

## **Constitution of the Friends of Mitcham's Corner**

- 1 THE NAME of the Association shall be the Friends of Mitcham's Corner (FMC).
- 2 MEMBERSHIP of the Association shall be open to any person who is interested in the preservation and enhancement of the environment in and around Mitcham's Corner, who has a legitimate claim to an ongoing connection with the area.
3. AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION shall be to protect the interests of residents, local traders and others working in the area, with regard to:
  - 3.1 The shops and facilities in the area;
  - 3.2 Traffic both in quantity and in speed;
  - 3.2 On-street parking;
  - 3.3 Protection of pedestrians and cyclists;
  - 3.4 Control of vandalism and/or anti-social behaviour;
  - 3.5 The impact of proposals to develop land and property within the area;
  - 3.6 The impact of proposals for highway changes within the area or impacting directly upon it; and
  - 3.7 Any proposals for changes in public services directly affecting residents of the area.
4. COMMITTEE of the Association to comprise a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, with six other representative members elected at a general meeting or otherwise co-opted by the Committee, who will meet at least four times a year to consider items falling within the Aims of the Association and to take action which may include:
  - 4.1 The calling of a meeting of members of the Association;
  - 4.2 The calling of a public meeting;
  - 4.3 Making representations on such matters to the proposers, public authorities or other persons as appropriate;
  - 4.4 Any other action appropriate to the circumstances as may be agreed by the Committee.
- 5 SUBSCRIPTIONS shall be levied on a per household basis to be paid annually by members to cover the operational costs of the Association and shall be decided by the Committee on the advice of the Treasurer.
- 6 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer who will operate a bank account in the name of the Association and shall be responsible for disbursements to be made on behalf of the Association. These disbursements will include the payment of out of pocket expenses incurred by members engaged on the business of the Association and approved by the Committee.
- 7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY - FMC will uphold equal opportunities and work towards good relations amongst all members of the community, specifically prohibiting any conduct which discriminates or harasses on grounds of race, religion, disability, political belief, sex or sexual orientation.

- 8      DISSOLUTION - The Association may be wound up by resolution of a public general meeting called with at least twenty-one days' notice by a majority of those present and voting, including a majority of members present voting for the dissolution. Any residual funds of the Association shall be passed to another community organisation benefitting residents of the Association's area of benefit.

The above Constitution was approved by members of FMC at a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2010