

## **Commentary on the Revision of the Rules for the Trauma Recovery Network Australia Inc.**

### 1. Process

These Rules are based on a) the current Model Rules for an Incorporated Association as published on the Victorian Government Department of Consumer Affairs website and b) the existing Rules of the Rotary Action Group for Family Safety Inc. (“RAG”)

Changes to the Model Rules have been made in order to remove references to Rotary, to update the Rules to the latest Model Rules, and to incorporate the Model Rule requirements for a Harm Prevention Charity as prescribed by the Australian Government Department of Social Services (Cth.) (“DSS”)

Minor changes to notice requirements have also been made to reflect the removal of Rotary provisions and to reflect the ability to use proxies, which was not allowed by Rotary.

### 2. Specific changes to the Model Rules and their source

#### Part 1

1 Name – change of name. An existing name used by the RAG in its Healing the Hurt activity.

2 Purposes - per current rules of the RAG, with references to Rotary removed and minor edits for clarity.

4 Definitions – the Department, per current Rules of the RAG

#### Part 2

6 (3) and (4) Model DSS clauses, per current rules of the RAG

#### Part 3 – unchanged

#### Part 4

30 (5) – per current rules of the RAG, notice of motions reduced in time from 75 days to 45 days, and date of Meeting notice from 90 days to 60 days

35 (3) – per current rules of the RAG

#### Part 5

46 – Chair and Vice-Chair instead of President and Vice-President, reflecting current usage in the RAG.

51 – per current rules of the RAG

54 - per current rules of the RAG

56 (3) - per current rules of the RAG

#### Part 6

71 (3) - per current rules of the RAG (DSS)

#### Part 7

- 76 (5) - per current rules of the RAG (DSS)
- 77 - per current rules of the RAG (DSS)
- 78 (2) - per current rules of the RAG (DSS)

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