

# **Lawrence Athenaeum And Mining Institute Ordinance 1872 (O)**

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### **In the 35th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria An Ordinance to incorporate the Lawrence Athenaeum and Mining Institute**

#### **Preamble**

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Lawrence Athenaeum and Mining Institute should be now incorporated in order that thereby its usefulness in the diffusion of knowledge and learning in Lawrence and its neighbourhood may be promoted and extended and any endorsements in land, money, or other grants whatsoever which have been or may hereafter be made to the Institution may be duly administered.

**1 Short Title**

The Short Title of this Ordinance shall be the Lawrence Athenaeum and Mining Institute Ordinance 1872.

**2 Incorporation**

The following persons and all others the members of the Institution for maintaining a lending and reference library and reading room and the providing rational amusement and recreation and for the carrying out of objects connected with the purposes of an Athenaeum and Mining Institution Lawrence known as the “Lawrence Athenaeum and Mining Institute”, namely, James Clark Brown, Alexander Humphrey, Henry John Abel, Frederick Bastings, John Carse Arbuckle, William Grant Forbes, John Ludford, William Duguid Morrison shall be a body politic and corporate by the name of the “Lawrence Athenaeum and Mining Institute” and by that name shall have perpetual succession and shall adopt and have a common seal and shall by the same name sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered in all Courts of the Dominion of New Zealand and shall be capable in law to take, purchase and hold all goods, chattels and personal property whatever and shall also be able and capable in law to receive, take, purchase and hold for ever not only such lands, buildings, hereditaments and possessions as may from time to time be required for the purposes of the said Institution but also any other lands, buildings, hereditaments and possessions whatsoever and shall be able and capable in law to grant, convey, demise, mortgage, charge, alienate or otherwise dispose of all or any of the property real or personal belonging to the said Institution and also to do all other matters or thins incidental or appertaining to a body politic and corporate:

Provided always that it shall not be lawful for the said Corporation to grant, convey, demise, mortgage, charge, alienate or dispose of except by way of lease for a period of not exceeding 99 years any lands, tenements, or hereditaments of which it shall have become seised or to which it may become entitled by grant, purchase, or otherwise unless with the approval of two-thirds of the members of the said Corporation present personally or by proxy at a special

general meeting duly convened and any money received from such alienation, mortgage, demise, or otherwise shall be paid and applied solely for the purposes of the said Institution.

Section 2 was amended by section 2 Statutes Repeal Act 1907.

### **3 Purposes of the institution**

The purposes for which the said Institution has been established and shall in future be maintained are to form or provide and carry on:

- (1) A lending and a reference library:
- (2) A reading room with a supply of newspapers and periodicals:
- (3) Meetings for social and intellectual improvement:
- (4) Educational classes and lectures:
- (5) The collection of scientific apparatus, geological and other specimens or other things illustrative in and of mining and scientific knowledge:
- (6) The providing rational amusement and recreation:
- (7) The carrying out of objects connected with the purposes of an Athenaeum and Mining Institute—

under such regulations as may be made from time to time by the members.

### **4 Institution to be managed by a Committee**

The management of the said Institution shall be vested in a committee of the members thereof to be appointed annually at a general meeting to be held in the month of January in each year or so soon thereafter as may be found convenient.

### **5 First Committee of Management**

The following persons shall be the Committee of Management till the next general annual meeting, namely, James Clark Brown, president; William Grant Forbes, Treasurer and Secretary; Henry John Abel, John Ludford, John Carse Arbuckle, William Duguid Morrison, Alexander Humphrey, Frederick Bastings.

**6 Rules already adopted by members to be rules for the government of Institution**

The rules and amendments thereof already adopted by the members of the said Institution as certified under the hands of the President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be the rules for the government and management of the said Institution until altered, amended, varied, or rescinded by two-thirds of the members present at the annual general meeting or at any special meeting called by advertisement on 8 days' notice, the object of the meeting being fully set forth in the advertisement and a copy of the said rules and amendments certified as aforesaid and of all future amendments thereof duly certified by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the time being shall be deposited and remain on the premises for the time being used by the said Institution and be accessible to the members thereof for inspection at all reasonable hours.

**7 Members to have no interest in vested property**

No member or subscriber shall have any personal, individual, joint or transmissible right or interest in or to the whole or any part of the real or personal estate which may belong to or be vested in the Corporation.

**8 Dissolution of Corporation**

The Corporation may be dissolved on the approval of five-sixths of the members thereof present personally or by proxy at any general meeting assembled after one calendar month's special notice by advertisement or de facto when the number of members shall fall below 9.

**9 Vesting of property in the event of dissolution**

In the event of the said Corporation being dissolved the whole of the property real and personal belonging to the said Corporation shall be vested in the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Town of Lawrence for the time being.

**10 Power to sell duplicates**

The Committee shall have power from time to time to sell or dispose of by public auction or otherwise any unused or

duplicate copies of books, reviews, magazines, newspapers or other periodicals and the proceeds of such sales shall be applied towards the ordinary expenditure of the Corporation.