

MacGuffins

A U S T R A L I A

MacGuffins Australia limited is established to be:

- A not-for-profit whose purpose is to advance the culture of the literary community by operating conventions that feature and support local and global literary communities within Australia.
- Managing a bid process to bring global conventions to Australia.
- Fundraising to support the bid process for obtaining festivals and conventions.
- Supporting artists, authors, and other creatives in producing works that support, inform, and strengthen the literary and artistic communities in Australia.
- Establishing and operating groups that aid Australian writers, artists, and other creatives in achieving their publishing and promotion goals.
- Strengthening the Australian creative community

MacGuffins Australia has created a Bid Committee to file a bid for the 2028 Worldcon. The Chair/Co-chairs of the Committee have been appointed by a majority vote at a meeting of the MacGuffins Australia Board of Directors and, should the bid be successful, will run said Worldcon.

Should the position become vacant, the Chairman of the Board shall appoint an interim Chair of the Committee until a permanent Chair shall be appointed by the Board.

A Chair of the Committee may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the MacGuffins Australia Board of Directors.

A Chair or Co-Chair of the Committee shall have the right to appoint such other members to positions within the Committee as the Chair considers appropriate, by procedures to be established by the Chair.

Random Jones
Chairman of MacGuffins Australia

Certificate of Registration of a Company

This is to certify that

MACGUFFINS AUSTRALIA LIMITED

Australian Company Number 679 256 725

is a registered company under the Corporations Act 2001 and
is taken to be registered in Queensland.

The company **is limited by guarantee.**

The company is a **public** company.

The day of commencement of registration is
the nineteenth day of July 2024.



ASIC

Australian Securities & Investments Commission

Issued by the
Australian Securities and Investments Commission
on this nineteenth day of July, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Longo'.

Joseph Longo
Chair

CERTIFICATE

Australia

Corporations Act 2001

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Constitution

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Constitution

Preliminary

1. Each member of the company undertakes to contribute to the property of the company in the event of its being wound up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases to be a member for payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before he ceases to be a member and the costs charges and expenses of winding up and for adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves such amount as may be required not exceeding 10 (Ten) dollars.
2. If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the company there remains after satisfaction of all the debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid to or distributed to another organisation in Australia which is a public benevolent institution for the purposes of any Commonwealth Taxation Act.
3. True accounts shall be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the company and the matter in respect of which such receipts and expenditure takes place, and of the property, credits, and liabilities of the company; and subject to any reasonable restrictions as to the time and manner of inspecting the same that may be imposed in accordance with the Constitution of the company for the time being in force shall be open to the inspection of the members. Once at least in every year, the accounts of the company shall be examined by one or more properly qualified Auditors who shall report to the members in accordance with the provision of the Corporations law.
4. In these regulations:
 - a. **"the Company"** means this company unless inconsistent with the context.
 - b. **"the Law"** means the Corporations Act 2001. When any provision of the Law is referred to the reference is to such provision as modified by any statute for the time being in force. Unless the context requires, expressions defined in the Law or any statutory modification thereof in

force at the date at which these regulations become binding on the company shall have the meanings so defined.

Purpose of the Company

5. The purposes of the company are:

- a. MACGUFFINS AUSTRALIA LIMITED IS ESTABLISHED TO BE A NOT-FOR-PROFIT WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO ADVANCE THE CULTURE OF THE LITERARY COMMUNITY BY

OPERATING CONVENTIONS THAT FEATURE AND SUPPORT LOCAL AND GLOBAL LITERARY COMMUNITIES WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

MANAGING A BID PROCESS TO BRING GLOBAL CONVENTIONS TO AUSTRALIA.

FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT THE BID PROCESS FOR OBTAINING FESTIVALS AND CONVENTIONS.

SUPPORTING ARTISTS, AUTHORS, AND OTHER CREATIVES IN PRODUCING WORKS THAT SUPPORT, INFORM, AND STRENGTHEN THE LITERARY AND ARTISTIC COMMUNITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING GROUPS THAT AID AUSTRALIAN WRITERS, ARTISTS, AND OTHER CREATIVES IN ACHIEVING THEIR PUBLISHING AND PROMOTION GOALS.

STRENGTHENING THE AUSTRALIAN CREATIVE COMMUNITY.

- b. to apply the assets and income of the company exclusively to the promotion of its objects and no portion shall be paid or distributed directly or indirectly to the members except as bona fide remuneration for services rendered or reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the company. The company must not pay fees to a director for acting as a director.

6. The company may:

- a. pay a director for work they do for the company, other than as a director, if the amount is no more than a reasonable fee for the work done, or

- b. reimburse a director for expenses properly incurred by the director in connection with the affairs of the company.
 - c. Any payment made under clause 6a or b must be approved by the directors. The company may pay premiums for insurance indemnifying directors, as allowed for by law (including the Corporations Act) and this constitution.
 - d. to maintain a gift fund to which gifts of money or property for the company's purposes are to be made. Such fund shall maintain a separate bank account and together with any income or accretions to the fund shall be used exclusively for the purposes of the company.
 - e. In the event of the organisation being dissolved, all assets that remain after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes, which is charitable at law and which has rules prohibiting the distribution of its assets and income to its members.
7. The subscribers to this Constitution and such other persons as the directors shall admit to membership shall be members of the company subject to these regulations.

General Meetings

8. A general meeting shall be held once at the least in every calendar year, except in the year of incorporation, and not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding general meeting or (as the case may be) the incorporation of the company, at such time and place as the directors appoint.
9. The abovementioned general meetings shall be called ordinary general meetings; all other general meetings shall be called extraordinary general meetings.
10. The directors may, whenever they think fit, convene an extraordinary general meeting, and extraordinary general meetings shall also be convened on such requisition, or, in default, may be convened by such requisitionists, as provided by the Law.

11. If at any time there are not available sufficient directors capable of acting to form a quorum, any director or any two members of the company may convene an extraordinary general meeting in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which meetings may be convened by the directors.

Notice of General Meetings

12. Subject to the provisions of the Law , 14 days' notice at the least (exclusive of the day on which the notice is served or deemed to be served, but inclusive of the day for which notice is given) specifying the place the day and the hour of the meeting and in case of special business the general nature of that business shall be given in manner hereinafter mentioned, or in such other manner (if any) as is prescribed by the company in general meeting, to such persons as are under the regulations of the company entitled to receive such notices from the company; but, with the consent of all the members entitled to receive notice of any particular meeting, that meeting may be convened by such shorter notice and in such manner as those members think fit.
13. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any member shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting.

Special Business

14. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an extraordinary meeting, and all that is transacted at an ordinary meeting, with the exception of the consideration of the accounts, balance-sheets, and the reports of the directors and auditors prescribed by the Law, and the election of directors and other officers in the place of those retiring.

Proceedings at General Meetings

15. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business; save

as herein otherwise provided, three members personally present shall be a quorum.

16. If within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed, the meeting shall be dissolved.
17. The chairman (if any) of the board of directors shall preside as chairman at every general meeting of the company.
18. If there is no such chairman, or if at any meeting he is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting or is unwilling to act as chairman, the members present may choose some one of their number to be the chairman.
19. 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 ten days or more at any one time notice for the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an ordinary 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.
20. Subject to regulation 24, at any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by a member present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote, and, 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 lost, and an entry to that effect in the book of the proceedings of the company, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes in favour of or against the resolution.
21. If a poll is duly demanded it shall be taken in such manner as the chairman directs, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

22. 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 the poll is demanded shall be entitled to vote as a member but not to any casting vote. In case of equal votes for and against the motion shall be considered rejected.
23. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time as the chairman of the meeting directs.

Votes of Members

24. Every member shall have one vote.
25. A member who is of unsound mind or whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health may vote whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his committee or by the Public Trustee or by such person as properly has the management of his estate and any such committee trustee or other person may vote by proxy or attorney.
26. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy or by attorney.
27. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointer is a corporation either under the seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney so authorised. A proxy need not be a member of the company.
28. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority shall be deposited at the registered office of the company before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid.
29. An instrument appointing a proxy may be in the following form or any other form which the directors approve:

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I
being a member of
hereby appoint
as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the (ordinary or extraordinary as
the case may be) general meeting of the company to be held on the

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- b. of the names of the directors present at each meeting of the company and of the directors;
- c. of all resolution and proceedings at all meetings of the company, and of the directors
- d. 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.

The Seal

36. The seal of the company shall not be affixed to any instrument, except by the authority of a resolution of the board of directors and in the presence of a director and of another director or the secretary or such other person as the directors appoint for the purpose; and that director and the secretary or other person as aforesaid shall sign every instrument to which the seal of the company is so affixed in their presence.

Disqualification of Directors

37. The office of director shall be vacated if the director:
- a. without the consent of the company in general meeting holds any other office of profit under the company; or
 - b. becomes bankrupt or insolvent; or
 - c. becomes prohibited from being a director by reason of any order made under the Law; or
 - d. becomes of unsound mind; or
 - e. resigns his office by notice in writing to the company; or
 - f. is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the company and fails to declare the nature of his interest in manner required by the Law.
38. A director may vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract in which he is interested or any matter arising thereout, once he has declared his interest.

Rotation of Directors

39. At the first ordinary general meeting of the company all of the directors shall retire from office, and at the ordinary general meeting in every subsequent year one-third of the directors for the time being, or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three then the number nearest one-third, shall retire from office.
40. The directors to retire in every year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election, but as between persons who became directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.
41. A retiring director shall be eligible for re-election.
42. At the general meeting at which a director retires in manner aforesaid the members present may fill up the office vacated by a director by electing a person thereto, and in default the retiring director shall be deemed to have been re-elected unless at such meeting it is resolved not to fill up such vacated office.
43. The company may from time to time in general meeting increase or reduce the number of directors, and may also determine in what rotation the increased or reduced number is to go out of office.
44. Any casual vacancy occurring in the board of directors maybe filled up by a majority of the members by instrument in writing or by resolution of an extraordinary meeting called for the purpose, but the person so chosen shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a director on the day on which the director in whose place he is appointed was last elected a director.
45. The members may by instrument or resolution of the relevant class or the whole as required for filling a casual vacancy in regulation 44 hereof, remove any director before the expiration of his period of office, and may appoint another person in his stead; the person so appointed shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a director on the day on which the director in whose place he is appointed was last elected a director.

Proceedings of Directors

46. The directors may meet together for the despatch of business adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. Resolutions arising at any meeting shall not be passed unless the votes in favour exceed those votes against the resolution. The chairman shall have a vote. A director may at any time summon a meeting of the directors.
47. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the directors shall be two directors.
48. The continuing directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, but, if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to the regulations of the company as the necessary quorum of directors, the continuing directors may act for the purpose of summoning a meeting of members or of a class of members of the company or for obtaining an instrument in writing from members or a class of members appointing a new director, but for no other purpose.
49. The directors may elect a chairman of directors' meetings and determine the period for which he is to hold office; but if no such chairman is elected or if at any meeting the chairman is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the directors present may choose one of their number to be acting-chairman of the meeting, any such acting-chairman may exercise any vote to which he might otherwise be entitled.
50. The directors may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such member or members of their body as they think fit; any committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that are imposed on it by the directors.
51. A committee may elect a chairman of its meetings; if no such chairman is elected, or if at any meeting the chairman is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the members present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
52. A committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting of a committee shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present, and in case of an equality of votes the resolution shall be deemed to have been rejected.
53. All acts done by any meeting of directors or of a committee of directors, or by any person acting as a director, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such directors or persons acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were

disqualified, shall be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a director.

54. At any meeting of directors each director shall have one vote and a resolution of directors shall not be passed unless the votes cast in favour of the resolution exceed the votes against the resolution.

Accounts

55. The directors shall cause to be kept proper books of account in which shall be kept full true and complete accounts of the affairs and transactions of the company.

56. The books of account shall be kept at the registered office of the company, or at such other place or places as the directors think fit and shall always be open to the inspection of the directors.

57. The directors shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the company or any of them shall be open to the inspection of members not being directors, and no member (not being a director) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the company except as conferred by statute or authorised by the directors or by the company in general meeting.

58. The directors shall from time to time in accordance with the Law cause to be prepared and to be laid before the company in general meeting such profit and loss accounts, balance-sheets and reports as are required by the Law.

59. A copy of every balance-sheet (including every document required by law to be annexed or attached thereto) which is to be laid before the company in general meeting together with a copy of the auditors' report shall not less than 14 days before the date of the meeting be sent to all persons entitled to receive notices of general meetings of the company.

Audit

60. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the provision of the Law.

Notices

61. A notice may be given by the company to any member either personally or by sending it by post to him at his registered address, or (if he has no registered address within Victoria) to the address (if any) within Victoria supplied by him to the company for the giving of notices to him.
62. Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing preparing and posting a letter containing the notice and to have been effected in the case of a notice of a meeting at the expiration of forty-eight hours after the letter containing the same was posted and in any other case at the time at which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.
63. Notice of every general meeting shall be given in some manner hereinbefore authorised to every member except those members who (having no registered address within Victoria) have not supplied to the company an address within Victoria for the giving of notices to them. No other persons shall be entitled to receive notices of general meeting, other than the auditor for the time being of the company and the chairman of directors.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS
MACGUFFINS AUSTRALIA LIMITED ACN: 679 256 725

The following shareholders being the initial members to the Company:

VICTORIA MARGARET RICHARDSON
RANDOM HALLORAN JONES
AMELIA CHELSEA ELWICK

Being the undersigned **hereby appoint** the following to be the first Director(s) of the Company:

VICTORIA MARGARET RICHARDSON
RANDOM HALLORAN JONES
AMELIA CHELSEA ELWICK

Dated this 19 July 2024

VICTORIA MARGARET RICHARDSON

RANDOM HALLORAN JONES

AMELIA CHELSEA ELWICK