

**ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1981
SECTION 5(b)**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES AND RULES OF ASSOCIATION

GIPPSLAND ADVOCATES FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Name:

The name of the proposed Incorporated Association is Gippsland Advocates for Mental Health.

Preamble:

Gippsland Advocates for Mental Health (GAFMH) believes that the delivery of appropriate services to the mentally ill in the Gippsland region is inadequate, and disadvantages those people most in need of treatment, care and support. GAFMH is determined to facilitate an improvement in the services provided to those suffering from mental illness in the Gippsland region.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES AND OBJECTS:

1. To establish and maintain an information network and data base on issues that relate to the mental health care of citizens in Gippsland and the level and type of care appropriate to the needs of those people with mental illness or emotional problems.
2. To consult widely with people who use mental health services in Gippsland and their families on their particular needs.
3. To protect the dignity of those people with a mental illness and to promote and to protect their human and civil rights.
4. To improve the quality of life of those affected by mental illness in the Gippsland region.
5. To address the needs of those with a mental illness including the provision of adequate treatment regimes, necessary residential care and suitable support systems including educational, employment and any other developmental opportunities.
6. To achieve best quality outcomes in the provision of mental health services to people in the Gippsland region.
7. To establish appropriate bench-marks for determining the adequacy of the budgetary provision for mental health care and the delivery of services, but only in so far as such action is incidental to GAFMH's charitable purposes or to its provision of direct benevolent relief in accordance with its purposes.
8. To advocate for improved services for people with a mental illness, but only in so far as such advocacy is incidental to GAFMH's charitable purposes or to its provision of direct benevolent relief in accordance with its purposes.
9. To enter into on-going dialogue with politicians, Health Ministers, Advisers and all other relevant decision-makers and familiarise them with the plight and needs of people with a

mental illness, but only in so far as such actions are incidental to GAFMH's charitable purposes or to its provision of direct benevolent relief in accordance with its purposes.

10. To work, liaise and cooperate with governments and their agencies, but only in so far as such actions are incidental to GAFMH's charitable purposes or to its provision of direct benevolent relief in accordance with its purposes.
11. To establish and maintain a close working relationship with the Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council, other Associations/Groups and individuals, who share similar concerns to improve the delivery and quality of mental health care.
12. Solely for the purpose of carrying out the aforesaid objects and purposes and not otherwise:
 - (a) to subscribe to, become a member of and co-operate with or amalgamate with any other association or organisation, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are similar to those of GAFMH, provided that GAFMH shall not support with its funds or amalgamate with any association or organisation which is not a health promotion charity, public benevolent institution or similar category of organisation and approved by the Commissioner of Taxation as a deductible gift recipient for the purpose of any Commonwealth Taxation Act;
 - (b) to hold or arrange competitions, and provide or contribute towards the provision of prizes, awards and distinctions in connection therewith, provided that no member of GAFMH shall receive any prize, award or distinction of monetary value except as a successful competitor at any competition held or promoted by GAFMH;
 - (c) to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire and otherwise acquire any lands, buildings, easements or property, real and personal, and any rights or privileges which may be required for the purposes of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with, any of the objects of GAFMH, provided that in case GAFMH shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts, GAFMH shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts;
 - (d) to enter into any arrangement with any Government or authority, supreme municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to GAFMH's objects or any of them and to obtain from any such Government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which GAFMH may think it desirable to obtain, and to carry out exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions;
 - (e) to appoint, employ remove or suspend such managers, clerks, secretaries, servants, workmen and other persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of GAFMH;
 - (f) to establish and support or aid in the establishment and support of associations, institutions, funds, trusts and convenience calculated to benefit employees or past employees of GAFMH or the dependants or connections of any such persons; and to grant pensions and allowances; and to make payments toward insurance;

- (g) to engage in such other activities, of a like nature as may for the time being be permitted by law and determined by GAFMH;
 - (h) to invest or deal with money of GAFMH not immediately required in such a manner as the Committee thinks fit provided that any law regulating the investment of any funds held on trust shall be adhered to;
 - (i) to borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as GAFMH may think fit and secure the same or the repayment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by GAFMH in any way and in particular by the issue of debentures perpetual or otherwise charges upon all or any of GAFMH's property (both present and future), and to purchase, redeem or pay off such securities;
 - (j) to sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of GAFMH;
 - (k) to take or hold mortgages, liens and charges to secure payment of the purchase price or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, of any part of GAFMH's property of whatsoever kind sold by GAFMH or any money due to GAFMH from purchase and others;
 - (l) to take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not for any one or more of the objects of GAFMH but subject always to the proviso in paragraph (c) of this clause;
 - (m) to print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets that GAFMH may think desirable for the promotion of its objects;
 - (n) to purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property assets, liabilities and engagements of any one or more of the companies, institutions, societies or associations with which GAFMH is authorised to amalgamate;
 - (o) to transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of GAFMH to any one or more of the other associations or organisations with which GAFMH is authorised to amalgamate and has amalgamated; and
 - (p) to make donations to health promotion charities, public benevolent institutions or similar organisations that are approved by the Commissioner of Taxation as deductible gift recipients for the purpose of any Commonwealth Taxation Act.
13. The property, assets, and funds of GAFMH, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of GAFMH as set forth in this Statement of Purposes and Objects, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, to the members of GAFMH provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent:
- (a) the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of GAFMH or to any member of GAFMH in return for any services actually rendered to GAFMH and for goods supplied in the ordinary and usual way of business;

- (b) the payment in good faith of remuneration to any member of the Committee of GAFMH or any office-holder of GAFMH; or
- (c) the repayment in good faith to any member of the Committee of GAFMH or any office-holder of GAFMH for out-of-pocket expenses, which may be paid in money or money's worth.