**RNZRSA Constitution v118: Promised Review**

**Introduction**

As promised we are looking for further feedback on aspects of v118. Submissions may be made by member organisations or individuals.

**Please insert your feedback into the form below and send it to** [**review@rsa.org.nz**](mailto:review@rsa.org.nz) **by 30 June 2025.**

There are four areas where we are particularly looking for your comments. They are:

* Section 3. Constitutional Principles
* Section 4. Objects and Purposes
* Clause 8.30
* Clause 18.12

Please note we are aware of typos in the Majority Clause and Clause 19.4. These are in the process of being corrected.

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**Section 3. CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES *(Taken from RNZRSA constitution v 118)***

3.1 In pursuance of its Objects and Purposes, RNZRSA seeks to recognise and create a fellowship of:

(a) those Individual Persons who serve or have served as attested members of New Zealand's armed forces (Navy, Army, Air Force, and collectively called the New Zealand Defence Force) (“**New Zealand Veterans**”);

(b) those Individual Persons who serve or have served as sworn officers in the New Zealand Police (“**Police Officers**”);

(c) the Whānau of New Zealand Service Personnel; and

(d) those Individual Persons who serve or have served in recognised armed forces of commonwealth countries or New Zealand’s allies, as set out in the Bylaws (“**Personnel from Other Recognised Militaries**”).

3.2 In pursuance of its Objects and Purposes, and in addition to clause 3.1, RNZRSA seeks to provide remembrance of, support to, and advocacy for New Zealand Veterans and their Whānau in order to ensure that ongoing recognition of their service is valued by the Legal Persons of New Zealand.

3.3 As part of giving effect to the Objects and Purposes set out in this Constitution, each Member commits to:

(a) a shared vision of the Objects and Purposes of RNZRSA;

(b) working constructively with other Members and RNZRSA to pursue the Objects and Purposes;

(c) treating each other and RNZRSA with courtesy, mutual respect and tolerance at all times;

(d) demonstrating acceptance of diversity, sensitivity for the customs, practices, culture and personal beliefs of others;

(e) supporting human rights and dignity including equality of opportunity; and

(f) personal integrity and honesty in all matters involving RNZRSA, its Members and third parties.

3.4 RNZRSA shall remain politically neutral and non-sectarian, in that it shall neither endorse nor oppose any candidate or organisation seeking election to public office of any kind.

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**Section 4. OBJECTS AND PURPOSES *(Taken from RNZRSA constitution v 118)***

4.1 The Objects and Purposes of RNZRSA are:

(a) to support and advocate for those who are serving or have served in the New Zealand Defence Force at home and abroad and actively assist them in their transition to civilian life, especially if they are detrimentally affected by their service;

(b) to provide for New Zealand Veterans suffering hardship or poverty, the advancement of education of New Zealand Veterans or any other matter beneficial to New Zealand Veterans;

(c) to loyally uphold the sovereignty of New Zealand as a member of the Commonwealth of Nations and as a member of the United Nations;

(d) to foster and maintain the welfare and security in New Zealand within the concept of the establishment and maintenance of international peace with honour;

(e) to perpetuate the comradeship born of military service to New Zealand and to promote the general welfare of those who serve or have served New Zealand, and their families;

(f) to foster the Anzac spirit of courage, commitment, comradeship and compassion;

(i) by acting as guardians of remembrance including leading the community in preserving the memory of those who served, particularly those who lost their lives; and

(ii) by keeping the Spirit of Anzac alive through continuing to develop its meaning and relevance for today's world.

(g) to foster remembrance of the service undertaken by New Zealand Veterans and New Zealand Service Personnel;

(h) to cultivate a sense of responsibility within members of the RNZRSA community towards fellow citizens, the local community, and for the well-being of Individual Persons; and

(i) to promote the defence of New Zealand, and guard the good name, interests and standing of serving members of the New Zealand Defence Force.

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**Clauses for your recommendations**

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| 8.30 | While the role of National President and Board Chair are distinct, they may be filled by the same Individual Person. |  |  |
| 18.12 | The Board must call an SGM if it receives a written request from the Forum, or a written request signed by at least 50 RSA Member Associations (“SGM Request”). The SGM Request must specify the business that the SGM is proposed to deal with, including any motion to be put to the SGM (“SGM Business”). The SGM Request must be in the form provided in the Bylaws. |  |  |

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