

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION "LOMBARDI NEL MONDO"

On 23 July, 1989 an association by the name of "Lombardi Nel Mondo" ("the association") was formed.

An application for the reservation of the name "Lombardi Nel Mondo" has been lodged at Business and Consumer Affairs, 175 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

Mr Scaglietti, together with a number of people who originally migrated to Australia from various cities in the Lombardy region, have given life to the association, giving those originating from the region the opportunity to unite as an association in Sydney and in Australia in the same way as many regions of Italy which are more numerous represented in Australia have already done.

The association consists, among others, of the following people, who represent the nine (9) principal cities of the Lombardy region.

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Bergamo	The Hon. Mrs Maddalena (Mamma Lena)	Gustin M.B.E.
Brescia	Mr Fausto	Ferrari
Como	Mr Guido	Baitieri
Cremona	Mr Angelo	De Angeli
Mantova	Mr Sergio	Scaglietti
Milano	Mrs Marisa	Broccoli
Pavia	Mrs Isabella	Ferrigo

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- (a) The principle aim of the association is to preserve, in Australia, the traditions of the Lombardy region.
- (b) It is also the aim of the association to maintain a memory of our past as natives of the Lombardy region, by promoting the study and awareness of our civil, cultural, ethnic and natural heritage so that the Lombardy region may preserve its own customs in Australia.
- (c) It is also an aim of the association to promote the interests of the Lombardy region in harmony with the Italo-Australian community, by organising cultural, social, promotional and educational activities and by taking part in activities with the same ends. Such activities may relate to the Lombardy region and be carried on in Australia, or relate to Australia and be carried on in the Lombardy region.
- (d) The association has no political or religious affiliations and is a non-profit organisation.

Sondrio

Mr Ron

Della Vedova

Varese

Mrs Anna Maria

Germani

As representatives of this association it is our wish to expand into all the States of Australia, and to establish contact with other people from the Lombardy region who are scattered throughout the continent of Australia in order to form a close-knit relation. With the assistance of the Heads of State of the Lombardy region in Italy, we also wish to establish contact with other Italians from the same background throughout various parts of the globe, giving us the ability to interlink and exchange our cultural and historical understanding of the past and present.

As an association, we also desire to act as an umbrella organisation for all other associations which have links with the Lombardy region and which exist under various names in Australia, so as to create relations at all levels of society and be the link between Lombardy, Italy and Sydney, Australia and all other major centres and cities of Australia.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

A person is qualified to become a member of the association only if that person has attained the age of 18 years, no matter what their race, sex or religion, as long as they have some cultural, social, moral or historical interest in the region of Lombardy.

2. NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(a) New members of the association are created through nomination of an applicant by a current member, which nomination is approved by the executive committee. The nomination shall be in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1 to the Model Rules.

(b) The nomination form shall be mailed or delivered personally to the secretary of the association.

(c) The nomination will be referred to the executive committee as soon as practicable. The executive committee will then decide in its absolute discretion whether to accept or reject the nomination.

(d) If the executive committee accepts the nomination of an applicant, the secretary will, as soon as practicable, notify the applicant of such approval and request him or her to pay his or her membership fee within 28 days of such notification.

(e) When due payment of the membership fee is received by the secretary from an applicant whose nomination has been accepted, the secretary will enter the applicant's name into a

Register of Members and, upon the name being so entered, the applicant becomes a member of the association.

3. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

(a) Members may resign from their membership of the association.

(b) Members may lose their membership by neglecting to pay their membership or annual subscription fees within the time required by these rules.

(c) A member may be expelled from the association for sufficiently grave and serious reasons - eg, when it appears that a member is acting against the interests of and is discrediting the association, whereupon such expulsion shall be effected by the executive committee. The executive committee may, in its absolute discretion, determine what constitutes a sufficiently grave and serious reason.

(d) The executive committee may reject the nomination of an applicant for membership if there are grave doubts concerning the applicant's reputation and the discredit which it may bring upon the association.

4. FOUNDING MEMBERS

The founding members of the association are:-

Mr. BAITIERI Guido	Hon. Mr. GUSTIN Dino
Mrs. BROCCOLI Marisa	Hon. Mrs. GUSTIN Maddalena (Mamma Lena) M.B.E.
Mr. COLOMBI Armando	Mr. FERRARI Fausto
Mr. DE ANGELI Angelo	Mrs. FERRIGO Isabella
Mrs. DE ANGELI Ivana	Mr. SCAGLIETTI Sergio

5. SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

The profits derived by the association from, among other things, membership and annual subscription fees, shall be used in pursuance of the objects of the association in such manner as is determined by the executive committee.

6. MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES

All members including the founding members shall pay a membership fee in the amount determined by the executive committee, and an annual subscription fee at the end of the financial year in respect of which the subscription is payable, in the amount established from time to time by the executive committee.

7. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (a) The executive committee shall consist of nine (9) persons who are members of the association.
- (b) The office of each member of the executive committee is of one (1) year's duration.
- (c) The executive committee may be re-elected in whole or in part at the end of each year of office.
- (d) If for any reason a member of the executive committee should cease to hold office, he or she may be replaced by the non-elected person who achieved the highest vote for membership of the executive committee at the previous elections of the executive committee.

(e) Any member of the executive committee who does not attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the committee without a valid reason will automatically cease to be a member of the executive committee.

(f) The executive committee may decide in its absolute discretion what constitutes a valid reason.

(g) The first executive committee of the association consists of the following office bearers:

President	Mr. SCAGLIETTI Sergio
1. Vice President	Mr. FERRARI Fausto
2. Vice President	Mr. DELLA VEDOVA Ron
Secretary	Mrs. BROCCOLI Marisa
Vice Secretary	Mrs. FERRIGO Isabella
Treasurer	Mr. BAITIERI Guido
Vice Treasurer	Mr. DE ANGELI Angelo
Public Relations	Mrs. GUSTIN Lena (Mamma Lena)
Assistant Public Relations	Mrs. GERMANI Anna Maria

8. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) The general assembly of the association consists of all members who have paid their membership and annual subscription fees within the time required under these rules. All meetings of the general assembly (whether ordinary or special) are valid and effective at their first sitting if they consist of at least five (5) members who are entitled to vote.

(b) The executive committee shall cause to be convened within the first three months of each year the annual general meeting of the general

11. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (a) During the year the executive committee will meet when the committee itself or the president of the association deems it necessary.
- (b) The executive committee shall act in accordance with the directives of the general assembly as determined by the latter in accordance with these rules.
- (c) Any motion put to the executive committee may only be approved if a minimum of five (5) members of the executive committee are present.

12. VOTING

- (a) Each member present at any meeting of the association is entitled to only one vote on any motion.
- (b) Voting may be by proxy.
- (c) Members are not allowed more than five (5) proxy votes.
- (d) Any member of the association who intends to vote by proxy at a meeting must give notice to the secretary no later than 24 hours before the meeting begins.
- (e) A member is not entitled to cast a vote by proxy unless that member's membership and annual subscription fees payable in respect of the then current year have been paid.
- (f) A proxy vote may only be cast if a Form of Appointment of Proxy in the form set out in Appendix 2 of the Model Rules is completed.

The Form of Appointment of Proxy may be obtained from the secretary of the association.

13. PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS

- (a) The president of the association will chair all general meetings of the association and all meetings of the executive committee.
- (b) In the president's absence the vice president shall be the chairperson.
- (c) If the president or vice president are absent at a general meeting the chairperson will be nominated by the members of the executive committee who are present at the meeting.

14. MAKING OF DECISIONS

- (a) All motions put to a general meeting or to a meeting of the executive committee shall be voted upon by a show of hands. Motions shall be passed by simple majority.
- (b) In the case of an equal number of votes for and against a motion, the chairperson of the meeting shall have the casting vote.
- (c) The chairperson of the meeting may direct a secret ballot on any motion.
- (d) Motions put to a meeting shall be recorded in writing, as shall be details of the number of votes cast for and against any motion. Motions which are passed shall be put into effect.

15. SPECIAL RESOLUTION

- (a) A special resolution is a resolution that has been passed by at least 75% of members present at a general meeting.

16. NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED ALTERATION OF RULES

- (a) These rules may only be altered by a special resolution at a special general meeting.

- (b) The proposed alterations shall be presented to the executive committee which, having examined the same, has the power to reject to the proposed alterations or cause them to be put to the general assembly for discussion.

- (c) If proposed alterations to the rules are approved by the executive committee for discussion by the general assembly, a copy of the proposed alterations shall be deposited with the secretary and shall be available for inspection by any member for a period of one month before the meeting at which the proposed alterations are to be discussed is held.

17. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS

- (a) Funds which are obtained by the association from community functions and membership and annual subscription fees shall be deposited as soon as practicable in a bank account in the name of the association which shall be opened for these purposes.

- (b) All payments to be made by the association shall be made by cheque.

(c) Withdrawals of sums of money for cheque payments may be made only with the signature of two (2) members of the executive committee who shall be nominated and appointed by the committee itself.

(d) All payments made must be evidenced by receipts.

18. PAYMENT OF MEMBERS

All work carried out by any member of the association shall be on a voluntary basis unless the executive committee otherwise determines.

19. CUSTODY OF BOOKS

(a) The Register of Members of the association as well as all books of account shall be kept in the secretariat of the association.

(b) Inspection of the books and registers is open to all members of the association, free of charge, at any reasonable hour.

20. COMMON SEAL

(a) The common seal of the association shall be kept in the custody of the secretary.

(b) The common seal may only be affixed to an instrument if attested by the signature of at least two members of the executive committee.

21. INSURANCE

(a) The association shall effect and maintain insurance pursuant to Section 44 of the Association Incorporation Act 1984.

(b) Such insurance is considered necessary to avoid loss to members personally or to the executive committee.

22. MEMBERS' LIABILITIES

The liability of any member of the incorporated association shall be limited to the amount of that member's membership or annual subscription fees which remains unpaid and which is due from that member under these rules.

23. NOMINATION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

Nomination of honorary members may only be approved by the general assembly by absolute majority.

24. THE SYMBOL OF OUR ASSOCIATION WILL BE THE WARRIOR - SIGN OF SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE PROVINCES OF LOMBARDY.

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