

NORTH CHILDREN'S HOME LISMORECONSTITUTION

1. The name shall be "The North Children's Home".
2. The objects are:- To provide and carry on a home within the Diocese of Grafton, in connection with the Church of England, for Children of any demonination or religion, who are either temporarily or permanently without homes, or not under parental control, where they may be trained spiritually, morally, mentally and physically. To ensure the requisite environment and family life, and to avoid the character of an institution. The Home is not intended to accommodate, except in exceptional cases more than 25 children.
3. To solicit, collect and provide funds for the above purpose.
4. To acquire in the name of the Trustee or Trustees, by purchase lease or otherwise, lands, buildings or other property, real or personal, and to sell, mortgage, lease, under lease, surrender, exchange partition or otherwise dispose of such real or personal property or any part thereof, to erect, add or alter, pull down any buildings upon such lands, as the Executive Committee may direct.
5. To invest money not immediately required for expenses in such investments, and upon such securities (including fixed deposits in any Bank or Banks) and for such terms and times, and to vary such investments as the Executive may decide.
6. To promote in any way which the Committee may think desirable the moral and material welfare of the children that have been admitted to the Home.

Visitor.

7. The Bishop for the time being of the Diocese of Grafton or his nominee shall be invited to accept the office of Visitor.

Chaplain.

8. The Rector for the time being of the Parish of Lismore, or any licensed clergyman, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee shall be appointed as Honorary Chaplain to the Home.

President.

9. The Vicar of St. Andrew's, Lismore, shall be the President.

Management.

10. The Home shall be under the control of a General Committee consisting of 30 members elected by the Subscribers at each Annual General Meeting together with the Clergy of the Diocese who shall be ex officio members, and such committee shall elect from their number an Executive Committee which shall consist of the President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and six elected members and hereafter be referred to as the Executive. The General Committee shall meet at least every three months.

Any vacancy occurring on the Executive or General Committee may be filled up by a vote of the members of the General Committee then present at a meeting of the General Committee, at all meetings of which 9 shall form a quorum. Any person so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

If any member of the General Committee or of the Executive shall die or resign or shall become incapable to act, or shall fail to attend three consecutive meetings of such committee or Executive as the case may be, without having obtained leave of absence, such member may be

deemed to have vacated his or her seat, and the vacancy may be filled as herein before provided.

11. Subject to any resolutions to be passed by the General Committee the management of the affairs of the Home shall be in the hands of the Executive, who shall have all powers hereinafter given to the General Committee to carry out the objects of the Home with power to pass, rescind, or alter by-laws for the conduct of its meetings and the affairs of the Home.

A quorum of the Executive shall consist of four members, who shall have all the powers of the full Executive. In cases of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second vote.

12. The President shall be Chairman of the meetings of the Executive and in his absence the Chairman shall be elected by the Members present.

13. The Executive shall be empowered to appoint special committees which may consist wholly or partly of members of the General Committee, who shall not have been elected to the Executive, and shall execute such powers as the Executive shall delegate to them and with such a quorum as the Executive shall name.

14. The Executive shall be empowered to employ such paid officers as they may deem necessary for the working of the Home, such officers to be under control of the Executive.

15. The Executive shall appoint not less than three Trustees. Save as precluded by the provisions of any instrument declaring the trusts of any real property held upon trust for the Home, by the conditions or circumstances under which any such property shall have been acquired, all real property belonging to the Home, subject to any mortgage or mortgages which may from time to time be given over, the same shall be vested in and held by the Trustees for the time being for the Home, upon trust, to permit the same to be used by or on behalf of or for the benefit of the Home, and save as aforesaid the Trustees shall be deemed to possess in respect of the same the following powers:

(a) Power from time to time to mortgage such real property or any part or parts thereof, such mortgage or mortgages to be for such amount, for such term, and subject to such powers, covenants and conditions, as in the opinion of the Trustees shall be necessary or expedient, and the trustees may apply such monies as shall be raised or received by them under such mortgage or mortgages, in such manner or for such purposes as the General Committee, with the concurrence of the Trustees shall from time to time direct.

(b) Power from time to time to demise or lease such real property or any part or parts thereof for any term or terms at such rent, and upon such terms and conditions as the Trustees shall deem expedient and to receive the rents thereof and apply the same, as the General Committee with the concurrence of the Trustees shall from time to time determine.

(c) Power from time to time to sell or exchange such real property or any part or parts thereof.

(d) Power to subdivide lands being the whole or any part or parts of such real property into allotments in such manner as they shall think fit, and to lay out, grant, make, and/or dedicate such roads, rights of way and other works thereon as they shall think fit.

(e) Such other powers as the General Committee may from time to time determine.

(f) Provided always that the trustees shall not be entitled to

exercise any of the powers of this clause, unless in pursuance of a resolution of the General Committee, passed at a meeting, at which not less than twelve members may be present.

(g) The Trustees shall not incur any personal liability in respect of any real property vested in them as aforesaid or in respect of a sale thereof, or in respect of any mortgage thereon, and they shall be answerable and accountable only for their own acts, receipts, neglects or defaults and not for those of each other, nor for any broker, Banker, Solicitor, or other person with whom any deeds, securities or money may be deposited, nor for any loss unless the same shall happen through their own wilful default, and the Trustees shall be entitled to be reimbursed out of the funds or property of the Home, for all losses or expenses incurred in or about the execution of the Trusts or in respect of any property vested in them as aforesaid.

16. The annual General Meeting of subscribers shall be held in the month of May each year, at such place and date as the Executive shall decide. The annual report and balance sheet up to 31st. March in each year, duly audited be presented at the Annual Meeting.

A special General meeting of Subscribers shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary on receipt of a requisition in writing stating the business to be brought forward at the proposed meeting and signed by five members of the Executive or not less than twelve subscribers. At least fourteen days notice shall be given of General Meetings by Advertisement in the local press.

17. The Annual General Meeting shall consider the report and balance sheet and elect members to vacancies in all Committees caused by retirement or otherwise, and also two Hon. Auditors, and to transact any other business that may be brought forward.

A quorum for a General Meeting or the Annual Meeting shall be ten subscribers, and if there is not a quorum present within twenty minutes of the advertised time fixed for the meeting, it shall be dissolved and the report and balance sheet shall be deemed to be adopted.

18. No alteration of or addition to this constitution and no rescission or alteration of or addition to any rules or by-laws or regulations passed by the General Committee shall be made at any time General Meeting unless written notice of the proposed alteration addition or rescission has been given to the Hon. Secretary at least one month before such meeting, and is included in the business for the meeting provided that it shall be competent for any General Meeting to alter or add to the constitution so as to sever the connection of the Home with the Church of England.

19. Wherever the word subscriber is herein used it shall include:  
 (a) A person who within twelve months preceding any Annual Meeting shall have subscribed, ladies 10/- gentlemen £1, or upwards to the Home.  
 (b) A donor of the sum of £25 or upwards at any one time.  
 An Honorary collector of the sum of £100 or upwards. Each such donor or collector shall be considered a life subscriber.