

The Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club Inc.

Constitution

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of
The Gawler Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club Inc.

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1 Name

The Club shall be called The Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club Incorporated, hereinafter called the Club.

2 Objects

The objects of the Club shall be:-

- 2.1 To encourage the restoration, preservation and use of Veteran, Vintage. Classic and other special interest vehicles.
- 2.2 To promote and organise events as suitable for the use of such vehicles.
- 2.3 To extend to owners and drivers of such vehicles and their friends and all persons interested in Veteran. Vintage and Classic motoring, the hospitality, privileges and conveniences enjoyed in connection with the Club.
- 2.4 The Club shall be a non profit organisation. The assets and income of the Club shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above mentioned objectives, and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Club except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Club.

3 Definitions

- 3.1 Veteran, Vintage, and Classic are terms used to define a motor vehicle manufactured or built or embodying a majority of components in the time periods:

Veteran	any motor vehicle manufactured prior to 1st January 1919
Vintage	any motor vehicle manufactured after 31st December 1918 and before the 1st January 1931
Classic	any post vintage and special interest vehicle

4 Membership

Any person who is the owner or an enthusiast of any of the vehicles defined in clause 3 shall be eligible for Full Membership after satisfying Club requirement and payment of the Membership Fee.

Family Associate Members

Spouse and children of a Full Member shall be eligible to become Family Associate Members with no voting rights. The fee for such membership to be fixed by the committee. Such membership may be reviewed at the discretion of the Committee.

5 Nomination and Admission

- 5.1 No candidate shall be eligible for admission if it be known that they have at any time committed an act such as if they had committed it while a member would have justified their expulsion.

5.2 Any member who objects to any candidate becoming a member should appear before the Committee or state in writing their reasons for so objecting. In the latter case, the written objection should be in the hands of the secretary at least seven days prior to the meeting.

5.3 Upon election, membership shall be deemed to have commenced from the date of the application and accordingly the Secretary may accept candidates as temporary members pending their acceptance by the Committee after they have attended three meetings as a visitor.

6.0 Expulsion and Suspension

In the case where the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be injurious to the character or interests of the Club or its members, the member may be expelled, or suspended from membership for a period not exceeding twelve months, at the discretion of the Committee. Provided that such member shall have the right of appeal against the decision to a special General Meeting. The appeal must be lodged within fourteen days of receipt of such notice of expulsion. The meeting shall be called within 21 days of the receipt of such appeal being received. Voting on this issue both in Committee and in General Meeting shall be by secret ballot.

7.0 Resignation

Any member may resign from membership by giving notice in writing to the Secretary. Such member shall return all Club property held. Upon cessation of membership there shall be no claim upon the Club nor upon any of its property.

8 Management

8.1 The management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee drawn from the Full Members of the Club and shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Club Captain, Recording Secretary and at least two other members.

8.2 The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall act as General Trustees and they shall have the property and current funds of the Club in their care.

8.3 The Public Officer of the Club shall be appointed by the Committee from the Full Members, but shall not be the Auditor. The Public Officer must be a resident of South Australia and may be changed at any time by the Committee.

9 Election of Committee

9.1 Members of the Committee drawn from Full Members of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Committee Members shall hold office for a period of one year at the termination of which they shall be eligible for re-election.

9.2 No Committee Member shall hold office for a period exceeding two consecutive years unless otherwise approved by a two thirds majority of Full Members present at an Annual General Meeting and even then at no time more than two positions on the Committee. Any such approval shall be for one year only and will require further qualification each year.

9.3 In the event of positions not being filled or resignations taking place throughout the year the Committee may appoint a replacement until the next Annual General Meeting.

- 9.4 An office bearer may be removed from office at a General Meeting of the Club, by a majority vote.

10 Fees

- 10.1 The annual membership fee for each class of membership shall be decided by the Committee prior to the 1st July each year.
- 10.2 Any person admitted to membership after the 1st January shall pay half the annual membership fee.
- 10.3 The membership fee shall be due on the 1st July in each year and subsequent renewals shall be on the prescribed form. No new member shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings of the Club, nor be entitled to any of its privileges until the membership fee has been paid.
- 10.4 Arrears of Membership Fees

Membership will cease if the membership fee remains unpaid ninety days after the due date. The Committee may re-admit the person upon payment of the membership fee.

11 Rights and Privileges

- 11.1 Every Full Member present at a meeting, including the Chairman, shall be entitled to cast a vote on each and every matter which is subject to a vote in General and Special meetings.
- 11.2 Every Full Member shall be entitled to be present at all and every general and special meeting of the Club and shall be entitled to contribute to the discussion of matters in hand subject to Standing Orders.
- 11.3 Every Member, except Spouse Members, shall be entitled to receive a mailed copy of each Club periodical upon publication
- 11.4 Every member shall have the right to participate in all events organised by the Club for Club members, subject to the rules of the event.
- 11.5 Every member shall be entitled to have access to and use the Club's facilities
- 11.6 A copy of the Constitution shall be issued to each member upon acceptance of membership of the Club.

12 Voting

- 12.1 Each Full Member and Honorary Life Member present at a meeting shall be entitled to vote. In the event of an equality of voting it shall be resolved to preserve the status quo. The Chairman shall not be entitled to a casting Vote.
- 12.2 Proxy or postal voting shall not be allowed.

13 Meetings

13.1 General Meetings

General Meetings shall be held once each calendar month. A quorum shall consist of one third of the members of the Club.

13.2 Extraordinary General Meetings

Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called by the Secretary on the request in writing signed by one third of the Full Members of the Club. The meeting shall be called within 21 days of the receipt of such request at a time and place to be mutually agreed upon, but in any case not later than 14 days after the date of the notice of the meeting.

13.3 The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in July. The Report and Financial Statement for the past year shall be presented at this meeting, and the election of Committee Members and appointment of office bearers for the succeeding year shall be held.

13.4 Committee Meeting

13.4.1 Committee Meetings shall be held when necessary. A quorum shall consist of one half plus one of the total Committee Members.

13.4.2 In the event of any Committee Meeting not having a quorum, the business remaining shall be dealt with at the next Committee Meeting.

13.4.3 Committee meeting minutes shall be available for Committee Members.

13.4.4 Any member of the Committee, failing to attend three consecutive Committee meetings, shall ipso facto, cease to be a Committee member thereof unless leave of absence has been granted to him by resolution of the Committee.

14 Finance

14.1 Financial Year

The financial year shall commence on the 1st July each year.

14.2 Funds

The funds of the Club shall be deposited in the name of the Club and the accounts shall be operated on by any two of the General Trustees.

15 Audit

An auditor or auditors, who are not officer bearers of the Club, shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting and it shall be the auditor/s responsibility to examine all accounts, vouchers, receipt books, and furnish a report thereon at the Annual General Meeting. Audits shall be conducted prior to the Annual General Meeting or lesser intervals if the occasion demands.

16 Seal Holders

There shall be two Seal Holders drawn from the Full Members of the Club who may be appointed at any General Meeting and whose appointment shall be reviewed at each Annual General Meeting. Seal Holders may not be Officers of the Club.

17 Common Seal

There shall be a common seal of the Club which shall bear the name of the Club. The Common Seal shall be held in the custody of the Seal Holders appointed in accordance with clause 12. The persons authorised to use the Common Seal are the two Seal Holders in the presence of some other person who shall be a member of the Committee, provided that the Common Seal shall be used pursuant to a resolution of the Committee.

18 Magazine

18.1 The Club shall publish a periodical.

The cost of each magazine shall be \$1.20 or as subsequently determined annually by the Committee and included in the Annual Membership Fee.

19 Amendment of the Constitution

19.1 This Constitution may be amended at a General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club convened for that purpose.

19.2 Amendments must be accepted by a majority of two thirds of Full Members present at the meeting.

19.3 Proposals to amend the Constitution shall be given in writing, signed by five Full Members, at a General Meeting of the Club. Notice of such proposals shall be given to all Full Members at least 14 days prior to the subsequent General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose.

20 Dissolution

20.1 The Club shall be dissolved on the vote of a three quarters majority of Full Members present at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened to consider such question. In the event of the Club being dissolved the amount which remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, shall be paid and applied by the Committee in accordance with their powers to any fund, institution or authority which is a non-profit organisation.

20.2 The Club may be dissolved in a manner provided for in the Associations Incorporation Act 1985.

This Constitution was presented to the members of the Club on the 16th day of August 1994 and was adopted.

