WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS 1994A

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

- The primary purpose of the Warby Range Bushwalkers is to conduct bushwalks in North East Victoria and elsewhere from time to time as decided by the members.
- To promote knowledge, understanding and awreness of the natural environment of the Warby Range and other natural environments.
- To make every effort to ensure that the Warby Range is used with wisdom and forsight and that competing demands upon the Range are resolved in the best long term interests of the district.
- 4. To foster the conservation of the distinctive vegetation and fauna and important features of the Range.
- To oppose any activity or development within the area contiguous to the range detrimental to the aesthetic impact of the landscape.
- 6. To take such action as it considers necessary or appropriate in the interests of promoting conservation in general.

WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY INC.

PRESIDENT: Brian Mallinder

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SECRETARY: Elaine Jacobsen

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Dear Members,

27.7 1994

The Wangaratta Protection Society Inc. was formed in 1975, in order to combat a perceived threat to the Warby Ranges from mining companies. With the declaration of the Ranges as a State Park the threat has now largely disappeared. The focus of the association has meanwhile developed into a bushwalking group. This has allowed a wider appreciation of the North East whilst retaining our interest in conservation issues. Practical help is now provided for The Warby Ranges by "The Friends of The Warbies," which our members are encouraged to join. To reflect our changed role the members at our Annual General Meeting voted to change the name of the association to The Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc. In order to accomplish this we have, in accordance with our Constitution and the Association Incorporated Act 1981 to amend our State of Purposes which we present to this Special General Meeting for your approval.

Brian Mallinder President

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- 3. To oppose any activity or development within the area contiguous to the range detrimental to the aesthetic impact of the landscape.
- To promote knowledge, understanding and awareness of the natural environment of the Warby Range and other natural environments.
- 5. To co-operate with, or promote co-operation by any means among persons, trusts, corporations, firms, associations, institutions, governments, instrumentalities of governments, municipal authorities and other bodies concerned with or interested in conservation.
- 6. Generally to take such action as it considers necessary or, appropriate in the interests of promoting conservation.
- 7. To promote the education of the community in matters relating to the conservation of indigenous flora and fauna and other natural resources through formal and recreational activities.

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WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY INCORPORATED RULES

NAME

The name of the incorporated association is The Warby Range Protection Society Incorporated (in these rules called the "Association").

INTERPRETATION

- "The Act" means the Association under the Act.

 "Tommittee" unless the Committee of Management of the Association.

 "Financial Year" means from 1 March to last day in February.

 "General Meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with Rule 9.

 "Member" means a member of the Association.

 "Ordinary Member of the Committee" means a member of the Committee who is not an officer of the Association under Rule 18.

 "The Act" means the Association Incorporation Act 1981.

 "The Regulations" means regulations under the Act.
- (2) In these Rules, a reference to the secretary of an Association is a reference where a person holds office under these Rules as secretary of the Association - to that person.
- (3) Words or expressions contained in theserules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the provisions of the Acts
 Interpretations Act 1958 and the Act as in force from time to time.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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- (3) An applicant for membership shall be admitted to full membership of the Association upon payment of the annual subscription as determined at the Annual General Meeting from time to time.
- (4) A right, privilege or obligation of a person by reason of his membership of the Association:-
 - (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
 - (b) terminates upon the cessation of his membership by death or resignation or otherwise.

ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The annual membership subscription of the Association for each year shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting each year. Such subscription shall be payable within 60 days of the Annual General Meeting. Members shall be deemed to be financial members until the expiration of such 60 days period.

- (2) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the meeting.
- (3) A member desiring to bring any business before a meeting may give notice of that business in writing to the secretary, who shall include that business in the notice calling the next general meeting after the receipt of the notice.

PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING

- 10.(1) All business that is transacted at a special general meeting and all business that is transacted at the annual general meeting with the exception of that specially referred to in these rules as being the ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be deemed to be special business.
 - (2) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.
 - (3) Five (5) members personally present (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
 - (4) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time (unless another place is specified by the Chairman at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place and if at the adjourned meeting the quorum is not present within half an hour of the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being not less than 3) shall be a quorum.
- 11.(1) The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as Chairman at each general meeting of the association.
 - (2) If the President and the Vice-President are absent from a general meeting, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside as Chairman at the meeting.
- 12.(1) The Chairman of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
 - (2) Where a meeting is adjourned for fourteen (14) days or more, a like notice of the adjourned meeting shal be given as in the case of the general meeting.
 - (3) Except as in sub-clauses (1) and (2), it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

- 13.(1) Voting at all meetings shall be by a show of hands, except that if requested by three (3) members present at the meeting at which the question arises, voting shall be by a division or by ballot.
 - (2) In the event of equality of voting, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- 14.(1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Association, a member has one vote only.
 - (2) All votes shall be given personally.
- 15. A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all moneys due and payable by him to the Association have been paid, other than the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the current financial year.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

- 16.(1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee of Management constituted as provided in Rule 17.
 - (2) The Committee:-
 - (a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association;
 - (b) may, subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association, other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the Association; and
 - (c) subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, has power to perform all such acts and things which appear to the Committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.
- 17.(1) The officers of the Association shall be:-
 - (a) a President;
 - (b) a Vice-President;
 - (c) a Secretary; and
 - (d) a Treasurer.
 - (2) The provisions of Rule 19 so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and with relation to the election of persons to any of the offices mentioned in sub-clause (1).
 - (3) Each officer of the Association shall hold office until the annual general meeting after the date of the last election but is eligible for re-election.
 - (4) In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in sub-clause (1), the Committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office and the member so appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.

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- Subject to section 23 of the Act, the Committee shall consist of:-18.(1) (a) officers of the Association; and (b) 3 ordinary memberseach of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association each year.
 - Each ordinary member of the Committee shall, subject to these rules (2) hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his election but is elegible for re-election.
 - (3) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of an ordinary member of the Committee, the Committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.
 - (4) The "Committee" may establish standing and ad hoc sub-committees comprised of Association members and may nominate a convenor for each such sub-committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VACANCY

- Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the 19.(1) Association or as ordinary members of the Committee:-(a) shall be made at the annual general meeting; and (b) shall be declared vacant and nominations for the positions shall be accepted from the meeting.
 - If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on (2) the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
 - If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
 - If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
 - The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary members of the (5) Committee shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Committee may direct.
 - A nomination for a candidate for election under this clause is not valid if that candidate has been nominated for another office for election at the same election.
 - For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the Association or an ordinary member of the Committee becomes vacant if the officer or member:-20. (a) ceases to become a member of the Association;

 - (b) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies (Victoria) Code; or
 - (c) resigns his office by notice in writing given to the secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE

- 21.(1) The Committee shall meet at least 4 times in each year at such place and at such times as may the Committee may determine.
 - (2) Special meetings of the Committee may be convened by the President or by any 4 members of the Committee.
 - (3) Notice shall be given to members of the Committee of any special meeting specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted and no other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.
 - (4) Any three (3) members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of a meeting of the Committee.
 - (5) No business shall be transacted 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 shall stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day of the following week unless the meeting was a special meeting, in which case it lapses.
 - (6) At meetings of the Committee:-
 - (a) the President or in his absence, the Vice-President shall preside; or
 - (b) if the President and the Vice-President are absent, such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by the members present shall preside.
 - (7) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee shall be determined on a show of hands or, if demanded by a member, by a poll taken in such a manner as the person presiding at the meeting may determine.
 - (8) 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 and, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
 - (9) Notice of each committee meeting shall be served on each member of the Committee by delivering at least two business days before the meeting or by sending it by pre-paid post addressed to him at his usual or last known place of abode at least two business days before the meeting.
 - (10) Subject to sub-clause (4) the Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Committee.

SECRETARY

22. The secretary of the Association shall keep minutes of resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting and each Committee meeting in books provided for that purpose together with a record of the names of persons present at such meetings.

TREASURER

- 23.(1) The Treasurer of the Association:-
 - (a) shall collect and receive all moneys due to the Association and make all payments authorised by the Association; and
 - (b) shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Association with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Association.
 - (2) The accounts and records referred to in sub-clause (1) shall be available for inspection by members.

AUDITOR

24. The Auditor appointed shall be a member of some recognised Institute of Accountants or a person sufficiently versed in business practice to capably carry out the duties of Auditor.

CHEQUES

25. All accounts over \$20.00 must be paid by cheque and all cheques signed by two members of the Committee chosen by the Committee.

SEAL

- 26.(1) The Common Seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the secretary.
 - (2) The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Committee and the affixing of the Common Seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the Committee or by one member of the Committee and the Public Officer of the Association.

ALTERATION OF RULES AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

27. These rules and the statement of purposes of the Association shall not be altered except in accordance with the Act.

NOTICES

- 28.(1) A notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it by post to the member at his address shown in the Register of Members.
 - (2) Where a document is properly addressed pre-paid and posted to a person as a letter, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be given to the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

WINDING UP OR CANCELLATION

- 29.(1) The Association shall not be dissolved or wound up except by the consent of three forths of those present at a General Meeting.
 - (2) In the event of the Association being wound up, any surplus assets shall be distributed within one month to district organisations this Association.

CUSTODY OF RECORDS

Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the secretary shall keep in his custody or under his control all books, documents and securities of the Association.

FUNDS

The funds of the Association shall be derived from entrance fees, annual subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the Committee determines.

LIABILITY

Every person participating in a walk conducted by the Association Walking Group does a volunteer in all respects and as such, accepts responsibility for an injury to himself/herself or property damage however incurred. The Association, its members and walk leaders cannot accept liability in regard to any injury or damage suffered by any persons while engaged in any Association Walking Group activities.

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INC.

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Dear Life Members.

As you know the old Warby Range Protection Society Inc. is now the Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc. and our main role is bushwalking. This has affected the manner in which the Club insures its members. We must pay a levy on each club member and this includes life members. As so many life members have been inactive for years we are offering to buy back their life membership and so lower our annual insurance premium. Of course you may like to donate your subscription to the club.

Could you please complete the following form and return it in the self addressed envelope.

Thank you for your kind co-operation

Elaine Jacobsen

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Secretary, Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc

FINANCIAL MEMBERS

BADE, Leila BANKS, David BLAIR, Sue. BUTLER, Joan.

CARR, Kate

DUNSTAN, Pat

FITZGERALD, Rita FERGUSON, Catriona and David

GRANT, Bev.

HEETEL, Rolf. HODGE, Garth.

JACOBSEN, Elaine

KEMP, Val KENTMANN, Trudi KUHNE, Val

MALLINDER, Brian and Jill. MATHEWS, Brian MOORE, Isobel McINTYRE, Corrie

RAISON, Alan. ROSSER, Bill and Joy SALMON, Hilda SHAW, Murray THOMPSON, Margot TURNBILL, Olwen

USHER, Jessie and Merric.

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NEWSLETTER -DECEMBER 1994

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As1994 draws to a close it is time once again for one of our annual get together - the Christmas Barbeque to be held this year in Merriwa Park. We issue a hearty invitation to all our members and friends.

Also in the newsletter are details of next year's week away .The chosen venue is Port Fairy.

We also enclose our walking programme for the first six months of 1995. We believe this will give the Club more certainty and flexibility in its walks.

Note also our change of name which is now official. We are no longer the Warby Range Protection Society Inc.but the Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc.

Finally I would like to say how sorry we all are at the recent death of one of our members, Jill Rossiter. Jill was a staunch member who also took a keen interest in botony. She was a member of The Field Naturalist Club and helped to survey the flora of N.E. Victoria.

We hope to see you at the B.B.Q.!



CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

This year we have decided to have our Annual Christmas Break-Up on the 11th. December 6.00 - 6.30 pm.at Merriwa Park. We will all have to BYO everything. We hope to see everyone there to finish off the year.

PORT FAIRY TRIP MARCH 19th.-25 th.1995

You haven't seen the superb environment of the South - West of Victoria until you've walked it!

In March the Club will visit Port Fairy, an area steeped in history and surrounded by scenic beauty.

Cabin accomodation will be available and numbers will be limited. Plenty of socializing and bushwalking; visiting such places as:

: Griffiths island mutton birds

: Mt. Eccles National Park.

: Tower Hill State Reserve

: and much more!

Deposit of \$20 to M.Shaw by December 11 th so details can be organized.