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South Australian
Stolen Generations
Aboriginal Corporation
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

WITH

MORAL AND ETHICAL PLEDGE

(Member's Pledge of Principles)

SCHEDULE 1

Moral and Ethical Pledge

To be agreed to and signed by applicant as a component of the Application for Membership to the South Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation.

The South Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation is committed to provide a safe, transparent and inclusive environment in which the following principles of **acknowledgement, respect, accountability and positive communication** with are the premise for all interactions and activities of members performed both within the SASGAC space and externally as they relate to the Corporation.

We acknowledge:

- Our individual and collective responsibility to support and grow the Corporation into the future with integrity, honesty and conviction in the spirit of Stolen Generations Peoples' plight and suffering – Past, Present and Future;
- The different eras of Government Policy and practices (Civilise, Protect, Train and Assimilate) that led to the removal of Aboriginal People from our families, communities, lands, cultures, languages and identities by Governments, Churches and other parties;
- The different experiences of Stolen Generations People when they were removed, and
- The innocence of Stolen Generations Peoples in their removal, by supporting them to be guilt-free in relation to the implementations of Government policies and practices that removed them from their families and communities, denying many their inherent birth rights;
- The missed opportunities of Stolen Generations People to maintain, identify and re-establish close family and cultural ties, when records and knowledge has been lost or withheld;
- The many mothers and fathers who lost children and went to their graves with broken hearts at the vulnerability of Government policies;
- The heartfelt loss of the brothers, sisters and extended family members of Stolen Generations People and lack of counselling to support them;
- The destructive legacy of transgenerational trauma within our families and communities attributed to Government removal policies; and
- The traditional Owners of the Country we meet on.

We respect:

- The rights of our Members to be heard by providing the opportunity to speak without interruption;
- The sharing of personal stories and experiences in a safe and non-judgmental environment free from harassment and intimidation
- The confidentiality of personal and sensitive information of Members (both individual and organisations) and the Corporation;
- The different opinions and ideas that can progress the Aims and Objectives of the Corporation;
- The people and the paths that have been laid by previous Aboriginal People contributing to the development of the Stolen Generations Movement in South Australia, Nationally and Internationally
- The Traditional Owners of the country that we meet on, treating them with care.

We are accountable:

- First and foremost to the many living and deceased members of the Stolen Generations and **prioritise the needs of the surviving elderly and frail** in accordance of the Corporation's Vision Statement;
- To do our best to ensure that the Aims and Objectives of the Corporation are actioned in a timely and responsive manner, that may from time to time incorporate priority issues from external sources;
- To be responsible in our duties, communications and representations both internally and externally to and on behalf of the Corporation and our Members;

Our communications (either in person, via email, post or phone) will:

- Be honest, respectful and truthful in what we say and write;
- Be direct and regular when required;
- Be objective and focus on the issue at hand without detriment to other Members and respect differences of opinion;
- When issues or problems arise, offer ideas for solutions and action;
- Inform local Members when the Board of Directors or representatives of the Corporation is travelling to or meeting in a country region, to engage in community consultation, participation and support and to provide information to prospective new Members;
- Remain loyal to the memory of the suffering of all Stolen Generations People, their families and communities and descendants

All new Members shall sign this Member's Pledge of Principles as a condition of their Application for Membership and in doing so AGREES to honour this commitment in association with the Aims and Objectives of the Corporation and its Strategies and to abide by its Rules, policies and procedures.

The South Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation is committed to preventing or resolving conflict in a simple and direct way at the earliest opportunity within the Corporation's capacity. If conflict does arise the Corporation will refer to its Dispute Resolution Process (Section 17 of the Constitution).

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____



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VOTING MEMBER:

- Must be at least 18-years of age.
- Any Aboriginal person who was fostered, adopted and/or institutionalised as a result of past removal policies, practices and/or legislation across South Australia.
- Any Aboriginal person that was fostered, adopted and/or institutionalised as a result of past removal policies, practices and/or legislation who permanently resides in South Australia.
- Any Aboriginal person whose cultural connections are within South Australia, or who currently resides permanently in South Australia, and is a descendant of an Aboriginal person/s who were removed, fostered, adopted and/or institutionalised as a result of past removal policies, practices and/or legislation.

NON VOTING MEMBER

- Must be at least 18-years of age.
- Any non-Stolen Generations Aboriginal person or non-Aboriginal person, who can support the objectives of the Corporation,
- An organisation/agency/service provider that can support the Corporation's objectives of the Corporation.

CORPORATE APPLICATION

(Insert name of Corporation)

OR

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION

I,

(First name of applicant)

(Last name of applicant)

(Note: Corporation's rules may permit corporate applicants)

of

(Insert address of applicant)

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Alternate contact (e.g. family member, friend)

Name: _____

Address/email/phone for Alternate contact: _____

Hereby apply for Membership to:

South Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation

I am a Stolen Generations survivor

Name of Institution: _____

Adopted

Fostered

Language Group (if Known) _____

Names of community people who can be contacted to support your application. While SASGAC understands and respects that this may be difficult for applicants there is sometimes gaps in Director's knowledge of where individuals or families sit within the local community _____

I am a Stolen Generation descendant

*Ancestor's name: _____

*Relationship to Ancestor

- Child
- Grandchild
- Great Grandchild

Any family history that will assist the Board in making a decision eg. Language Group of Ancestor (if Known), names of community people who can be contacted for further information. (This is because the applicant or the families of applicants may not be known to Directors)/

I declare that I am eligible for Membership

Signed: _____

Date: _____

NON VOTING MEMBER

Non Voting member

I declare that I am eligible for Membership

Signed: _____

Date: _____

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006

I, (first or given name) _____

(Surname) _____

Of

(Address of Member)

Being a member of South Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation

Hereby appoint _____

(Full name of Proxy)

Of

(Address of Proxy)

Being a member of that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the General Meeting of the Corporation (annual General Meeting or other General Meeting, as the case may be) to be held on the _____ day of _____ (year) __ and at any adjournment of that meeting.

(Optional – if member wishes to specify the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution, include additional information here)

Signed: _____
(Signature of member appointing proxy)

Date: _____

NOTE: A person must not exercise proxies for more than three members. A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a voting member of the Corporation.)

For office use ONLY:	Received by:	Date:
Copy of Identification sighted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Details of Meeting: _____		
Membership Number: _____		
Official Signature: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved		
Reason for not approving: _____		

Right of Appeal: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Outcome: _____		
If appeal not successful, applicant advised: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Details: _____		
Further Action, if required: _____		