



THE DUNTROON SOCIETY
ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
CHARTER
11 OCTOBER 2011

PURPOSE

1. The Duntroon Society exists within the Royal Military College of Australia Association Incorporated. Its purpose is to encourage continuing interest in the Royal Military College of Australia, particularly among graduates, former cadets and former members of staff of the Army's officer training establishments.

OBJECTS

2. The Objects of the Duntroon Society are to:
- a. enable its members to maintain an informal association with RMC;
 - b. keep contact with its members through a regular newsletter;
 - c. foster social contact among its members; and
 - d. support the RMC in such ways as the Commandant may consider appropriate.

MEMBERSHIP

3. There are three classes of membership of the Society:
- a. Foundation Membership being all members, regardless of category, of the Duntroon Society at the date of incorporation of the Association.
 - b. Ordinary Membership being all graduates from the College from time to time after the date of incorporation of the Association as commissioned officers of the Australian Army, a foreign army or other Service. Ordinary Membership is available to all serving and retired officers of the Regular and Reserve Defence Forces of Australia.
 - c. Associate Membership is available to former members of the military and civilian staffs of Australian officer training establishments; families of the aforementioned; other persons who wish to join the Society and are recommended by a current member.
4. Applications for ordinary and associate membership should be made on the form available at www.dunsoc.com and forwarded as per instructions contained thereon. The membership database will be maintained centrally and provided to branches as required.
5. Applications for ordinary membership in New Zealand are processed by the New Zealand Branch which maintains all its own records independently.
6. A member may leave the Society at any time by submitting a letter of resignation to his

or her branch convenor, who will notify the Duntroon Society Committee.

FELLOW OF THE SOCIETY

7. The Duntroon Society Committee may from time to time honour members by bestowing the award of Fellow of the Society. Nominations may be made by any member and should be forwarded to the Duntroon Society Committee for consideration and approval. Endorsement by the Commandant will be sought as a matter of courtesy

ORGANISATION

8. The Duntroon Society is an association of individuals, who are grouped for convenience into branches that exist and operate under the authority of the Royal Military College of Australia Association Incorporated. A central forum for branches is provided by the Duntroon Society Committee comprised of:

- a. Chairperson, who is appointed by the Commandant and is a director of Royal Military College of Australia Association Incorporated, who will also act as National Convenor;
- b. the convenors of all the branches of the Society in Australia and New Zealand, each of whom has a proxy;
- c. up to three members appointed by the Chairperson, selected so as to ensure, as far as possible, that the Committee includes representatives of RMC and the former OCS, OTU and WRAAC OCS; and
- d. the Editor of the Society's newsletter ex officio.

9. Each branch will appoint one of its members to be its convenor, by such means and for such period as it determines. Each branch may appoint a secretary and treasurer by such means and for such periods as it determines.

10. Each branch will raise its own funds and keep such financial records as appropriate.

11. The Duntroon Society Committee at its discretion may create a branch of the Society in any State or Territory of the Commonwealth where no branch exists, and, provided that satisfactory financial arrangements can be made, in another country where no branch exists.

12. With the concurrence of the established branch in an Australian State or in New Zealand, the Duntroon Society Committee may create a sub-branch of that branch in a remote location where, in its opinion, there are enough ordinary members to warrant a sub-branch. Representatives of sub-branches will not be members of the Council.

RESPONSIBILITIES

13. The Duntroon Society Committee is responsible for advancing the Objects of the Society. In particular, the Duntroon Society Committee will:

- a. meet at least twice in each calendar year to consider matters brought before it, and keep records of its meetings as minutes;
- b. develop such financial proposals as may be necessary for consideration by the Board of the Royal Military College of Australia Association Incorporated;

- c. promulgate the minutes to all convenors and issue any directions that arise from the minutes;
- d. maintain a Society web site and produce a newsletter in either print or electronic form at least twice in a calendar year;
- e. maintain the Society membership database; and
- f. approve recommendations for the appointment of Fellows of the Society.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

14. The subscription rates, if any, payable in Australia are set by the Duntroon Society Committee and may be varied from time to time. The New Zealand Branch maintains a separate operating fund and sets its own subscription rates.

FINANCE

15. What funding that may be required for national projects from time to time will be sought from the Royal Military College of Australia Association Incorporated.

16. The New Zealand Branch has been financially autonomous since its foundation.

17. Branches are wholly responsible for financing their own social functions.

AMENDMENT

18. In general the Duntroon Society Committee may amend this Charter when necessary with the approval of two-thirds of the members. An amendment that would significantly alter the expectations of the general membership may be referred to the State branches for prior endorsement, and this will be deemed to be given when four branches concur.