



## CONSTITUTION OF U3A ST HELIERS

### 1.0 Name

- 1.1 The name of the society is U3A St Heliers (“the Society”).

### 2.0 Aims and Objectives of the Society

- 2.1 The purpose of the Society is :
- (a) to advance the interests and education of people who live in or near St Heliers, Auckland
  - (b) without limiting the generality of clause 2.1(a), to provide a forum for study, fellowship and the participation of members in activities of the Society.
  - (c) To be non-political and non-sectarian
  - (d) To confine any fund-raising to the Society’s own objectives.
  - (e) Where appropriate, to assist and encourage the formation and operation of other U3A societies in New Zealand; to participate in activities undertaken by other U3A societies and the U3A network; and to permit members of other U3A societies to participate in activities of the Society.

### 3.0 Membership

- 3.1 Membership shall be open to all persons interested in supporting the purpose of the Society subject to payment of the annual subscription and compliance with the Rules of the Society

### 4.0 Management

- 4.1 The Society shall have a managing committee (“the Committee”) comprising the following officers
- (a) The President
  - (b) The Immediate Past President
  - (c) The Vice President
  - (d) The Secretary
  - (e) The Treasurer and
  - (f) Such other Members as the Society shall decide
- 4.2 The Committee shall be elected annually in accordance with the Rules of the Society

## **5.0 Meetings**

5.1 Society meetings shall be held as provided by the Rules of the Society

## **6.0 Rules**

6.1 The Society shall adopt Rules not inconsistent with this Constitution

## **7.0 Use of Money and other Assets**

7.1 The Society may only use the funds and other assets of the Society if that use:

- (a) is in accordance with this Constitution and the Rules of the Society;
- (b) is not for the sole personal or individual benefit of any Member and
- (c) has been approved by either the Committee or at a Society meeting

7.2 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 7.1, the Society may use money and other assets to make a donation to a charitable cause provided such donation is approved by all Committee members.

(c) The donation shall not

- (i) be for the sole personal or individual benefit of any Committee member, or
- (ii) benefit any charity in which any Committee member has any financial interest , or
- (iii) benefit any charity in which any Committee member holds any office or other involvement other than the giving of donations

## **8.0 Altering the Constitution and Rules**

The Society may alter or replace this Constitution and its Rules at a Society meeting at which 50% of the members are present by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those Members present

## **9.0 Winding Up**

9.1 The Society may be dissolved by a resolution carried by 50% of members present at two consecutive Special General Meetings held not less than thirty days apart and convened for that purpose

9.2 If the Society is wound up:

- (a) The Society's debts, costs and liabilities shall be paid
- (b) Surplus Money and Other Assets of the Society shall be disposed of by resolution to such body or bodies domiciled in New Zealand that have similar aims and objects as the Society; or to such charity or charities in New Zealand as the Meeting approves
- (c) No distribution may be made to any Member