



KAUPAPA TURE / CONSTITUTION

OF

NEW ZEALAND PLAYCENTRE FEDERATION

1. TE INGOA / NAME

The organisation incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 shall continue to be called the New Zealand Playcentre Federation (“the Federation”).

2. WHĀINGA / OBJECTS

The objects of the Federation within Aotearoa New Zealand shall be:

- 2.1 to promote and encourage the development of Playcentre activities throughout New Zealand;
- 2.2 to support the activities of Playcentre Associations;
- 2.3 to enact Te Tiriti o Waitangi based bicultural partnership within Playcentre;
- 2.4 to promote Federation policy in relation to parenting, parent education and the education and well-being of young children and families;
- 2.5 to assist and foster innovation and research in the fields of early childhood education, parent education and young children;
- 2.6 to arrange such meetings of the Federation, and to arrange or participate in such conferences as may be deemed necessary by the Federation;
- 2.7 to raise, receive, hold and administer funds in the form of levies, donations, legacies and bequests, and funds arising from other sources, for the benefit of the Federation;
- 2.8 to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise necessary and convenient, real estate, buildings and rooms for the carrying out of the objects of the Federation, and to hold, improve, lease, sell or otherwise dispose of same;
- 2.9 to publish pamphlets, booklets, books and such other matter as the Federation may deem necessary;
- 2.10 to award the National Playcentre qualifications; and
- 2.11 generally do all things as may be necessary or desirable to achieve the objects of the Federation.

3. WHAKAMĀTAU / PHILOSOPHY

- 3.1 The over-arching principle of the philosophy of the Playcentre Organisations shall be children and parents/caregivers learning and growing together.
- 3.2 The Federation acknowledges Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- 3.3 Within the Playcentre Organisations Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti work in partnership and shall be given the same rights, privileges and responsibilities.
- 3.4 Principles of partnership and bicultural development require the Federation to:
 - 3.4.1 organise its affairs within the cultural tikanga/protocols of each partner;
 - 3.4.2 be diligent in identifying and keeping open all avenues leading to common ground;
 - 3.4.3 recognise, value and share each other's knowledge, wisdom and experience as appropriate;
 - 3.4.4 promote inclusive practices; and
 - 3.4.5 foster equitable collaboration between Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti.

4. MEMATANGA / MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 The Federation shall consist of:
 - 4.1.1 the Auckland, Buller Westland, Canterbury, Central Districts, Central Hawkes Bay, Counties, Eastern Bay of Plenty, East Waikato, Far North, Hawkes Bay, Hutt, King Country, Marlborough, Mid-Canterbury, Mid-Northland, Nelson, Northland, North Shore, Otago, Rotorua, South Canterbury, Southern King Country, Southland, Tairāwhiti, Tamaki, Taranaki, Te Akoranga, Thames Valley/Coromandel, Waikato, Wairarapa, Wanganui, Wellington and Western Bay of Plenty Playcentre Associations together with any other Playcentre Association that may apply to join the Federation, and is approved by the Annual Meeting of the Federation; and
 - 4.1.2 such Honorary Life Members as may be elected by the Annual Meeting in accordance with Clause 4.2.
- 4.2 The Federation may confer the rare and special honour of Life Membership on any person by:

- 4.2.1 an Association submitting a proposal for Life Membership in writing to the Federation at least ten (10) weeks before an Annual Meeting;
 - 4.2.2 the Federation Secretary forwarding copies of such a proposal, together with postal ballot papers, to all eligible National Executive members within two (2) weeks;
 - 4.2.3 the postal ballot achieving a Super Majority Vote in favour of awarding Life Membership; and
 - 4.2.4 the Federation presenting the Life Membership at the Annual Meeting.
- 4.3 All members and Federation Officers shall abide by the Constitution and Rules of the Federation.
- 4.4 Termination of Membership
- 4.4.1 Any Association may voluntarily resign from membership of the Federation by giving at least eight (8) weeks notice in writing, to the Federation Secretary. Such a member shall be liable for any monies owing at the time of resignation.
 - 4.4.2 The membership of a Playcentre Association may be terminated by a Super Majority Vote of Association delegates present and entitled to vote at National Executive, provided that the grievance and dispute procedures agreed to by National Executive have been followed.

5. PLAYCENTRE ASSOCIATIONS

- 5.1 An association, when applying to join the Federation shall undertake to:
- 5.1.1 act as the management body for its affiliated Playcentres;
 - 5.1.2 encourage parent/caregiver participation and responsibility in the conduct of Playcentres;
 - 5.1.3 foster parent/caregiver education and bicultural development;
 - 5.1.4 actively pursue enacting Te Tiriti o Waitangi bicultural partnership within the Association and its Playcentres;
 - 5.1.5 assist families to provide quality play experiences for children in an environment which acknowledges and incorporates the dual heritage of Aotearoa New Zealand;
 - 5.1.6 conform to decisions made by meetings of the Federation and the National Executive; and
 - 5.1.7 present an annual report and audited financial statements to its members.

- 5.2 Any association may apply in writing for admission to the Federation. This application is to be received by the Federation Secretary at least eight (8) weeks before the Federation Annual Meeting, and will be considered at that Annual Meeting.
- 5.3 No Association shall make representation on behalf of the Federation on matters concerning families and early childhood education.
- 5.4 It shall be the duty of each Association to supply the Federation a copy of the Constitution and Rules of the Association, and of any alterations which may be made to them.
- 5.5 Any Association ceasing to be a member of the Federation shall lose the right to use the name Playcentre, and have no claims to a share of the assets of the Federation.

6. PLAYCENTRES

- 6.1 A Playcentre is a centre which:
- 6.1.1 is affiliated to an Association;
 - 6.1.2 operates in accordance with the philosophy of the Playcentre Organisations as set out in Clause 3;
 - 6.1.3 is organised, equipped and managed on a co-operative basis by the parents/caregivers of the children attending that centre, and supervised at least in part by the parents/caregivers of those children;
 - 6.1.4 enacts the commitment of Playcentre Organisations to bicultural partnership;
 - 6.1.5 provides play conditions approved by the Association;
 - 6.1.6 provides play in groups not exceeding thirty (30) children;
 - 6.1.7 enrolls children from birth to school starting age, providing that children under the age of two and a half years are accompanied by a parent/caregiver;
 - 6.1.8 provides at least one (1) and not more than five (5) half day sessions per week for any one child;
 - 6.1.9 works under a supervision plan approved by the Association and accepted by the members of the centre;
 - 6.1.10 may receive funding from the Ministry of Education and other sources; and

- 6.1.11 co-operates with its Association in providing opportunities for parents to learn about children's development.
- 6.2 Any Association, after careful consideration, may modify the requirements of 6.1 to meet the special needs of a particular child or children whose parents seek enrolment.
- 6.3 Any Playcentre ceasing to be affiliated to an Association shall lose the right to use the name Playcentre.

7. NGĀ ĀPIHA Ā WHETEREIHANA / FEDERATION OFFICERS

- 7.1 Federation Officers, selected in accordance with Clause 9.2, shall include:
- 7.1.1 a Tangata Whenua Co-President and a Tangata Tiriti Co-President elected in alternate years for a term of two (2) years;
 - 7.1.2 up to three (3) Trustees representing Te Whare Tikanga Māori;
 - 7.1.3 up to three (3) Trustees representing Tangata Tiriti House; and
 - 7.1.4 such persons as may be elected to positions that National Executive determines as necessary.
- 7.2 The Trustees of the Federation shall be the Co-Presidents and the Trustees referred to in Clauses 7.1.2 and 7.1.3.
- 7.3 No person shall be eligible for election or endorsement as a Trustee if they are an employee or are contracted to the Federation.
- 7.4 All Federation Officers shall enact a commitment to bicultural partnership.
- 7.5 The right of the Trustees to vote at General Meetings or meetings of the National Executive shall be decided by the Annual Meeting.
- 7.6 The right of the Federation Officers elected in accordance with Clause 7.1.4 to attend meetings of the National Executive or be entitled to vote at General Meetings or meeting of the National Executive, shall be decided in each case by the Annual Meeting.
- 7.7 Federation employees or contractors may be invited to attend and speak at meetings, but may not vote.
- 7.8 Auditors and an Honorary Solicitor or Legal Advisor, shall be appointed at each Annual meeting.
- 7.9 A Federation Officer may resign voluntarily by giving four (4) weeks notice in writing to the Trustee Board.

- 7.10 The position of any Federation Officer may be declared vacant by a motion passed by Super Majority Vote of Association delegates present and entitled to vote at National Executive provided that the grievance and dispute procedures agreed to by National Executive have been followed.

8. NGĀ HUI WHĀNUI / GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8.1 Association representatives, Life Members, Federation Officers, Federation employees and invited guests shall be entitled to attend and speak at General Meetings of the Federation.
- 8.2 At General Meetings each Association shall be entitled to be represented by two (2) delegates for the first twenty (20) Playcentres in the Association, and an additional delegate for every ten (10) or fraction of ten (10) Playcentres in excess of the first twenty (20). For the purpose of this clause the number of Playcentres of an Association shall be taken as the number on 31st August of the previous year.
- 8.3 The quorum at General Meetings of the Federation shall be delegates from at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Associations and must include at least eleven (11) Tangata Whenua delegates and eleven (11) Tangata Tiriti delegates.
- 8.4 General Meetings of the Federation shall be facilitated by the Co-Presidents or by a facilitator for all or part of the meeting.
- 8.5 The Annual Meeting of the Federation shall be held before 31 May each year.
- 8.6 At least twelve (12) weeks notice of the date and place of the Annual Meeting shall be given to Associations. The agenda and any associated papers shall be forwarded to each Association at least four (4) weeks before the Annual Meeting.
- 8.7 The Annual Meeting shall:
- 8.7.1 receive the Federation's Annual report and audited financial statements;
 - 8.7.2 determine levies payable by Associations;
 - 8.7.3 decide which Federation Officers may attend National Executive;
 - 8.7.4 determine the voting rights of Federation Officers attending General Meetings and National Executive in accordance with Clauses 7.5 and 7.6;
 - 8.7.5 appoint Auditors and an Honorary Solicitor or Legal Advisor as required;
 - 8.7.6 consider any remits that have met the requirements of clause 16;
 - 8.7.7 confer Honorary Life Membership as appropriate; and

- 8.7.8 determine the honoraria that Federation Officers shall be entitled to receive.
- 8.8 A Special General Meeting of the Federation shall be called either on the direction of the Trustees, or at the request of at least five (5) Associations.
- 8.9 At least four (4) weeks notice of a Special General Meeting shall be given to Associations and such notice shall state the intended purpose of the meeting.

9. KŌWHIRINGA PŌTI O NGĀ ĀPIHA / ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 9.1 The National Executive meeting preceding the Annual Meeting shall confirm which Federation Officer positions, other than the Trustees, are necessary and how these responsibilities may be shared between Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti.
- 9.2 Te Whare Tikanga Māori and Tangata Tiriti House shall each determine their processes for selecting their representatives.
- 9.3 Nominations shall not be accepted from the floor of the Annual Meeting.
- 9.4 Persons with Playcentre experience, provided they are not disqualified by law from holding office, shall be eligible for election.
- 9.5 All elected personnel excepting the Co-Presidents, shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election provided that any maximum term of three (3) years in any one position is not exceeded.
- 9.6 The Co-Presidents shall retire at the completion of their two (2) year term but shall be eligible for re-election provided that the maximum term of four (4) years for any Co-President is not exceeded.
- 9.7 If any Federation Officer position remains unfilled at the Annual Meeting the Trustees shall consult with Te Whare Tikanga Māori and/or the Tangata Tiriti House (as appropriate) before appointing a suitable person to fill such a vacancy.
- 9.8 When a Federation Officer position is filled during a term the office holder so appointed shall retire at the end of the original term.

10. WHAKATAKOTORANGA WHAKAARO / DECISION MAKING

- 10.1 Consensus decision making shall be the primary method for reaching an acceptable outcome for any proposal, with the exception of election of officers and alterations to the Constitution.
- 10.2 Where consensus does not produce a decision, and a decision is required, the following options shall be considered:
 - 10.2.1 suspend deliberation pending further information/research;
 - 10.2.2 delegate the decision to the Trustee Board; or
 - 10.2.3 use formal voting detailed in Clauses 10.3 and 10.4.
- 10.3 Voting entitlement at meetings of the Federation shall be as follows:
 - 10.3.1 for General Meetings, each Association shall be entitled to exercise two (2) votes on behalf of the Association, with an additional vote for every ten (10) or fraction of ten (10) Playcentres in excess of the first twenty (20). For the purpose of this clause the number of Playcentres of an Association shall be taken as the number on 31 August the previous year;
 - 10.3.2 for General Meetings Federation Officers shall be entitled to exercise one (1) vote each in accordance with Clause 8.7.4 provided they are attending the meeting in their role;
 - 10.3.3 for meetings of the National Executive, each Association's Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti delegate present shall be entitled to exercise one (1) vote; and
 - 10.3.4 for meetings of the National Executive Trustees and Federation Officers may be entitled to exercise one (1) vote each in accordance with Clause 8.7.4, provided they are attending the meeting in their role;
- 10.4 For the formal voting process at both General Meetings and National Executive meetings:
 - 10.4.1 no proxies will be accepted;
 - 10.4.2 if the number of delegates from an Association is less than the number to which that Association is entitled, those present have the right to exercise all the votes to which that Association is entitled;
 - 10.4.3 voting shall be by show of hands, but a vote by secret ballot may be demanded by any two (2) persons present and entitled to vote at such meetings;
 - 10.4.4 a valid vote shall require 80% of the Associations present to participate;

- 10.4.5 questions/motions shall be decided by Super Majority Vote, unless otherwise provided for in these rules; and
- 10.4.6 a resolution passed by the required majority binds all members, irrespective of whether they were present or whether they voted.
- 10.5 As deemed necessary by National Executive, a postal ballot may be held and:
 - 10.5.1 the voting entitlement shall be as per Clauses 10.3.3 and 10.3.4;
 - 10.5.2 the closing date for such a ballot shall be at least four (4) weeks after the date ballot papers are sent out;
 - 10.5.3 all members of the National Executive shall be notified in writing of the outcome of such a vote by the Federation Secretary within four (4) weeks of the closing date of the ballot; and
 - 10.5.4 the outcome shall be recorded in the minutes of the next National Executive meeting.

11. KAIWHAKAHAERE Ā IWI / NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

- 11.1 National Executive shall comprise:
 - 11.1.1 the Trustees;
 - 11.1.2 one (1) Tangata Whenua delegate appointed by each Association;
 - 11.1.3 one (1) Tangata Tiriti delegate appointed by each Association; and
 - 11.1.4 such other Federation Officers as decided by the Annual Meeting.
- 11.1 The National Executive shall hold:
 - 11.2.1 an ordinary meeting once in every six (6) months;
 - 11.2.2 a special meeting on the direction of the Trustees or at the request of at least five (5) Associations.
- 11.3 National Executive shall:
 - 11.3.1 be guardians of the philosophy of the Playcentre Organisations, always acting in the best interests of Associations, Playcentres and families, now and in the future;
 - 11.3.2 create and maintain the policy framework of the Federation;
 - 11.3.3 act for and on behalf of the Federation on all matters between meetings of the Federation;
 - 11.3.4 approve and review the budget, including a reimbursement schedule of reasonable actual expenses that may be incurred by Federation Officers;

- 11.3.5 receive and consider reports, including a proper account of the Federation funds;
 - 11.3.6 act in a governance role, including developing the strategic direction of the Federation.
- 11.4 The following observers may attend meetings of the National Executive:
- 11.4.1 a delegate from an area that an Association will be recommending at the next Federation Annual Meeting be admitted as a member association;
 - 11.4.2 a delegate from a sub-association;
 - 11.4.3 a support person for each of the Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti Association delegates.
- 11.5 Observers/support people at meetings of the National Executive may speak but may not vote.
- 11.6 At least eight (8) weeks notice of the date and place of the meeting of the National Executive shall be given to Associations. The agenda and any associated papers shall be forwarded to each Association at least four (4) weeks before the National Executive meeting.
- 11.7 The quorum for meetings of the National Executive shall be delegates from at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Associations and half the Trustees and must include at least eleven (11) Tangata Whenua delegates and eleven (11) Tangata Tiriti delegates.

12. TE WHARE TIKANGA MĀORI

- 12.1 A group for Māori Whānau from Associations, known as Te Whare Tikanga Māori, shall be recognised as the Federation's Te Tiriti o Waitangi Partner.
- 12.2 Kuia/Kaumātua, Māori Whānau from Associations, Te Whare Tikanga Māori Federation Officers and invited guests shall be entitled to attend and speak at meetings of Te Whare Tikanga Māori.
- 12.3 Meetings of Te Whare Tikanga Māori shall be held at least three (3) times per year.

13. POARI WHAKAHAERE / TRUSTEE BOARD

- 13.1 The Trustee Board shall consist of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of eight (8) Trustees including:

- 13.1.1 the Co-Presidents as elected pursuant to Clause 7.1.1; and
- 13.1.2 the Trustees as elected pursuant to Clauses 7.1.2 and 7.1.3.
- 13.2 The Trustee Board shall meet at least six (6) times per year.
- 13.3 The Trustees shall determine which other Federation Officers and employees may attend and speak at Trustee Board meeting.
- 13.4 Subject always to the directions of National Executive, the powers and duties of the Trustees shall include:
 - 13.4.1 acting for, and exercising the powers of, the National Executive between meetings of the National Executive;
 - 13.4.2 providing strategic leadership and direction to Associations;
 - 13.4.3 being accountable to National Executive;
 - 13.4.4 mitigating risk to the Federation;
 - 13.4.5 ensuring that Associations receive the support and advice they require;
 - 13.4.6 engaging and communicating with stakeholders and outside organisations as appropriate;
 - 13.4.7 ensuring that the Federation acts lawfully and fulfils its obligations to its community and stakeholders;
 - 13.4.8 advocating on matters concerning families and early childhood education;
 - 13.4.9 developing an annual plan and ensuring it is implemented in a fiscally responsible manner;
 - 13.4.10 overseeing the stewardship of assets and ensuring finances of the Federation are appropriately managed; and
 - 13.4.11 developing and reviewing policies for consideration at National Executive.
- 13.5 The Trustees may delegate any of their responsibilities to a committee or to a person. Such a committee or person will be bound by the objects of the Federation and any terms or conditions of the delegation set by the Trustee Board. The Federation may revoke such delegation at will.
- 13.6 The Trustees shall employ such paid staff as deemed necessary by National Executive, and shall determine their remuneration and duties. The Trustees shall act as a good employer.
- 13.7 Consensus decision making shall be the primary method for reaching an acceptable outcome, but where consensus does not produce a decision each Trustee shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

- 13.8 The quorum for Trustee Board meeting shall be four (4) Trustees and must include representation from each house.
- 13.9 Notices of the date, time and place of the Trustee Board meetings and the business to be transacted there at shall be forwarded to Trustees at least one (1) week before such a meeting.
- 13.10 Trustees are expected to declare a conflict of interest relative to any matter in which they, or an associated third party, may have a pecuniary interest. Such Trustees shall not participate or materially influence any contract or arrangement in which they may be so interested.
- 13.11 The Trustees may regulate their own procedures in any way they think fit. This may include holding meetings by telephone or video conference and recording decisions by written resolution or circulated electronically without the need for a formal meeting.
- 13.12 The Trustees may fill any vacancy in the Federation Officers that may occur between Annual Meetings.

14. WHAKARITE PŪTEA / FINANCES

- 14.1 The financial year of the Federation shall be from the 1st March in any year to the last day of February of the succeeding year.
- 14.2 As soon as possible after the close of the financial year a Statement of Income and Expenditure together with a Balance Sheet shall be prepared. These statements, duly audited, shall be submitted to the Annual Meeting.
- 14.3 The funds of the Federation shall consist of grants, donations and bequests, and levies from Associations as may be fixed by the Annual Meeting.
- 14.4 All monies received on behalf of the Federation shall be paid into its bank account and any income, benefit or advantage shall be applied to the objects of the Federation.
- 14.5 All accounts approved for payment shall be authorised by any two (2) of the signatories approved by the Trustee Board.
- 14.6 A proper account of Federation funds shall be presented to each meeting of National Executive.
- 14.7 Federation Officers shall be entitled to receive such honoraria as determined by the Annual Meeting and to be reimbursed for any reasonable actual expenses incurred by them on behalf of the Federation.

- 14.8 No Federation Officer, or any person associated with a Federation Officer, shall participate in or materially influence any decision made in respect of any payment to, or on behalf of, that member or associated person of any income, benefit or advantage whatsoever.
- 14.9 Any surplus funds not required for immediate use by the Federation may be invested in such investments as are authorised under the statement of investment policies and objects (SIPO) developed by National Executive. The Trustees shall report on the SIPO to National Executive at least once each year.

15. INIHUATIA / INDEMNITY

- 15.1 No Federation Officer shall be liable for the acts or defaults of any other Federation Officer or any loss occasioned thereby, unless occasioned by their wilful default or their wilful acquiescence.
- 15.2 Federation Officers shall be indemnified by the Federation for all liabilities and costs incurred by them in the proper performance of their functions and duties, other than as a result of their wilful default.
- 15.3 All assets of the Federation are to be fully covered by insurance.

16. NGĀ RĪMITI / REMITS

- 16.1 Remits determining the policies and direction of the organisation may only be proposed and seconded by Associations or Te Whare Tikanga Māori. Such remits shall be approved by the nominating body before being submitted to the Federation Secretary.
- 16.2 All remits for consideration by the Annual Meeting shall be in the form of a resolution, and must be accompanied by a brief summary of arguments in support
- 16.3 Remits must reach the Federation Secretary at least ten (10) weeks before the Annual Meeting and shall be forwarded to Associations at least eight (8) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

17. TE TOHE TAKETAKE / COMMON SEAL

- 17.1 The Common Seal of the Federation shall be kept in the custody of the Federation Secretary and shall be fixed only with the authority of the Annual Meeting, National Executive or the Trustee Board.
- 17.2 Any instrument, document or other paper to which the seal is affixed shall be witnessed by at least three Trustees, one of whom shall be a Co-President.

18. TE WHAKAREKĒTANGA TURE / ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES

- 18.1 The decision of the Trustee Board on the interpretation or application of the Constitution shall be binding and conclusive on all members until revoked at a National Executive or General Meeting.
- 18.2 The Constitution may only be altered by a Super Majority Vote of Association delegates entitled to vote at a General Meeting of the Federation.
- 18.3 Proposed alterations to the Constitution shall be forwarded in writing to the Federation Secretary at least ten (10) weeks before a General Meeting and must be forwarded to Associations eight (8) weeks before such meeting. The constitutional remits shall be accompanied by a brief summary of arguments in support.
- 18.4 Any Association may propose a constitutional remit.
- 18.5 National Executive may direct the Trustees to prepare a constitutional remit for consideration.
- 18.6 Once a constitutional remit has been formally accepted for discussion it may not be amended.
- 18.7 No alterations to the Constitution shall be made that have the effect of altering the charitable status or purpose of the Federation. The provisions and effect of this sub clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.
- 18.8 National Executive may develop rules and policies for the management of the Federation or other matters which the Federation thinks fit, provided that such rules and policies are not inconsistent with the Constitution, nor contrary to the Charitable Trusts Act or any other law.
- 18.9 The rules and policies of the Federation may be repealed, altered or added to by a Super Majority Vote at a General Meeting or meeting of the National Executive.

19. TOREMI / LIQUIDATION

- 19.1 The Federation may be wound up if, at a General Meeting of which due notice has been given, a resolution to this effect is passed. A resolution to liquidate the Federation must:
- 19.1.1 be carried by a Super Majority Vote of Association delegates entitled to vote; and
 - 19.1.2 be confirmed by a Super Majority Vote at a subsequent Special General Meeting called for that purpose and held at least four (4) weeks later, and not later than six (6) weeks after the first meeting.
- 19.2 The High Court may order the Federation to be put into liquidation, under Section 25 (1) of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957.
- 19.3 If there remains after the payment of all costs, debts and liabilities any assets whatsoever, the same shall be given or transferred to a charity or charities within New Zealand whose objects are similar to the objects of the Federation.
- 19.4 Disposal of assets shall be determined by members of the Federation at a General Meeting at or before the time of dissolution; or in default by the High Court of New Zealand.
- 19.5 No property may be paid to or distributed amongst members of the Federation.

20. NGARO NGĀ MEA / MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

In the event of any matter not provided for, or not fully provided for, by the Constitution, that needs to be decided, the matter may be dealt with and decided by the Trustees and ratified at the next National Executive meeting.

21. KOREWHAKARONGO / NON COMPLIANCE

In the event of non compliance with the Constitution due to circumstances beyond the control of the Federation Officers, a special meeting of National Executive shall be called to determine the course of action to be taken.

22. WHAKAMĀORITANGA / DEFINITIONS

22.1 In this Constitution:

Association means an Incorporated Society that consists of at least five (5) Playcentres.

Bicultural Partnership means a Te Tiriti based relationship between Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti.

Federation Officers means the Trustees and those persons elected in accordance with Clause 7.1.4.

General Meeting means an Annual Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

Playcentre Organisations means all or any of the Federation, the Associations and the Playcentres.

Sub-association means a group of Playcentres within an existing Association working to become an independent association.

Super Majority Vote means 80% of votes cast in favour.

Tangata Whenua means people of the land, Iwi/Māori.

Te Whare Tikanga Māori means a forum for Tangata Whenua.

Tangata Tiriti means all other cultures in Aotearoa New Zealand, exclusive of Tangata Whenua.

Tangata Tiriti House means a forum for Tangata Tiriti.

Trustee Board means a forum for the Trustees constituted under Clause 7.2.

22.2 In this Constitution, a reference to:

22.2.1 one gender includes the other gender;

22.2.2 the singular includes the plural and vice versa;

22.2.3 legislation includes amendments to and re-enactments of the legislation.

22.3 The Māori language used in this constitution is sourced from the Māori Language Commission.