

VOLUNTARY WORKERS
(SOLDIERS' HOLDINGS)
AMENDMENT ACT.

Act No. 40, 1922.

An Act to provide for the surrender to the Crown of certain lands granted to the Public Trustee; to make further provisions in respect of the Soldiers' Garden Village at Matraville; to amend the Voluntary Workers (Soldiers' Holdings) Act, 1917, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 29th November, 1922.]

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BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Voluntary Workers (Soldiers' Holdings) Amendment Act, 1922," and shall be read and construed with the Voluntary Workers (Soldiers' Holdings) Act, 1917.

Short title.

2. The Voluntary Workers (Soldiers' Holdings) Act, 1917, is amended by inserting the following new sections next after section seven:—

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of 1917
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ss. 7A, 7B, 7C.

7A. (1) The Public Trustee may surrender to His Majesty any lands included in any Crown grant which has been made to him under this Act.

Surrender by
Public
Trustee of
certain lands.

(2) Land so surrendered as aforesaid shall be deemed to be land temporarily reserved from sale and lease under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and may on revocation of the reserve be dealt with in accordance with that Act.

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provisions re
certain land
at Matraville.

(3) Nothing in this section shall apply to any lands held by the Public Trustee which are the subject of any charge or incumbrance.

7B. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in sections four, five, six, and seven of this Act, or in any Crown grant hereinafter in this section referred to, the provisions of the following subsections of this section shall respectively apply to the areas of land referred to therein.

(2) (a) No portion of the land at Matraville (upon which is established the Soldiers' Garden Village), in the parish of Botany, county of Cumberland, containing an area of seventy-two acres two roods twenty-one and a quarter perches, and included in the Crown grant issued to the Public Trustee under this Act on the twentieth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, registered in the office of the Registrar-General, volume three thousand two hundred and twelve, folio twenty-three, or any house or building thereon shall, except as is provided in section 7A of this Act, be alienated, mortgaged, charged, or leased by the Public Trustee:

Provided that permission to occupy any portion thereof, including any house or building thereon, may be granted by the Public Trustee to any disabled member of the forces, or to any dependant, for such term and upon such conditions as the Public Trustee, in his absolute discretion, may from time to time think fit.

(b) The Public Trustee may sanction the erection on any portion of the said land of a hall for the holding of public meetings, entertainments, social gatherings, public amusement or instruction, or for such other purposes of a like nature as he may allow. The Public Trustee may let such hall for hire on such terms and conditions as he may think fit, and may in his absolute discretion expend the revenue derived therefrom upon the maintenance, improvement, or repair of the said hall, or for any other purpose connected with the Soldiers' Garden Village.

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- (c) The Public Trustee may—
- (i) set apart any portion of the land to which this subsection applies as a ground for purposes of public recreation and athletic sports ;
 - (ii) grant permission to use the same, subject to such conditions (including the payment of fees) as he may think fit ;
 - (iii) apply any revenue derived therefrom to the improvement and maintenance of the said ground.

(3) (a) The Public Trustee may borrow moneys on the security of any portion of the land at Matraville, in the parish of Botany, county of Cumberland, containing an area of one rood fourteen and a quarter perches, and included in Crown grant issued to the Public Trustee under this Act on the twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, registered in the office of the Registrar-General, volume three thousand three hundred and thirty-six, folio eleven, and on the security of any buildings, improvements, and materials thereon, and may from time to time as he thinks fit make advances out of such moneys to a Voluntary Workers Association for the purpose of enabling the association to erect buildings on the said land, to be used and occupied as shops or business premises.

(b) The Public Trustee may lease or grant permission to occupy any portion of the land to which this subsection applies, with the buildings thereon, to any discharged soldier for such term and upon such conditions as the Public Trustee in his absolute discretion may from time to time think fit, and shall apply the revenue derived therefrom in the following order:—

- (i) to the repayment by instalments of any moneys borrowed in pursuance of paragraph (a) of this subsection ;
- (ii) the maintenance, improvement, or repair of the said buildings, or to such purposes connected with the Soldiers' Garden Village as the Public Trustee may think fit.

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(c) For the purposes of this subsection "discharged soldier" shall have the same meaning as in the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, as amended by subsequent Acts.

(d) Except as provided in this subsection or in section 7A of this Act, no portion of the land to which this subsection applies, or any building thereon, shall be alienated, mortgaged, or charged by the Public Trustee.

Expenditure
of funds by
Voluntary
Workers
Association.

7C. All or any funds held by or on behalf of a Voluntary Workers Association may, notwithstanding the terms and conditions of any trust affecting such funds, be expended by the association in or towards the erection, maintenance, furnishing, repair, or improvement of any hall, houses, or buildings referred to in subsection two or subsection three of the last preceding section.