



RSEA

CONSTITUTION CHANGES
JULY 2024

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WHY IS THE CHANGE NECESSARY?

The redrafted **RNZRSA Constitution** is adjusted for:

- legislative requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and to tidy up confusing language.

There are **three** over arching reasons for change in the draft constitution.

They are:

- legally required
- clarity and anomalies
- improvement

(Note: these are clearly outlined in the Constitution Changes Document)

Most elements of the constitution remain the same.



KEY DOCUMENTS

There are three documents for this consultation process. They are:

- The **RNZRSA Constitution Changes Document (5 July 2024)**.
- The draft **RNZRSA Constitution**.
- The draft **Model Constitution for RSA Associations**.

All documents are uploaded onto the RNZRSA website – all developed with legal advice.

Note: for content and background check out [The Constitution: Background Information](#) (June 2024).



KEY CHANGES (1)

First and foremost, the RNZRSA Board and the Constitutional Working Group embrace the following values for establishing relationships and realigning the RSA.

Hono - Connect

Hihiri - Inspire

Aroha – Respect

In the spirit of this commitment, we will be naming our **Constitution:**

Te Ratonga Kahui Morehu a Tu o Aotearoa | Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association.



KEY CHANGES (2)

- Kaumatua on the Board – full member (Section 6, Governance, Clause 6.5)
- The role of National President is solidified/clarified to legally meet the requirements of the Act. NP will be on the Board. (Section 6, Governance, Clause 6.1)
- The RNZRSA Board and Forum will remain. (Section 4, RNZRSA Structure, Clause 4.1).
- The constitutional sections (Section 5 and related clauses) around Duties of an Officer will be made compliant with the new Act.
- The Disputes Resolution process will now sit mainly in the constitution to meet legal requirements. (Section 9 and Schedule 2).

Note: there will be similar changes in the draft Model Constitution.



KEY CHANGES (3)

- Provisions for online voting - taking out the need for proxies. (Section 10, General Meetings of RNZRSA, Clause 10.11A)
- One vote per RSA Association (Section 10, General Meetings of RNZRSA, Clause 10.11).
- The Incorporated Societies Act provides multiple opportunities to give more clarity and fix anomalies e.g.:
 - The current Constitutions confuse a number of key points including:
 - i. Members of members.
 - ii. National Conference, National Council, AGM.
- Any Governance or operational matters relating to RSA Associations will be in the Model Constitution.



BYLAWS and RULES

The **bylaws** and **rules** will be developed once we have certainty around the RNZRSA Constitution and the Model Constitution for RSA Associations.

- **Bylaws** refer to the operational rules of the **RNZRSA**.
- **Rules** refer to the operational rules of the **RSAs**.
- These will be drafted after National Council (October 2024).
- The Forum will be consulted on the bylaws and rules at this time.

Emphasis to date has been put on RNZRSA Constitution and Model Constitution for RSA Associations.



FEEDBACK

- Feedback will be received throughout the consultation period (5 July until 25 July).
- Encourage exec committees to view constitution and change documents - read and digest it.
- Send feedback to review@rsa.org.nz
- Constructive feedback welcome.
- Reference clause, change etc for ease of reference.
- Feedback template online now – easy to use.
- Dedicated page on RNZRSA website for all info on the Constitution and Consultation.
- Feedback will be documented and summarised on an ongoing basis.

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Feedback to be sent to review@rsa.org.nz by 25 July.

Then:

- A remit for the new **RNZRSA Constitution** will go up on 1 August 2024.
- The new RNZRSA Constitution will be presented to National Council on the 16th and 17th of October this year.

Note: there is no remit for the Model Constitution for RSA Associations just for the **RNZRSA Constitution**.

The Model Constitution consultation will go on past 25 July until at least mid-October. More workshop style sessions to occur around this document.



THANK YOU - PATAI/QUESTIONS

- Thank you for your time and engagement.
- Patai/Questions?

Timeline Recap

- All draft constitution documents – available online week of 8 July.
- Consultation period: 8 July – 25 July.
- Constitution consultation sessions held online and in person (July).
- Feedback received continuously throughout consultation period.
- Final draft constitution will form remit to go up on 1 August 2024.
- Re-registration for RSAs – 5 April 2026.
 - Rules are not time bound for re registration
 - May use existing ones pending release of model bylaws/rules

