

**CONSTITUTION
OF
WOMEN OUT WEST**



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A. History

On 8 March 1995 a group of women came together in Dubbo to celebrate International Women's Day. Women Out West (WOW) was formed, and extended its activities from the annual International Women's Day get together to monthly lunches featuring guest speakers from the region and beyond.

In 2005 WOW incorporated, better placing the organisation to be able to meet the increasing needs of regional women.

In July 2010, WOW launched the inaugural WOW Awards for Outstanding Women, celebrating outstanding women across the Orana and Central West regions.

B. Mission Statement

WOW seeks to provide a forum for regional women to learn, share and network with other women from across the Orana and Central West regions and honour outstanding women in the Orana and Central West regions through its yearly growing WOW Awards and Gala Presentation.

C. Privacy Statement

1. WOW has a commitment to privacy and safeguarding members' personal information. WOW collects personal information through a registration process and will not disclose the information to any third party unless required by law.

2. The data collected in the membership application form will be used for the purpose of providing members with information by way of regular bulletins via their email or to contact them by telephone or mail. WOW uses email as the main method of communication if a member has provided an email address. Members should keep WOW up-to-date with changes to their contact details.

3. With the consent of members WOW may publish their personal details on its website. Members should be aware that their details if published on the website may be used by a third party.

4. From time to time WOW takes photographs of members and guests at WOW events. Unless prior written notice is received by WOW, members are taken to grant WOW and/or its recognised agents the right to reproduce and publish their name and photograph in media such as print material and printed promotion including but not restricted to newspapers, magazines, newsletters, business cards, websites including social media sites such as face book, banners, CD or DVD production. WOW is not liable for any unauthorised duplication or distribution of the digital image.

D. Rules

Part 1 - Preliminary

1. Definitions

(1) In this constitution:

Director-General means the Director-General of the Department of Services, Technology and Administration.

ordinary committee member means a member of the committee who is not an office-bearer of Women Out West.

secretary means:

- (a) the person holding office under this constitution as secretary of Women Out West, or
- (b) if no such person holds that office - the public officer of Women Out West.

special general meeting means a general meeting of Women Out West other than an annual general meeting.

the Act means the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009*.

the Regulation means the *Associations Incorporation Regulation 2010*.

(2) In this constitution:

- (a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty, and
- (b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, if the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty.

(3) The provisions of the *Interpretation Act 1987* apply to and in respect of this constitution in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if this constitution were an instrument made under the Act.

Part 2 - Membership

2. Membership generally

(1) A person is eligible to be a member of Women Out West if:

- (a) the person is a natural person, and
- (b) the person has been nominated and approved for membership of Women Out West in accordance with clause 3.

(2) A person is taken to be a member of Women Out West if:

- (a) the person is a natural person, and
- (b) the person was:
 - (i) in the case of an unincorporated body that is registered as Women Out West - a member of that unincorporated body immediately before the registration of Women Out West, or
 - (ii) in the case of an association that is amalgamated to form the relevant association - a member of that other association immediately before the amalgamation, or

(iii) in the case of a registrable corporation that is registered as an association - a member of the registrable corporation immediately before that entity was registered as an association.

(3) A person is taken to be a member of Women Out West if the person was one of the individuals on whose behalf an application for registration of Women Out West under section 6 (1) (a) of the Act was made.

3. Application for membership

(1) An Application for membership of Women Out West:

(a) must be in writing in the form provided by the committee or downloaded from WOW's website, and

(b) must be lodged with the secretary of Women Out West.

(2) As soon as practicable after receiving an application for membership, the secretary must refer the application to the committee which is to determine whether to approve or to reject the application.

(3) As soon as practicable after the committee makes that determination, the secretary must:

(a) notify the applicant, in writing, that the committee approved or rejected the application (whichever is applicable), and

(b) if the committee approved the application, request the applicant to pay (within the period of 28 days after receipt by the applicant of the notification) the sum payable under this constitution by a member as entrance fee and annual subscription.

(4) The secretary must, on payment by the applicant of the amounts referred to in subclause (3) (b) within the period referred to in that provision, enter or cause to be entered the applicant's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the applicant becomes a member of Women Out West.

4. Cessation of membership

A person ceases to be a member of Women Out West if the person:

(a) dies, or

(b) resigns membership, or

(c) is expelled from Women Out West, or

(d) fails to pay the annual membership fee under clause 8 (2) within 3 months after the fee is due.

5. Membership entitlements not transferable

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of Women Out West:

(a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person, and

(b) terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

6. Resignation of membership

(1) A member of Women Out West may resign from membership of Women Out West by first giving to the secretary written notice of at least one month (or such other period as the committee may determine) of the member's intention to resign and, on the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.

- (2) If a member of Women Out West ceases to be a member under subclause (1), and in every other case where a member ceases to hold membership, the secretary must make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

7. Register of members

- (1) The public officer of Women Out West must establish and maintain a register of members of Women Out West specifying the name and postal or residential address of each person who is a member of Women Out West together with the date on which the person became a member.
- (2) The register of members must be kept in New South Wales:
 - (a) at the main premises of Women Out West, or
 - (b) if Women Out West has no premises, at Women Out West's official address.
- (3) The register of members must be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of Women Out West at any reasonable hour.
- (4) A member of Women Out West may obtain a copy of any part of the register on payment of a fee of not more than \$1 for each page copied.
- (5) If a member requests that any information contained on the register about the member (other than the member's name) not be available for inspection, that information must not be made available for inspection.
- (6) A member must not use information about a person obtained from the register to contact or send material to the person, other than for:
 - (a) the purposes of sending the person a newsletter, a notice in respect of a meeting or other event relating to Women Out West or other material relating to Women Out West, or
 - (b) any other purpose necessary to comply with a requirement of the Act or the Regulation.

8. Fees and subscriptions

- (1) A member of Women Out West must, on admission to membership, pay to Women Out West a fee of \$1 or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount.
- (2) In addition to any amount payable by the member under subclause (1), a member of Women Out West must pay to Women Out West an annual membership fee of \$2 or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount:
 - (a) except as provided by paragraph (b), before 1 July in each calendar year, or
 - (b) if the member becomes a member on or after 1 July in any calendar year - on becoming a member and before 1 July in each succeeding calendar year.

9. Members' liabilities

The liability of a member of Women Out West to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of Women Out West or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of Women Out West is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of Women Out West as required by clause 8.

10. Resolution of disputes

- (1) A dispute between a member and another member (in their capacity as members) of Women Out West, or a dispute between a member or members and Women Out West,

are to be referred to a community justice centre for mediation under the *Community Justice Centres Act 1983*.

- (2) If a dispute is not resolved by mediation within 3 months of the referral to a community justice centre, the dispute is to be referred to arbitration.
- (3) The *Commercial Arbitration Act 1984* applies to any such dispute referred to arbitration.

11. Disciplining of members

- (1) A complaint may be made to the committee by any person that a member of Women Out West:
 - (a) has refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of this constitution, or
 - (b) has wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of Women Out West.
- (2) The committee may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be trivial or vexatious in nature.
- (3) If the committee decides to deal with the complaint, the committee:
 - (a) must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned, and
 - (b) must give the member at least 14 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the committee in connection with the complaint, and
 - (c) must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.
- (4) The committee may, by resolution, expel the member from Women Out West or suspend the member from membership of Women Out West if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved and the expulsion or suspension is warranted in the circumstances.
- (5) If the committee expels or suspends a member, the secretary must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the committee for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal under clause 12.
- (6) The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:
 - (a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned, or
 - (b) if within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until Women Out West confirms the resolution under clause 12, whichever is the later.

12. Right of appeal of disciplined member

- (1) A member may appeal to Women Out West in general meeting against a resolution of the committee under clause 11, within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.
- (2) The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.
- (3) On receipt of a notice from a member under subclause (1), the secretary must notify the committee which is to convene a general meeting of Women Out West to be held within 28 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice.
- (4) At a general meeting of Women Out West convened under subclause (3):
 - (a) no business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted, and

- (b) the committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both, and
 - (c) the members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (5) The appeal is to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by members of Women Out West.

Part 3 - The committee

13. Powers of the committee

Subject to the Act, the Regulation and this constitution and to any resolution passed by Women Out West in general meeting, the committee:

- (a) is to control and manage the affairs of Women Out West, and
- (b) may exercise all such functions as may be exercised by Women Out West, other than those functions that are required by this constitution to be exercised by a general meeting of members of Women Out West, and
- (c) has power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of Women Out West.

14. Composition and membership of committee

- (1) The committee is to consist of:
- (a) the office-bearers of Women Out West, and
 - (b) at least 3 ordinary committee members, each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of Women Out West under clause 15.
- (2) The office-bearers of Women Out West are as follows:
- (a) the president,
 - (b) the vice-president,
 - (c) the treasurer,
 - (d) the secretary.
- (4) A committee member may hold up to 2 offices (other than both the president and vice-president offices).
- (5) Each member of the committee is, subject to this constitution, to hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election.

15. Election of committee members

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of Women Out West or as ordinary committee members:
- (a) must be made in writing, signed by 2 members of Women Out West and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination), and
 - (b) must be delivered to the secretary of Women Out West at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.

- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected and further nominations are to be received at the annual general meeting.
- (3) If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.
- (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.
- (5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.
- (6) The ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary committee members of the committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the committee may direct.
- (7) A person nominated as a candidate for election as an office-bearer or as an ordinary committee member of Women Out West must be a member of Women Out West.

16. Secretary

- (1) The secretary of Women Out West must, as soon as practicable after being appointed as secretary, lodge notice with Women Out West of his or her address.
- (2) It is the duty of the secretary to keep minutes of:
 - (a) all appointments of office-bearers and members of the committee, and
 - (b) the names of members of the committee present at a committee meeting or a general meeting, and
 - (c) all proceedings at committee meetings and general meetings.
- (3) Minutes of proceedings at a meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.

17. Treasurer

It is the duty of the treasurer of Women Out West to ensure:

- (a) that all money due to Women Out West is collected and received and that all payments authorised by Women Out West are made, and
- (b) that correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of Women Out West, including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of Women Out West.

18. Casual vacancies

- (1) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee, the committee may appoint a member of Women Out West to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed is to hold office, subject to this constitution, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.
- (2) A casual vacancy in the office of a member of the committee occurs if the member:
 - (a) dies, or
 - (b) ceases to be a member of Women Out West, or
 - (c) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth, or

- (d) resigns office by notice in writing given to the secretary, or
- (e) is removed from office under clause 19, or
- (f) becomes a mentally incapacitated person, or
- (g) is absent without the consent of the committee from 3 consecutive meetings of the committee, or
- (h) is convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty for which the maximum penalty on conviction is imprisonment for not less than 3 months, or
- (i) is prohibited from being a director of a company under Part 2D.6 (Disqualification from managing corporations) of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth.

19. Removal of committee members

- (1) A member of the committee may be removed if she
 - (a) engages in unethical or illegal conduct; and/or
 - (b) is absent from three consecutive meetings of the committee without notification to the committee of any valid reason.
- (2) Women Out West in general meeting or in committee meeting may by resolution remove any member of the committee from the office of member before the expiration of the member's term of office and may by resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the member so removed.
- (3) If a member of the committee to whom a proposed resolution referred to in subclause (2) relates makes representations in writing to the secretary or president (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that the representations be notified to the members of Women Out West, the secretary or the president may send a copy of the representations to each member of Women Out West or, if the representations are not so sent, the member is entitled to require that the representations be read out at the meeting at which the resolution is considered.

20. Committee meetings and quorum

- (1) The committee must meet at least 3 times in each period of 12 months at such place and time as the committee may determine.
- (2) Additional meetings of the committee may be convened by the president or by any member of the committee.
- (3) Oral or written notice of a meeting of the committee must be given by the secretary to each member of the committee at least 48 hours (or such other period as may be unanimously agreed on by the members of the committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
- (4) Notice of a meeting given under subclause (3) must specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business is to be transacted at the meeting, except business which the committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.
- (5) Any 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee.
- (6) No business is to be transacted by the committee unless a quorum is present and if, within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting is to stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week.

- (7) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting is to be dissolved.
- (8) At a meeting of the committee:
 - (a) the president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president is to preside, or
 - (b) if the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, such one of the remaining members of the committee as may be chosen by the members present at the meeting is to preside.

21. Delegation by committee to sub-committee

- (1) The committee may, by instrument in writing, delegate to one or more sub-committees (consisting of such member or members of Women Out West as the committee thinks fit) the exercise of such of the functions of the committee as are specified in the instrument, other than:
 - (a) this power of delegation, and
 - (b) a function which is a duty imposed on the committee by the Act or by any other law.
- (2) A function the exercise of which has been delegated to a sub-committee under this clause may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time by the sub-committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation.
- (3) A delegation under this clause may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function, or as to time or circumstances, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation.
- (4) Despite any delegation under this clause, the committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.
- (5) Any act or thing done or suffered by a sub-committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this clause has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the committee.
- (6) The committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this clause.
- (7) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

22. Voting and decisions

- (1) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee are to be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the committee or sub-committee present at the meeting.
- (2) Each member present at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (3) Subject to clause 20 (5), the committee may act despite any vacancy on the committee.
- (4) Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the committee or by a sub-committee appointed by the committee, is valid and effectual despite any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the committee or sub-committee.

Part 4 - General meetings

23. Annual general meetings - holding of

- (1) Women Out West must hold its first annual general meeting within 18 months after its registration under the Act.
- (2) Women Out West must hold its annual general meetings:
 - (a) within 6 months after the close of Women Out West's financial year, or
 - (b) within such later time as may be allowed by the Director-General or prescribed by the Regulation.

24. Annual general meetings - calling of and business at

- (1) The annual general meeting of Women Out West is, subject to the Act and to clause 23, to be convened on such date and at such place and time as the committee thinks fit.
- (2) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting is to include the following:
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting,
 - (b) to receive from the committee reports on the activities of Women Out West during the last preceding financial year,
 - (c) to elect office-bearers of Women Out West and ordinary committee members,
 - (d) to receive and consider any financial statement or report required to be submitted to members under the Act.
- (3) An annual general meeting must be specified as such in the notice convening it.

25. Special general meetings - calling of

- (1) The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of Women Out West.
- (2) The committee must, on the requisition in writing of at least 5 per cent of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of Women Out West.
- (3) A requisition of members for a special general meeting:
 - (a) must state the purpose or purposes of the meeting, and
 - (b) must be signed by the members making the requisition, and
 - (c) must be lodged with the secretary, and
 - (d) may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
- (4) If the committee fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within 1 month after that date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the secretary, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- (5) A special general meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in subclause (4) must be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the committee.

26. Notice

- (1) Except if the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of Women Out West, the secretary must, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, give a notice to each member specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.
- (2) If the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of Women Out West, the secretary must, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be given to each member specifying, in addition to the matter required under subclause (1), the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.
- (3) No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting is to be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an annual general meeting, business which may be transacted under clause 24 (2).
- (4) A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the secretary who must include that business in the next notice calling a general meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.

27. Quorum for general meetings

- (1) No item of business is to be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under this constitution to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.
- (2) Five members present (being members entitled under this constitution to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
- (3) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting:
 - (a) if convened on the requisition of members, is to be dissolved, and
 - (b) in any other case, is to stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and (unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.
- (4) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being at least 3) are to constitute a quorum.

28. Presiding member

- (1) The president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president, is to preside as chairperson at each general meeting of Women Out West.
- (2) If the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, the members present must elect one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

29. Adjournment

- (1) The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business is to be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.

- (2) If a general meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the secretary must give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of Women Out West stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- (3) Except as provided in subclauses (1) and (2), notice of an adjournment of a general meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

30. Making of decisions

- (1) A question arising at a general meeting of Women Out West is to be determined by either:
 - (a) a show of hands, or
 - (b) if on the motion of the chairperson or if 5 or more members present at the meeting decide that the question should be determined by a written ballot—a written ballot.
- (2) If the question is to be determined by a show of hands, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, or an entry to that effect in the minute book of Women Out West, is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.
- (3) If the question is to be determined by a written ballot, the ballot is to be conducted in accordance with the directions of the chairperson.

31. Special resolutions

A special resolution may only be passed by Women Out West in accordance with section 39 of the Act.

32. Voting

- (1) On any question arising at a general meeting of Women Out West a member has one vote only.
- (2) In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a general meeting, the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- (3) A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of Women Out West unless all money due and payable by the member to Women Out West has been paid.
- (4) A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of Women Out West if the member is under 18 years of age.

33. Proxy votes not permitted

Proxy voting must not be undertaken at or in respect of a general meeting.

34. Postal ballots

- (1) Women Out West may hold a postal ballot to determine any issue or proposal (other than an appeal under clause 12).
- (2) A postal ballot is to be conducted in accordance with Schedule 3 to the Regulation.

Part 5 - Miscellaneous

35. Insurance

Women Out West may effect and maintain insurance.

36. Funds - source

- (1) The funds of Women Out West are to be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, government funding grants, sponsorships, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by Women Out West in general meeting, such other sources as the committee determines.
- (2) All money received by Women Out West must be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of Women Out West's bank or other authorised deposit-taking institution account.
- (3) Women Out West must, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

37. Funds - management

- (1) Subject to any resolution passed by Women Out West in general meeting, the funds of Women Out West are to be used in pursuance of the objects of Women Out West in such manner as the committee determines.
- (2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by any 2 members of the committee or employees of Women Out West, being members or employees authorised to do so by the committee.

38. Change of name, objects and constitution

An application to the Director-General for registration of a change in Women Out West's name, objects or constitution in accordance with section 10 of the Act is to be made by the public officer or a committee member.

39. Custody of books etc

Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, the public officer must keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents relating to Women Out West.

40. Inspection of books etc

- (1) The following documents must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of Women Out West at any reasonable hour:
 - (a) records, books and other financial documents of Women Out West,
 - (b) this constitution,
 - (c) minutes of all committee meetings and general meetings of Women Out West.
- (2) A member of Women Out West may obtain a copy of any of the documents referred to in subclause (1) on payment of a fee of not more than \$1 for each page copied.

41. Service of notices

- (1) For the purpose of this constitution, a notice may be served on or given to a person:
 - (a) by delivering it to the person personally, or

- (b) by sending it by pre-paid post to the address of the person, or
 - (c) by sending it by facsimile or email transmission.
- (2) For the purpose of this constitution, a notice is taken, unless the contrary is proved, to have been given or served:
- (a) in the case of a notice given or served personally, on the date on which it is received by the addressee, and
 - (b) in the case of a notice sent by pre-paid post, on the date when it would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post, and
 - (c) in the case of a notice sent by facsimile transmission or some other form of electronic transmission, on the date it was sent or, if the machine from which the transmission was sent produces a report indicating that the notice was sent on a later date, on that date.

42. Financial year

The financial year of Women Out West is:

- (a) the period of time commencing on the date of incorporation of Women Out West and ending on the following 30 June, and
- (b) each period of 12 months after the expiration of the previous financial year of Women Out West, commencing on 1 July and ending on the following 30 June.