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ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES ACT 1979
COMMUNITY BY-LAWS
UPURL UPURLILA NGURRATJA INCORPORATED
PART 1—PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These by-laws may be cited as the Upurl Upurlila Ngurratja Incorporated By-laws.

Commencement

2. These by-laws shall come into effect when approved by the Governor and published in the *Government Gazette*.

Definitions

3. In these by-laws unless the context requires otherwise "by-law" means one of these by-laws—

"Community Land" means that land declared by the Governor under S6 of the Act to be the community lands of the community.

"the Act" means the Aboriginal Communities Act 1979.

"The Community" means (as the context requires) Upurl Upurlila Ngurratja Incorporated and that collective group comprising the membership of Upurl Upurlila Ngurratja Incorporated, their spouses and dependents (where not members in their own right) and "member of the community" has a correlative meaning.

"Liquor" means liquor as defined in the Liquor Licensing Act 1988.

"Deleterious Substance" means glue or any volatile liquid containing hydrocarbons.

"Vehicle" means any motor vehicle, designed and manufactured to be capable of self propulsion and includes any trailer or caravan while attached to a vehicle.

"The Council" means the Council of Upurl Upurlila Ngurratja Incorporated.

These by-laws shall apply—

(a) on all community land, and

(b) to all persons on community land, whether members of the community or not.

PART 2—COMMUNITY LANDS

Permission Required to Enter Community Land

4. Save as otherwise provided by any law of the State or Commonwealth.

(a) No person who is not recognised by the Council to be Aboriginal, may enter or remain on Community land without prior permission of the Council.

(b) Such permission may be given either orally or in writing and may be subject to such terms or conditions as the Council sees fit.

(c) The Council may revoke such permission at any time and without the necessity of stating any reason for the action.

(d) The Council may order any person whatsoever (other than a member of the Community) to leave community land and to remain off community land for such a time as the Council may direct.

(e) Employees of Government Departments of the State or Commonwealth entering or being on community lands in connection with their duties shall be deemed to have permission under By-law 4 (a).

- (f) The Council may act through any of its members to make or to revoke any of the permission or directions referred to in this by-law.

Remain on Community Lands

5. (a) A person who requires permission under these by-laws shall not enter or remain on community land without permission.
- (b) A person who has permission under these by-laws to enter or remain on community land shall not contravene any term or condition of that permission to be or remain on community land.
- (c) Any person ordered by the Council to leave community land shall do so as is reasonably possible.

Restriction of Entry into Areas

6. Subject to the provisions of any Act or regulation to the contrary—
- (a) The Council may place signs on community land for the purpose of prohibiting entry to the part of land on which the sign is placed or to such part of the community land as indicated by the inscription of the sign.
- (b) Any person who fails to obey directions of the inscription on such a sign commits a breach of these by-laws.

Homes

7. Any person who is told (by the principal occupant or by the person then in charge thereof) to leave the house of another and who refuses to leave as directed commits a breach of these by-laws.

PART 3—LIQUOR AND DELETERIOUS SUBSTANCES

Restriction of Liquor

8. The Council may, in its discretion and subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as it sees fit,
- (a) Permit any person to bring, possess, use or supply liquor on community lands.
- (b) No person shall, without the permission of the Council, bring, possess, use or supply liquor on community lands.
- (c) No person shall enter onto or remain on community land whilst under the influence of liquor to the extent that his behaviour causes alarm, annoyance or upset to members of the community.

Pharmaceutical

9. Pharmaceutical preparations and substances properly used in the ordinary course of medical practice shall exempt from the operation of this by-law whilst in the possession or control of a medical professional or where properly prescribed and issued to a patient by a medical professional.

Deleterious Substance or Petrol

10. (a) A person shall not be in possession of a deleterious substance or petrol on community land for the purpose of inhalation.
- (b) A person shall not sell or supply a deleterious substance or petrol to another person on community land if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the other person—
- (i) intends to use the deleterious substance for the purpose of inhalation; or
- (ii) intends to sell or supply the deleterious substance for the purpose of inhalation.

PART 4—TRAFFIC

Traffic Signs

11. (a) The Council may place signs ('traffic signs') on community land for the purpose of regulating vehicle traffic.
- (b) Any person who fails to obey the directions of the inscription on a traffic sign commits a breach of these by-laws.

Careless and Dangerous Driving

12. (a) No person shall drive a vehicle on community land without due care and attention.
- (b) No person shall drive a vehicle on community land in a manner which, having regard to all of the circumstances, is dangerous to any person.
- (c) No person shall drive a vehicle owned by the Community or leased or hired to the Community—
- (i) Without first having the permission of the Council or of a person placed by the Council in charge or control of the vehicle for the time being.
- (ii) When under the influence of a prohibited substance.
- (iii) Without being the holder of a current valid motor driver's licence of a class appropriate to the vehicle to be driven.

PART 5—THE REGULATION OF OTHER MATTERS

Offensive Behaviour

13. No person shall cause a disturbance or annoyance to other persons by using abusive language, fighting or otherwise behaving in an offensive or disorderly manner.

Wilful Damage

14. No person shall damage any tree, bush, lawn, building, structure, vehicle or other thing, whether the property of the Community or of any individual person.

Disruption of Meetings

15. No person shall interrupt any meeting of the Council or of the Community, or any customary meeting, by noise or any offensive or disorderly behaviour.

PART 6—ENFORCEMENT AND PROCEEDINGS

Powers of Police

16. A member of the Police Force may:

- (a) Take proceedings against any person for a breach of these by-laws.
- (b) Where any person has committed or is found committing an offence against these by-laws and it appears to the Police Officer on reasonable grounds to be likely that injury to persons or damage to property will be caused by that person if left at large; apprehend and remove that person from community land.
- (c) Request the name and address of any person who he believes on reasonable grounds:
 - (i) to be on community land, committed a breach of by-law, or
 - (ii) to have, while on community land, committed a breach of by-law.
- (d) If he has reasonable cause to suspect that a prohibited substance is in any vehicle in contravention of these by-laws: stop, detain and search such vehicle and seize any deleterious substance and any receptacle containing a deleterious substance which he may find in or on the vehicle and may retain in his custody or control any property so seized until dealt with according to these by-laws.
- (e) If a prohibited substance is found in a vehicle through the exercise of the power conferred by By-law 17, seize the vehicle, search and detain it for up to maximum period of fourteen days if such is considered necessary by the Police Officer, on reasonable grounds to prevent a repetition of the prescribed conduct.

Procedure

17. Subject to the Child Welfare Act 1947, proceedings for an offence against by-law shall be commenced by the way of complaint and summons under and in accordance with the Justices Act 1902, and shall be commenced within six months after the offence was committed.

PART 7—PENALTIES AND ORDERS OF THE COURT

Penalties

18. (a) Any person who breaches or fails to comply with any of these by-laws is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine or a term of imprisonment or both, but no fines so imposed shall exceed \$100 and no term of imprisonment so imposed shall exceed three months.
- (b) In addition to the penalties provided under paragraph (a) of this by-law, the Court may order any person convicted of an offence under these by-laws to pay compensation not greater than \$250 to the community or to any person, where, in the course of committing the offence, the person convicted has caused damage to property of the community or of that other person.
- (c) In any prosecution for an offence under these by-laws having as an element the possession or use of a prohibited substance a Court upon proceeding to conviction of the person charged may make such orders as it sees fit concerning the destruction, disposal or forfeiture of property seized pursuant to an exercise of the power contained in by-law 16 (d).

Defence of Acting under Custom

19. It is a defence to a complaint of an offence against these by-laws to show that the defendant was acting under and excused by a custom of the community.

Council Members

20. (a) Council member who is charged with an offence against By-law 8 shall be deemed to have ceased to be effective Councillor.
- (b) In the event that such charge against the Council member is withdrawn or is dismissed after trial then, by that occurrence he shall be restored to his former position.

Dated the 14th day of August 1990.

The Common Seal of the Upurl Upurlila Ngurratja Incorporated was hereto affixed pursuant to a resolution of and by the authority of an absolute majority of the Council of the Association in the presence of—

ALBERT NUDDING, Chairperson.
BETTY KENNEDY.
CARLENE WEST.
IRENE THOMAS.

Approved by His Excellency the Governor in Executive Council.

G. PEARCE, Clerk of the Council.