

CONSTITUTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN TARANTULA ASSOCIATION

SOCIETY NAME

1. The name of the association is The Australian Tarantula Association, hereinafter referred to as 'the Association'.

OBJECTIVES

2. The objectives of the association are –
 - (1) To raise the public awareness of native Australian tarantulas.
 - (2) To circulate up to date and correct information about Australian tarantulas (including; identification, captive care, and basic ecology) in order to eliminate common misconceptions.
 - (3) To encourage the breeding and sale of captive-bred tarantulas as opposed to wild-harvested tarantulas.
 - (4) To provide a focal point for the sharing of information, knowledge and experiences between breeders and keepers of Australian tarantulas.
 - (5) To support and work in conjunction with professional arachnologists and academic institutions.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Membership shall be open to all persons of any nationality, interested in the objectives of the Association, and who make formal application and pay the prescribed subscription.

On acceptance of membership the member will receive a basic information pack containing a copy of this Constitution.

All members in good standing have the right to hold office.

Any member of good standing may propose, in writing to the Committee, a change to the Constitution. Such a proposal, if approved by the Committee, shall be submitted with a recommendation to the members.

The privilege of membership shall include the right to receive four (4) newsletters and one (1) journal per calendar year, to vote in accordance with the Association Rules and Constitution, and to participate in all activities and functions of the association.

A member whose subscription has not been paid within two calendar months of the due date shall forfeit the privileges of membership.

Any member found not to be complying with any of the provisions of the Association Rules or Constitution, or who conducts themselves in a way considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the association, shall forfeit all privileges of membership.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

4. The management committee of the Association consists of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Webmaster, and any other members the association members elect or appoint at a general meeting.

FINANCES

5. Funds raised through, or on behalf of the Association, are used solely for Association purposes at the discretion of the committee, in a non-profit manner, and are not for individual use. No members shall benefit personally from Association funds, except for the reimbursement of debts incurred.

The funds of the Association are kept in an account in the name of the association in a financial institution decided by the management committee.

Records and accounts are kept in the English language showing full and accurate particulars of the financial affairs of the Association.

The Treasurer will, as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year, ensure a statement is prepared containing the income and expenditure for the financial year just ended and the Association's assets and liabilities at the close of the year.

DISSOLUTION

6. If on dissolution of the Association, there are any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, these should be paid or transferred, at the discretion of the Committee, to another entity having objects similar to the Association's objects and the rules of which prohibit the distribution of the entity's income and assets to its members