

Associations Incorporation Act 2009

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS

of

INTERNATIONAL PEN SYDNEY CENTRE INC.

2011

Objects

1. The name of the association shall be 'International PEN Sydney Centre Inc.' (hereinafter referred to as "PEN Sydney").
2. 'International PEN' is a worldwide association of writers formed in 1921 to promote friendship and intellectual co-operation among writers everywhere regardless of their political or other views, to fight for freedom of expression and to defend vigorously writers suffering from oppressive regimes. It is an international non-governmental organization accredited to the United Nations and to UNESCO and is independent and politically impartial.
3. PEN Sydney is formed for accreditation to International PEN as a 'Centre' in accordance with Article 2 of the Regulations of International PEN and subscribes to the PEN Charter.
4. The aim of PEN Sydney is the promotion of literature, principally by defending the freedom to write but also by activities designed to foster a vital and diverse literary community in Australia and to stimulate interest in and access to the written word, including such activities as :
 - The conduct of public lectures by prominent writers
 - The publication of a quarterly magazine
 - Support for the publication of anthologies of literary works
 - The conduct of public readings by writers of all kinds, including novelists, historians, poets, dramatists and translators
 - Participation in writers' festivals
 - The support of literacy generally and indigenous literacy in particular
 - The promotion of literature in schoolsand by any other activities tending to promote literature and maximize the opportunities of writers for the publication of their works and of readers to have access to them.
5. PEN Sydney accepts the financial and moral obligations to promote its objects.