KENTIAN SOCIETY
SUPPORTING KENT STREET SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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1. Membership

The Kentian Society (Inc) shall comprise the following categories of membership:

a. **Alumni Members.**
Open to former students, current or former administrators, staff and teachers.
Alumni Members shall not be eligible to vote in elections of the Society.

b. **Associate Members.**
Open to parents of current or former students and donors to the School.
Associate Members shall have no right to vote, hold office in, or to serve on the Committee of the Society unless invited by the Committee (see Rule 13.) Associate Members may serve on sub-committees (but may not chair a committee).

c. **Esteemed/Valued Benefactors**
Open to Esteemed or Valued Benefactors of the Kentian Society (Inc) and the Kentian Scholarship Foundation as determined at a Society Committee Meeting.
There are two (2) classes of this membership:
   i) A sole Esteemed or Valued Benefactor who is a member of the Kentian Society or its alumni.
   ii) An Esteemed or Valued Benefactor who is a sole representative of another organisation other than the Kentian Society (Inc) and the Kentian Scholarship Foundation.

   Esteemed/Valued Benefactors will be eligible to vote in elections, hold office, serve on the Management Committee and any sub committees of the Society, and need not pay fees.

d. **Society Honorary Life Members.**
There shall be a class of Honorary Members comprising of persons, nominated by the Committee from time to time and confirmed by a majority vote at the next AGM. The nominee will have made significant contributions to the School or the Society, whether they attended the School or not. Honorary Members will be eligible to vote in elections, hold office, serve on the Management Committee and any sub committees of the Society, and need not pay fees.
Where the nominee is a committee member, that member shall be excluded from the committee's nomination process including discussion and voting. Correspondence by email is the recommended method of maintaining secrecy, until the AGM.

e. **Society Life Members**

Open to members as categorised in Rule 6.1.e who pay a once off prescribed fee consisting of the annual membership fee current at the time of payment multiplied by 20. (ie. A 20-year membership fee paid in advance).

f. **Society Members**

i) Open to Members who pay an annual membership fee as determined by the Management Committee of the Society. Society Members will be eligible to vote in elections, hold office, serve on the Management Committee and any sub committees of the Society. A Society Member may pay the prescribed fee in advance for a maximum of 5 years or longer, as determined by the Management Committee.

ii) Students who graduate from Kent Street Senior High School will be exempt from any fee for their first five (5) years of membership to the Society and will be eligible to the same benefits as Society Members during that period.

g. **Honourary Patron**

Open to former students, current or former administrators, staff and teachers and illustrious persons.

The position of Honourary Patron shall be governed by Bylaw 3.

2. Use of Archives

To access archival materials, hardcopy or electronic, the entity must be a financial member of the Kentian Society (Inc) as defined by Bylaw 1. Any other entity requiring access to said material may do so by paying the current Kentian Society five (5) year membership fee. This bylaw applies to a single alumni member or an alumni group, represented by the organiser or their representative. Access to materials is controlled by the Government Privacy and FOI Acts of WA and hard copies will only be provides as photocopies or scans of the originals.

3. Patron Agreement Rules Policy:

Honorary Patron – Role and Responsibilities

Category: Governance

Responsible Executive: Board Chair

3.1 Policy Statement

The Management Committee of the Kentian Society may appoint persons to the role of "Honorary Patron". An Honorary Patron shall be someone who, due to his/her public achievement, exemplification of outstanding leadership, and stature in society, can help the

Kentian Society achieve its mission by enhancing its credibility, and by modelling different ideals of leadership.

3.2. Policy Framework Governing the Position of Honorary Patron

3.21 Negotiated Agreement Regarding Duties: The Management Committee of the Kentian Society will work with everyone invited to serve as Honorary patron to fashion mutually acceptable duties which accord with the Honorary patron's capacity to serve, and which meets some if not all, the requirements described in Item 2.2 of this document. This flexibility acknowledges that some patrons may be, physically or otherwise, unable to perform some the duties noted in Item 2.2. Hence, while the roles listed below are the standards for the position, some may be waived for individual Honorary patrons.

3.22 Kentian Society's Standard Set of Roles for Honorary Patrons:

3.22a Lend his/her name to the Society as an expression of support for the Society's mission and programs, and in so doing, enhance the credibility of the Society, augment its fundraising capacity, and generally bestow an aura of goodwill on it. This role is a core to the position of Honorary patron.

3.22b As requested, support the Kentian Society's fundraising programs by way of pre-recorded or online live (e.g. Skype) address to events hosted by the Society.

3.22c Contribute to Kentian Society leadership by the sharing of insights, experiences and other enriching leadership perspectives. The Honorary patron may participate in these addresses and discussions by any mode deemed convenient, modes such as in-person, pre-recorded or online-live (e.g., Skype).

3.22d Leverage his/her networks to encourage former students and staff of Kent Street Senior High School to contribute their time and knowledge to the Society's endeavours, and to participate in the Society's fundraising programs.

3.3 Constraints to the Position of Honorary Patron:

The following constraints will apply to the position of Honorary patron:

3.33a Will not be an ordinary or Executive Committee member of the Kentian Society and will have no voting privileges in the Society.

3.33b Will not have any special authority over the Kentian Society's elected Committee.

3.33c: Will not be required to attend Kentian Society Committee meetings, pay any fees or bear any liabilities on behalf of the Society.

4. Duration to the Term of Honorary Patron:

The term of an Honorary patron will end under any of the following conditions:

4.1 The agreed term of service expires.

4.2 The Honorary patron resigns, at any time, by submitting a written resignation to the chair of the Kentian Society, in which case such resignation shall be effective on the date specified in the resignation.

4.3 The Honorary patron dies.

4.4 The chair of the Kentian Society, acting on the direction of the Committee, terminates the Honorary patron's service by submitting a written notice to the Honorary patron, in which case such termination shall have effect on the date specified in the termination notice

4.5 The Kentian Society as an entity ceases to function according to the requirements of the Western Australian Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

Note: The position of the Patron will be reviewed tri-annually (every 3 years).

5. Honorary Patron Emeritus:

When the term of an Honorary patron ends, the individual may retain enthusiastic support for the Kentian Society and wish to retain a certain level of engagement with it. Conversely, the Society may wish to honour the individual's past service and extend the benefit derived from the individual's good name. Where this occurs, the Society and the former Honorary patron may come to an agreement whereby the individual is bestowed with the status of Honorary Patron Emeritus. Where this occurs, the Honorary patron emeritus would:

5.1 be awarded the honour for a lifetime term, with complimentary membership of the Kentian Society.

5.2 have no duties or obligations to the Society other than those the individual opts to exercise and which the Society values.

6. Selection and Recruitment:

The Kentian Society may seek the services and support of more than one Honorary patron. Any member of the Kentian Society may propose to the committee an individual he/she considers suitable for the position of Honorary patron. Subsequently, the Society's Management Committee will establish a process for determining the candidate's suitability, implement a strategy for recruiting the candidate, if suitable, and draft an agreement. The Management Committee will authorize the appointment of Honorary Patrons.

7. Reason for Policy

The Kentian Society requires a policy which governs its relationships will the eminent individuals who lend their good name to its service. The Society has instituted a policy framework with the roles and constraints it believes to be ideal, while allowing Honorary patrons to negotiate exemptions from certain roles based on their personal circumstances. A policy which describes an ideal, while being practical and flexible to attract illustrious exemplars of leadership as Honorary patrons, will best serve the needs and interests of both patron and Society.

8. Who Should Read This Policy?

All Kentian Society members must read and understand this policy to effectively discharge their duties in the Kentian Society.