member present and voting at a general meeting of the VHP shall have one vote.
- 13. <u>NOTICE OF MEETINGS</u>: The Secretary shall give at least seven days notice in writing of all general meetings to the members of the VHP specifying the place, the day and the hour of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be dealt with at the meeting. In all important circumstances, the President may call a meeting at a few hours notice by phone.
- 14. FUNDS:
  - (a). All moneys received by the VHP shall be deposited intact at the earliest possible date to the credit of the VHP's Bank Account. Receipts for moneys received shall also be issued promptly.
  - (b). All payments in excess of \$50 made by the VHP shall be paid by cheque signed by any two of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 15. <u>AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS</u>: All accounts shall be presented to and passed for payment at a Management Committee Meeting and full details of all such approvals shall be entered in

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#### 16. AUDIT:

- (a). The auditor or auditors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. They shall examine all accounts, vouchers, receipts, books, etc., and furnish a report thereon to members at the Annual General Meeting. Audits shall be conducted at regular intervals of not more than twelve months.
- (b). An auditor shall not be a member or closely related to a member of the Management Committee.
- (c). Subject to paragraph (d) hereof notice of the intention to nominate an auditor to replace the current auditor shall be given to the Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days before the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall send a copy of the nomination to the current auditor at least seven (7) days before the Annual General Meeting. The current auditor shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and if he so wishes be heard at such Annual General Meeting.
- (d). Where the current auditor submits his resignation, or notifies the Secretary of his intention not to seek reelection as auditor, paragraph (c) hereof shall not apply.
- 17. <u>MINUTES:</u> The Management Committee shall cause minutes to be made;
  - (a). of all appointments of office-bearers and members of the Committee;
  - (b). of the names of members of the Committee present at all meetings of the VHP and of the Committee;
  - (c). of all proceedings at all meetings of the VHP and of the Committee;

Such minutes shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the proceedings were held or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting.

18. <u>EXPULSION OF MEMBERS</u>: A member may be expelled from membership of the VHP by the Management Committee, if in the opinion of such Committee, after affording such member an opportunity of offering the Committee an explanation of his conduct either verbally or in writing as the Committee may decide the conduct of the member is such as to be detrimental to the VHP, provided that:

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- (a). Such expulsion shall not be effective unless it is confirmed by a majority of members present at a Special General Meeting of members convened to consider the expulsion.
- (b). Such Special General Meeting is held within a period of one month from the date of the decision of the management Committee to expel the member.
- (c). At such Special General Meeting the member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his conduct verbally or in writing at the option of such member.
- (d). The voting of such Special General Meeting shall be by ballot if not less than five members present thereat so demand.
- (e). It shall be in the power of the Committee to exclude such member from participation in the affairs of the VHP until such Special General Meeting shall be held.

## 19. <u>TRUSTEES:</u>

- (a). Three Trustees shall be elected at a properly constituted general meeting.
- (b). All property of whatever kind belonging to the VHP shall be vested in the Trustees and they shall have the custody of all deeds and documents of title relating to the property of the VHP and shall be responsible for the same and shall deal with and dispose of all the property of the VHP whether real or personal for the time being vested in them and the income thereof in accordance with the directions of the Management Committee provided that such directions are not in violation of the trusts upon which the property is held. Any member of the management Committee is also eligible to be elected a Trustee. A Trustee will hold office for a period of 3 years but can be reelected.

# 20. DISSOLUTION:

- (a). The VHP shall be dissolved in the event of membership less than five persons or upon the vote of a threefourths majority of members present at a Special General Meeting convened to consider such a question.
- (b). Upon a resolution being passed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this rule, all assets and funds of the VHP on hand shall after the payment of all expenses

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and liabilities, be handed over to such registered or exempted charity or charities as a simple majority of the members at the Special General Meeting so Convened, or a subsequent Special General Meeting, may decide.

- 21. <u>AMENDMENT OF RULES:</u> These rules may be amended by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of members present at any Annual General Meeting at which notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given or at a Special General Meeting convened for such purpose. Provided that the Minister of the Crown for the time being administering the Charitable Collections Act, 1934, shall be notified of the amendment and such amendment shall not be effective unless the Minister has signified his approval to such amendment being made.
- 22. A notice may be given to any member either personally, by phone or by sending it by post to him at his address registered with the VHP or if he has no registered address. to the place of abode of the member last known to the Management Committee. Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter or an envelope containing the notice and to have been effected in the case of the notice of a meeting on the day after the date of its posting and in any other case the time at which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of the post.

Dr. N.S. Agar

President

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Secretary



# Amendments to the Constitution of Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia :

The amendments has been considered to meet Chief Secretary's Department's requirements to authorise to Fundraise under the Charitable Fundraising Act. The amendments are also reflect new categories of Life member and Associate member.

Following amendments has been made in the constitution in its Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 25th June 1994 at Ethnic Affair Community Hall, Liverpool Road, Ashfield.

New Clauses included :

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#### 23. NON-DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS :

23 (a). The income and property of the organisation. however derived, shall, subject to any obligations under charitable trust law or any other statutory requirements, be used and applied solely in promotion of its objects and exercise of powers conferred upon it by the rules.

23(b). No portion of this income and property shall be distributed, paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to or amongst the members of the organisation.

23(c). The requirement contained in 23(b) shall not, however, prevent the payment in good faith of:

a. interest (provided it is based on the prevailing rate of interest charged by banks. building societies or credit unions for unsecured loans) to any such member in respect of moneys advanced by that member to the Organisation, or otherwise owing by the Organisation to the member; or

b. any remuneration to any officers or servants of the Organisation or other person in return for any services genuinely rendered to the Organisation.

24. <u>INTERNAL DISPUTES</u>: The Management Committee shall ensure that a mechanism is established for resolving internal disputes within its membership. This may include:

- (a) the appointment of an independent person to arbitrate in the dispute;
- (b) a process to bring the parties together to resolve the dispute at an early stage;
- (c) a process to ensure that all parties receive a full and fair opportunity of presenting their case;
- (d) where the dispute can not be resolved internally by arbitration or mediation, to refer the matter to a Community Justice Centre which functions as "a centre for dispute settlement".

25. <u>COMPLAINTS</u>: The Management Committee shall ensure that a mechanism is established that will properly and effectively deal with complaints made by members of the public and grievances from employees.

Following Clauses amended :

3(a) amended as follows -

3(a) 1. There will be following three categories of members -

- 1. Associate member
- 2. Member
- 3. Life member

3(a) 2. All initial application will be for Associate membership only. The application shall be made in writing and signed by the applicants and shall be in such form and contain such requirements as Management Committee from time to time prescribes.

3(a) 3. Application for the Membership and Life membership shall be invited by the Management Committee and shall be made in writing and signed by the applicants and shall be in such form and contain such requirements as Management Committee from time to time prescribes.

3(a) 4. The duration of Associate member and Member will be for two consecutive financial years. The renewal of Associate membership and Membership shall be made in writing and signed by the applicants and shall be in such form and contain such requirements as Management Committee from time to time prescribes.

The duration of the life membership will be for the whole life.

3(a) 5. Member and Life member shall be entitled to one Vote and to hold office in the organisation.

3(c) amended as follows -

• 3(c). A register of Associate member, Member and Life member shall be kept showing their names, address and the date of commencement of membership.

20(b) Amended as follows -

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# Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.

(World Hindu Council of Australia Inc.) (ABN: 78862155168, Reg No: Y2898719, Charity No: CFN10709)

# SUPPLEMENTARY CONSTITUTION OF VISHVA HINDU PARISHAD OF AUSTRALIA INC.

Amendment to the constitution of Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc., hereinafter known as Supplementary Constitution. This amendment is passed in a special general meeting of Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. held on 18th April, 2010 at 24 Hermington Street, Epping, NSW 2121.

#### WHEREAS:

At a duly held special general meeting of Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. on  $18^{th}$  April 2010. the following amendments were passed.

New Clause included:

Pursuant to Clause I, the name of organization shall be Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. It will also be called as World Hindu Council of Australia Inc.

Pursuant to Clause 2, object of the constitution of Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.

In furtherance of the objects of Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc., the following Clause 2.1 is added under Clause 2, which will read as follows:

2.1 Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. will promote activities of education, culture, South Asian civilization, medical aid and relief to the needy, teaching many community languages, heritage, or any other activity in the advancement of general public benefits including social, cultural and scientific research.

2.2 Vishva Hindu Parishad is a non-profit, charity, and an independent organisation. Strive to achieve Unity in Diversity, Vasudeva Kutumbakam ( the whole world is one big family)

2.2 Along with language, children are taught cultural aspects of target language like Vedas and Epics(World Intangible Cultural Heritage declared by UNESCO) dancing, music, ancient heritage art,games, history, vedie science, vedic maths and drama.

2.3 To establish a "Building Fund" in order to further the above objectives:

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#### (a) Educational Activites:

Our educational activities focused all the Australian Communities including Aboriginal Communities. The outcome of all our educational activities and other events are to create a more multicultural vibrant Australian Society which promotes inclusiveness, pluralism, peace and cohesiveness.

Community based activities that positively influence attitudes towards diversity, strengthen community harmony, social cohesion, and promotes cross-cultural understanding.

#### (a) Education

- To develop, spread and protect the Hindu values of social, ethical and spiritual life.
- (ii) To build, support and maintain Vedic temples, cultural centres, schools and an auditorium (arts center) to become centers of social and cultural awakening for ancient civilization. education, and the teaching principles and practices of Hindu Dharma and culture.
- (iii) To organise seminars.workshops.conferences and discussion on social, cultural heritage, spiritual and civilization aspects of Hindu Dharma, Ancient Civilisation, and Aboriginal Culture and Civilisation. This will enhance the knowledge and also to know the similarities of Hindu culture and the Aboriginal Culture
- (iv) To arrange discourses and lectures by dedicated social and cultural volunteers and scholars to diffuse knowledge and preach ethical and spiritual principles and practices of Hindu Dharma.
- (v) To establish, manage and assist centers for training Dharma Pracharaks (Preacher), for the purpose of propagating Hindu Dharma representing the fundamental values of life comprehended by various schools and denominations having their roots in Hindu Dharma such as, Shaiva, Veershaiva, Vaishnava, Bouddha, Jaina and Sikh, etc.
- (vi) To arrange for imparting and promoting physical. intellectual, moral and spiritual strengths based on the Dharmic and eternal cultural values to Hindus of all age groups in general, and to children and youth in particular, by regular meetings, camps etc which includes camps for special need children, youth. and frail aged people.
- (vii) To establish language programs (to bring language and culture together) weekend language schools,courses and institutions including schools for the

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purpose of protecting, preserving and perpetuating the South Asian Culture. literature. folk arts. drama. traditional dances and classical music.

- (viii) Organise various workshops and camps for children and youth during holidays. Camps focused on leadership skills, personality development skills, ancient culture and art, communication and langauge skills. Organise camps for special need children and also special need youth.
- (ix) To teach Hindu Dharma in various public school under SRE Provision. Hindu Dharma classes in NSW and other states.
- (x) To educate Hindus to protect the symbols of veneration, such as, sanctity of womanhood, sacred places, rivers and environmental concerns.

#### (b) Medical aid and relief to the needy

- To establish and maintain medical aid centre and give the needy people medical relief at the time of severe natural calamities (e.g. floods, drought, earthquake etc).
- (ii) To render assistance to rescue homes, destitute homes, and homes for old and infirm persons, and in particular the rehabilitation centre for psychologically disturbed youths.

#### (c) Social and cultural activities

- (i) To advance Indian culture, organize heritage programs such as literary, folk arts. drama, traditional dances and classical music and cultural events including celebrating Indian Festivals
- (ii) To promote ethnic sports and competition for the purpose of harnessing and promoting youth energy and for that, purchase, hire or otherwise maintain playgrounds, buildings, and conduct regular youth development programs including camps etc.
- (iii) To educate about the evil of addiction and to help eradicate drug and alcohol addiction from the society.
- (iv) To build and maintain a traditional Vedic Temple in NSW and in other states of Australia in order to promote ancient civilization, Eastern Philosophy, Culture and Languages.

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- (v) To construct cultural center with class rooms, library, museum and auditorium (arts center)
- (vi) To establish a library and museum fund in order to further the above objectives.
- (vii) To build a Community Arts Theatre to stage theatrical productions, music performances and to promote Indian dances and music
- (viii) To establish a Arts Theatre fund in order to further the above

### Scientific and socio-cultural research

- (i) To evolve a think tank that would articulate the integral perspective on all vital issues and themes concerning Hindu Dharma and the Hindu society.
- (ii) To promote a comparative study of various traditions, cultures, philosophies, and their social institution and value system. To Promote Vedas, Vedic Science and Vedic Mathematics in Sunday schools as well in the Universities.
- (iii) To publish books, booklets, pamphlets, journals, newsletters, newspapers, and to produce audio visual and video material, and to harness the modern mass media e.g. internet, T.V. channels, analogue / digital electronic, optical, audio, and/or any other media (such as radio, conventional audio visual and computer media) for the promotion of the aims and objects of the Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.

#### (d) Other activities for advancement of object of general public utility

- To open the chapters of the Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. in different regions of Australia;
- (ii) To acquire, purchase or otherwise own or take on lease or hire in Australia, temporarily or permanently, movable and immovable property; and to construct, maintain, alter, improve or develop any buildings or works necessary or convenient to support the objects of the Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.
- (iii) To borrow or lend money for the furtherance of the objects of the Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.
- (iv) To sell, mortgage, lease. exchange or otherwise transfer or dispose of all or any property movable or immovable of the Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.

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- (v) To purchase or otherwise acquire, lease, mortgage or dispose of any property, movable or immovable, for the benefit of the Vishva Hindu Parishad /World Hindu Council subject to other caluses in the Constitution.
- (vi) To borrow monies in any manner the VHP Australia may deem fit for its activities.
- (vii) To invest funds in an appropriate manner beneficial to the VHP Australia.
- (viii) Generally to do and execute all such other acts, deeds or things as are or may be necessary for or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives:
- (ix) VHP Australia shall be a non-profit making association and all profits and other incomes shall be applied only to the promotion of the objectives of the VHP Australia and shall not be paid or distributed among past or present members of the VHP Australia.
- To establish a school/education building fund in order to construct cultural center with class rooms, library, museum and auditorium (arts center).
- (xi) To undertake and accept the management of any endowment or trust fund or donation.
- (xii) To establish any assistance/benefit programs such as insurance, healthcare, welfare, gratuity, pension etc., for the benefit of the Members and/or employees of the Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.
- (xiii) To issue appeals and receive and collect money by way of subscriptions, contributions, donations, affiliating fees. legacies, grants and any other lawful methods, accept and receive gifts/bequests of properties and/or assets of any description, whether subject to any special trusts or not.
- (xiv) To offer prizes, scholarships and stipends or render other financial or material aid.
- (xv) To establish school and Sunday schools for the teaching of Eastern Philosophy, Culture and Languages.
- (xvi) To print and publish any newsletters, periodicals or leaflets that the Council may consider desirable for the promotion of its objectives.
- (xvii) To furtherance of above object, Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. established the following affiliated divisions and projects:
  - Sydney Veda Patasala (Sanskrit Language school and Vedic Science , Vedic Science ( science behind Ancient Vedas)
  - Veda Pathasala Australia (Sanskrit language school and Vedic teaching)

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- Bala Samskar Kendra (Sunday language school. Sanskrit language, Indian culture and heritage) Along with language children are taught cultural aspects of the target language which may include activities such as dancing.chanting, singing, ancient traditional art or drama.
- To teach Hindu Dharma under the provision of SRE in various public schools in Australia.
- Hindu Youth Australia
- Hindu Student Australia
- Hindu Social Services Foundation --(activities and service for Special need children, youth. seniors and frail aged people)
- Hindu Elders Foundation
- Hindu Emergency Aid and Relief Team (HEART)
- (xviii) Objectives of Vedic School and BSK : Teaching Vedic literature, vedic science, chanting and singing, Sanskrit Language. literature.tradition, history and value systems and cultural orientation and heritage. Vedic Chanting have been declared as World Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. (Outstanding oral tradition)
- (xix) Vedic School and BSK open to all who wish to learn the language and the ancient culture and heritage.
- (xx) To do any other lawful and/or moral things as may be required for the attainment of the above aims and objects.
- (xxi) To open more Sunday schools to other South Asian and other Indian Languages.
- (xxii) Veda Patasala (Patasala means school) and BSK (Bala Samskar Kendra):Educational Policy: While maintaining highest standard, the school ensure that learning is student-focussed and enjoyable. We make extensive use of role-play, games and other traditional learning activities to foster an engaged and engaging learning environment.
- (xxiii) The above schools are devoted to the study of grammar, chanting and singing, introductory of Spoken Sanskrit, and the reading of selections from easy prose texts.
- (xxiv) Works studies in the third and fourth years represent a diversity of styles and subject matter, and may include extracts from Mahabharata. Ramayana, Vedas, Bhagavadgita and Kalidasa (great poet)
- (xxv) Scholars from India and from other countires can be invited to run several workshops to gain advanced training to teachers, parents and the children
- (xxvi) To promote South Asian culture and Civilisation (students of South Asian heritage who wish to learn more about their cultural roots.)
- (xxvii) to organize educational classes, study groups, workshops, seminars and other related activities for the study of Eastern Philosophy,South Asian Heritage and Civilisation.
- (xxviii)To Promote Universal fellowship.
- (xxix) Organise Raksha Bandhan, Deepawali and other Indian Festival to promote multiculturalism, pluralism, inclusiveness in Australia

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#### Resolution:

To establish Trust/s or Fund(s) of charitable or non-charitable nature for the furtherance of any or all the above objective of VHP Australia Inc.(including building Vedic Temples and Schools in Australia for education purposes)

No amendments shall be made to these objectives and rules ("the Constituion") unless Such amendments are passed with a majority of the house in accordance with Incorporated Associations Act 1984;

VHP Constituion or Rules, which includes the teaching of languages as an objective and operates within the rules of the Incorporated Associations Act 1984

VHP Australia shall be a non-profit making association and all profits and other incomes shall be applied only to the promotion of the objectives of the VHP and shall not be paid to or distributed among past or present members of the VHP Australia Inc.

#### Membership

Pursuant to Clause 3, Membership of the constitution of Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. and subsequent amendment in Clause  $\Im(a)$  is added which will read as follows:

3a (1) Individual above 18 years who accepts the aims and objects of the Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. shall be eligible to become a member of the Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.

3a (2) The application for primary membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant, on a prescribed form supplied by the Management Committee. The duration for the membership will be for 2 years, but member can be reappointed. Hereinafter, there will be no life membership and associate membership.

3a (3) After the receipt of an application for membership, the Management Committee will determine the admission or rejection of the applicant. In no case shall the Management Committee be required to give any reason for the rejection of an applicant.

3a (4) Every member will obtain his/her voting rights (single vote) from the Management Committee only after two years of good standing of the Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. activities.

3a (5) A member who has not actively participated for two years continuously shall cease the membership automatically.

The following clause 5 amended and will read as follows:

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Clause No 5 - The office bearers shall consist of a President. General Secretary, Treasurer and one Council Member. Any other non-member officer will be appointed by the management committee for 1 year and they will be obliged to act under the directive of the President to assist in the objects of Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. The office-bearers of the Management Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Any casual vacancy occurring among the office-bearers may be filled by the Committee and the person so appointed to fill such vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member so replaced.

The President will act and represent as the leader of the team. As far as possible he will consult the members of management committee but in any important or urgent situations and in all routine matters of any kind he will act and make decisions to represent the Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. Unless his actions are against the constitution of Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc., the management committee will ratify and accept such decisions which were taken by the President in good faith. The President will act as Chief Coordinator and his directions will be considered as decisive in all disputed matters arising within the Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.

Signed by:

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