

Concerns Addressed under the New Constitution

Finances - In closing our Branch bank accounts and depositing it into the national bank account we have not 'given up' our money. It is still our money and accessible by us. It's just held in a different bank. For the little everyday things like more teabags or a gift for the speaker we do what we've always done, the member buys it and seeks reimbursement through the branch 'Expenditure Approvers'. As advised at the AGM 2024, the Treasurer is looking into a simpler system for anything over a small amount.

Members paying for events, or membership fees we deposit into the national bank account either online or in person and as long as we remember to put our name, Branch, and event it will get to the right place.

Everything Digital - We understand that digital is the way the world is going but in this interim stage it is understood that not all are able to receive information this way. Even when the non-digital members cease to be we will always have those who are sight impaired, or in homes, or who choose not to be electronically connected. The Co-ordinator of each Branch will have systems in place to keep everyone informed.

Discontinuation of The Bulletin - We have realised that this venerable publication which has been in existence nearly as long as the Founders Society, was unsustainable as the publishing cost per page did not match the number of members.

We still have an interest in the stories of our ancestors and have put a button on the website called 'Heritage Tales'. Members can submit stories of their ancestors, the voyage out, illustrious people and places, pre-European life, business enterprises, and other stories of pioneer life, just as we used to do for the Bulletin.

Update with stories, see Ray for story