

# VICTORIAN GUM INCORPORATED

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

1. The name of the incorporated association is **VICTORIAN GENEALOGISTS USING MICROCOMPUTERS (GUM) INCORPORATED** (hereinafter called "the Association"). The Association may also be known as **Victorian GUM Incorporated**.
2. The purposes of the Association are:
  - (a) to promote and encourage the use of computers in all aspects of genealogy, family history, heraldry and allied subjects, and to assist members and others in genealogical research;
  - (b) to assist members with information about personal computer hardware and software packages that can aid family history and genealogical research and study;
  - (c) to hold regular meetings of members and the public at which addresses shall be given, papers read and discussions take place in connection with the various aspects of using computers for genealogical purposes;
  - (d) to establish and maintain computer-based indexes of reference to births, baptisms, marriages, deaths, funerals, wills and other records of genealogical interest;
  - (e) to acquire and conduct a library of genealogical computing information including: books, papers, magazines, manuscripts, computer program listings and outputs, program reviews, public domain software and demonstration software for the use of members and the general public; and to establish and maintain indexes of such above items as may be contained in other libraries and institutions;
  - (f) to print, publish, purchase and disseminate such newsletters, journals, periodicals, books, genealogical software and other items as may assist achievement of any of the purposes of the Association;
  - (g) to liaise with other genealogical computer groups and associations with a view to establishing and maintaining standards for data exchange formats;
  - (h) to purchase, rent, take on lease, exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any land, buildings, plant, furniture, fittings or other property real or personal and to erect or construct any buildings, to maintain and from time to time alter and add to any building or plant used by the Association;
  - (i) to sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of, dedicate, exchange or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Association but if the Association takes or holds any property subject to any trust the Association shall deal with the same only in accordance with the trust affecting it;
  - (j) to accept gifts of monies, property, or chattels testamentary or otherwise and, if necessary or advisable, to perform, execute or adopt any conditions or trusts attached to such gifts;
  - (k) to procure contributions by taking such steps through personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions, grants or otherwise;
  - (l) to maintain close links with The Genealogical Society of Victoria Incorporated ("GSV") and to assist the GSV with computer development, purchase and usage both for administrative and genealogical applications;
  - (m) to undertake and execute any trust or any agency, business, etc., which may seem directly or indirectly conducive to any of the purposes of the Association;
  - (n) to invest monies of the Association in such investments as may from time to time be determined by the Committee of the Association; where directed by the terms of any

testament, deed of gift etc., creating any such fund, deal with the corpus and income accordingly;

(o) to do all such other lawful things as may be incident or conducive to the attainment of the above purposes.

**3.** The income and property of the Association whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of the Association as set forth in this Statement of Purposes and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, to the members of the Association. Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Association or to any member of the Association, in return for any services actually rendered to the Association or for goods supplied in the ordinary and usual way of business nor prevent the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding the rate for the time being fixed for the purpose of this paragraph by the Rules of the Association on money borrowed from any member of the Association or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member to the Association.