

## **2 OBJECTS**

The objects of the Council shall be:

- 2.1** To represent the interests of Tasmanian alcohol, tobacco and other drug services in the provision of effective services to the community, especially the contribution of the non-government sector to the achievement of State and National policy objectives, including prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, health promotion and education, and research.
- 2.2** To develop policy and respond to policy formulated by the non-government sector, community groups, consumers, Government agencies and departments on issues concerning the adverse consequences of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.
- 2.3** To undertake:
  - 2.3.1** To develop and improve communication and linkages between the non-government sector, community groups, consumers, Government agencies and departments;
  - 2.3.2** To disseminate information to all stakeholders in the alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector;
  - 2.3.3** To facilitate coordinated responses to alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues;
  - 2.3.4** To complement and support the activities of all stakeholders in the alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector;
  - 2.3.5** To facilitate and support consumer representation in decision making in all areas of the alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector;
  - 2.3.6** To support the development, implementation and evaluation of new initiatives, and to promote best practice in the alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector;
  - 2.3.7** To provide advice and recommendations to State and Commonwealth Government's on alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues in Tasmania;
  - 2.3.8** To provide a mechanism for advocacy and community education in relation to alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues.
- 2.4** To promote:
  - 2.4.1** adequate resourcing for the prevention and treatment of alcohol, tobacco and other drug related problems, including new services to fill identified gaps;
  - 2.4.2** programs and services developed by or for specific population groups, including Aborigines, women, young people, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and homeless people, acknowledging their specific cultural, economic and other characteristics;
  - 2.4.3** adequate resource levels for the provision of effective community education and other forms of community-based prevention initiatives;
  - 2.4.4** monitoring and evaluation of educational and treatment service provision and other community-based interventions.
- 2.5** To promote the rights and improvements in quality of life of consumers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs services provided by both government and non-government sectors.
- 2.6** To facilitate at a State level, cooperation between government and non-government sectors in response to alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues.

- 2.7** To promote the continuing development and implementation of workforce development strategies to assist in the delivery of prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, health promotion and education services that are of high quality
- 2.8** To facilitate provision of information and, advisory and consultation services to non-government alcohol, tobacco and other drug organisations, and to government agencies and departments.
- 2.9** In addition to the basic objects of the Council, the objects, purposes and powers of the Council shall be deemed to include:-
- 2.9.1** the purchase, taking on lease or in exchange, and the hiring or otherwise acquiring of any real or personal property that may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes and powers of the Council;
- 2.9.2** The buying, selling and supplying of, and dealing in goods of all kinds;
- 2.9.3** The construction, maintenance and alteration of buildings or works necessary or convenient
- 2.9.4** The accepting of any gift, whether subject to a special trust or not, for one or more of the objects or purposes and powers of the Council;
- 2.9.5** the taking of such steps from time to time as the Board or the members in general meeting may deem expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Council, whether by way of donations, subscriptions, government funding or otherwise;
- 2.9.6** the printing and publishing of such newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets, or other documents as the Board or the members in general meeting may think desirable for the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Council;
- 2.9.7** the borrowing and raising of money in such manner and on such terms as the Board may think fit or as may be approved or directed by resolution passed at a general meeting;
- 2.9.8** subject to the provisions of the Trustee Act 1898, the investment of any moneys of the Council not immediately required for any of its objects or purposes or powers in such manner as the committee from time to time determine;
- 2.9.9** the making of gifts, subscriptions, or donations to any of the funds, authorities, or institutions to which paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of section 78 of the Income Tax Assessment Act of the Commonwealth relates;
- 2.9.10** the establishment and support, or aiding in the establishment and support, of associations, institutions, funds, trusts, schemes and conveniences calculated to benefit servants or past servants of the Council and their dependants and the granting of pensions, allowances, or other benefits to servants or past servants of the Council and their dependants, and the making of payments towards insurance in relation to any of those purposes;
- 2.9.11** the establishment and support, or aiding in the establishment or support, or any other association formed for any of the basic objects of the Council;
- 2.9.12** the purchase or acquisition, and undertaking, of all or part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any association with which the Council may at any time become amalgamated in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules of the Council; and
- 2.9.13** the doing of all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the basic objects of the Council or of any of the objects and purposes specified in the foregoing provisions of this sub-clause.

### **3 MEMBERSHIP**

**3.1** Membership shall be open to all individuals and organisations that accept the objects and rules of the Council. The Board shall have the power to determine the membership class that shall apply to applicants for membership, and may request additional information from applicants prior to making any such determination. There shall be two classes of membership:

**3.1.1 Voting or Full Membership**, which shall comprise:

**3.1.1.1** Nominated representatives of non-government, not-for-profit organisations that are able to demonstrate an interest in and involvement with the prevention and reduction of harms associated with alcohol or other drug use;

**3.1.1.2** Consumers, past or present, of alcohol, tobacco or other drug services in Tasmania; and

**3.1.1.3** Other individuals committed to and able to contribute to the purpose and objects of the ATDC.

**3.1.1.4** Life members, who are individuals acknowledged by Council to have rendered outstanding service to Council and/or the ATOD sector over a long period of time. Life membership shall be granted only by a General Meeting on the express recommendation of the Board.

**3.1.1.5** At any General Meeting of the Council, organisational members shall be entitled to five (5) votes and individual members are entitled to one (1) vote.

**3.1.2 Non-voting or Associate Membership**, which shall be open to nominated representatives of State and Commonwealth agencies and other for-profit or not-for-profit groups that have an interest in the provision of alcohol, tobacco and other drug services. Associate Members will be entitled to attend all meetings and conferences of the Council and will be eligible to serve as members of relevant sub-committees. Associates will be entitled to receive minutes of General Meetings, all newsletters and information mail outs.

**3.2** Individuals and organisations wishing to become members of the Council shall apply in writing to the Public Officer using the application forms approved by the Board together with the subscription fee determined under clause 3.4 and where relevant, copies of their Certificate of Incorporation and most recent Annual Report. Organisation members shall nominate, using such forms as shall be approved by the Board, one individual to represent them in any dealings with ATDC and shall promptly notify ATDC in writing of any change to the nominated representative.

**3.3** An application for membership may be approved by the Board and following such approval the applicant shall be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of membership. Following approval of the application for membership by the Board the member shall be so notified and be furnished with a copy of the Council's rules.

**3.4** Members shall pay such fees as are determined by the Board from time to time.

**3.5** All annual subscriptions (except the first subscription of a new member as provided by clause 3.4) shall be payable on 1st July each calendar year and remain current until 30th June the following calendar year unless the Board terminates membership as set out in clause 3.6.

**3.6** Any member failing to pay the Annual subscription within one month from the date due shall be given notice that failure to pay within one month from the issue of such notice, will result in the termination of their membership. However, should a satisfactory explanation be given to the Council, the member may, at the discretion of the Council and upon payment of arrears, be readmitted to membership.

**3.7** Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 3.6 any organisation, group or individual who is experiencing financial difficulties may request membership fees be waived. The decision to waive membership fees will be made by the Board.

**3.8** Representative members of non-government organisations shall be entitled to appoint a proxy delegate to represent them and vote at all meetings of the Council. Only the appointed delegate, or in that delegate's absence the alternate delegate, is entitled to vote at any such meeting on behalf of the organisation they are representing.

**3.9** A register of members shall be kept by the Council showing the name, address and date of commencement of membership, together with the name of the appointed representative as well as the date of cessation of membership.

**3.10** All notices provided in writing to the appointed representative shall be considered as having been duly given at the expiration of fourteen days after posting.

**3.11** The rights and obligations which an organisation or individual has by reason of being a member of the Council:

**3.11.1** are not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another organisation or individual; and

**3.11.2** terminate upon cessation of the organisation's or individual's membership.

The rights and obligations arising from participation in the Council are summarised in the table below:

**3.11.3 Rights of Members and subscribers:**

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Associate Member</b>
Receive due notice of, attend, and speak at all general meetings of members.	✓	✓
Move motions at general meetings of members.	✓	
Vote on all matters before general meetings of members	✓	
Appoint a proxy to exercise a vote on their behalf at general meetings of members.	✓	
Nominate for election to the Board of Directors.	✓	
Vote in elections for the Board of Directors.	✓	
Receive timely and accurate information about the activities of ATDC.	✓	✓
Receive timely and accurate information about developments in the Tasmanian and national ATOD sectors.	✓	✓
With other members, petition for the convening of a special general meeting of members.	✓	
Appeal, at a general meeting of members, a disciplinary decision taken by the Board.	✓	✓

### 3.11.4 Obligations of members and subscribers:

	Member	Associate Member
Adhere to the Constitution and its provisions.	✓	✓
Support the objects of ATDC.	✓	✓
Act in ways that do not damage the reputation of ATDC.	✓	✓
Attend general meetings of members and other ATDC meetings where the ideas and expertise of members/subscribers are valued.	✓	✓
Take all reasonable steps to be informed prior to exercising rights to vote on matters impacting on ATDC.	✓	
Respect the rights of other members.	✓	✓
Respect privacy and confidentiality in all matters arising from contacts with other members, and with paid and volunteer staff working with ATDC.	✓	✓

## 4 MEMBER'S LIABILITY

**4.1** The members of the Council shall have no liability to contribute towards the payment of debts and liabilities of the Council or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Council except to the amount of any unpaid membership fees.