



Constitution of the

LOWER MURRAY VINTAGE ENGINE & MACHINERY CLUB INC

ABN 81 171 401 286

1. The Club shall be called "THE LOWER MURRAY VINTAGE ENGINE & MACHINERY CLUB" and hereafter referred to as the "Club" for the purpose of these rules.

2. OBJECTS..

(1) To encourage the preservation, restoration and use of historic machinery or vehicles and special interest machinery, including steam, oil and petrol engines, tractors, and all types of farm machinery.

(2) To promote and organize events suitable for the use and display of such machinery.

(3) To extend to owners, their friends and all persons interested in the history and preservation of historic machinery, the hospitality, privileges and conveniences enjoyed in connection with the club.

3. ELIGIBILITY.. Any person who is the owner or an enthusiast of historic machinery, Historic vehicles including Hot-rods and Individually Constructed Vehicles or special interest machinery shall be eligible for full membership after satisfying club requirements and payment of 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, if any, for such membership to be fixed by the Committee. Such membership may be reviewed at the discretion of the Committee.

4. NOMINATION AND ADMISSION.

(1) No candidate shall be eligible for admission if it to 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.

(2) Every candidate for membership must be proposed in writing by a full member.

(3) Any member who objects to any candidate becoming a member, should appear before the committee or state in writing by letter his or her reasons for the objecting. In the latter case the letter should be in the hands of the Secretary at least seven days prior to the meeting.

(4) 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.

5. EXPULSION FOR MISCONDUCT.. The committee may expel from membership of the club any member who the committee, in it's discretion, shall consider to be unfit to remain a member thereof. A member so expelled shall forfeit all privileges of membership and any rights against the club, and shall not be entitled to a refund of their subscriptions or any part thereof.

CLUB REGISTRATION OFFICERS ..The Club Registration Officers shall be responsible for maintaining Club Registrations records as required by SA Government Legislation.

PUBLIC OFFICER The committee shall appoint a Public Officer as required by the Act. The Public Officer shall not act without the express authority of the committee.

6. SUBMISSION TO RULES.. As every member on payment of their subscription becomes entitled to the benefits and privileges of the club, such payments shall be deemed a declaration of their submission to the rules of the club, and the obligations and liabilities imposed thereunder.

7. OFFICERS..COMMITTEE.. The general committee of the club shall consist of:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historic Vehicle Registrar, who shall retire and their places shall be filled at the June General meeting. All retiring office bearers shall be eligible for re-election but there is a limit of four years continuous service in any one office.

The committee shall consist of at least four other members, who shall be elected to the committee for a term of two years, half of the number retiring each year. A retiring member of the committee shall be eligible for re-election. The committee may delegate specific roles for any full members to assist in the successful function of the club.

(2) An office bearer may be removed from office at a General Meeting of the club, by majority vote.

(3) The events director shall be responsible for all events and social activities within the club. He or she will form a committee to handle events, social activities and trophy awards. The Events Director will be responsible to see that the events committee carries out their duties. This committee may be varied at the Event Director's discretion. The Events Director may be the only member on the club committee.

8. CONSTITUTION.. The Club in all things will be subject to the control and direction of the committee, neither the Club nor any member of the Club shall have the power to contract on behalf of, or pledge the credit of the committee. No member shall have against the committee any right of action arising out of relations existing between the committee and the Club, or the Club and any member.

9. ADMINISTRATION..

(1) The Club shall be administered by the committee, and have the right upon examination to recommend the annual subscriptions and fees, which would then be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

(2) The committee shall consist of Full Members of the Club who shall be elected by the Club at the Annual General Meeting each year. The number of committee members shall be as decided at the Annual General Meeting.

(3) The committee may meet for a dispatch of business, adjourn or otherwise regulate their meeting as they think fit.

(4) The quorum necessary for a committee meeting shall be any number in excess of half the number elected. Questions arising at a committee meeting will be decided by vote, whereof each member shall have one vote. In case of equality, the Chairman may exercise the casting vote, if the chairman does not exercise the casting vote, matters on which deliberative voting is equal shall be decided in the negative.

(5) The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall be Chairman at all meetings of the Club and committee, but if any such meeting neither the President or the Vice-President be present, the members of the committee shall elect a Chairman from amongst those present. The Chairman once taking the chair, shall retain that position during the meeting, notwithstanding that the President or Vice-President afterwards attend.

(6) Committee meetings shall be called by the Secretary on the authority of the President.

(7) Meeting of the committee and the Club will be held in accordance with the rules of Debate.

(8) Any member of the committee, failing to attend three consecutive committee meetings, shall if so facto, cease to be a committee member thereof unless leave of absence has been granted to him or her by resolution of the committee.

(9) The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members or relatives of members of the Club, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the Club or to any members of the Club for any service actually rendered to the Club or reasonable and proper rental for premises let by any member of the Club.

10. MEETINGS

(1) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of June, each year to receive the report of the committee, to pass accounts and to transact any business of which notice shall be given.

(2) "The Committee" for the ensuing year shall be elected at the June Annual General Meeting.

(3) Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all members prior to the dates of these meetings.

(4) A copy of audited balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be published in the minutes annually.

11. GENERAL MEETINGS.. Ordinary general meetings of the Club shall be held regularly at such place and time as the committee shall from time to time determine.

12. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.. A special general meeting may be called by the Secretary on the authority of the Committee.

13. VOTING.. Full members shall be entitled to a vote. No member shall have a vote at any meeting should his subscription be in arrears. Voting will be by show of hands, or a secret ballot may be called for in special circumstances.

14. SECRETARY.. It shall be the duty of secretary, in addition to his other duties, to keep full and accurate minutes in the books provided for that purpose, of the proceedings of the Club and the Committee.

15. PAYMENTS.. All payment shall be made under order of the committee and all monies to be signed by the Treasurer or Secretary.

16. AUDITOR..

(1) The accounts of the Club shall be audited by at least one auditor. No office bearer of the Club shall be eligible to be and auditor.

(2) The Auditor shall have the power to call for all books, papers, accounts and documents relating to the affairs of the Club. The Auditor shall audit the Annual Balance Sheet and the Statements of Accounts, and if they are found to be correct, shall certify them in writing under his hand before they are submitted to the June Annual General Meeting, or if they are found to be incorrect, shall specially report thereon to the committee who shall, after investigation, report to the June Annual General Meeting.

(3) The approved Balance sheet is to be published annually.

17. CARE OF CLUB PROPERTY

(1) No member, shall under any pretense whatever, damage, deface or except as permitted by by-laws, take or allow to

be taken away from the Club any property of, or in the use of the Club. The committee may, from time to time make by-laws for the issue of books, magazines or other Club property to members and will appoint a Librarian or Property Officer and at any time may cancel such appointment.

(2) Any member breaking or injuring any property belonging or in the use of the Club, shall pay to the Treasurer the necessary cost of replacing or repairing such property. The cost to be fixed by the Committee.

18. CONSTITUTION AND MINUTES.. The constitution and minutes shall be open to inspection of all members and copies shall be supplied upon such terms as the committee may from time to time direct

19. THE CONSTITUTION..

(1) A copy of the constitution shall be issued to each member upon acceptance of the Club.

(2) Amendments to the Constitution may be made by a majority vote. The vote will be cast by Full Members attending the Annual General Meeting at which the motion to change the Constitution is put and by postal voters whose votes are received before that Annual General Meeting. Postal voters must be full members who do not attend the meeting at which the vote is put and who wish to vote on the proposed changes.

(3) Notice of the motion to change the Constitution must be given two months in advance. The proposed amendments must be published in full in the minutes. A ballot slip for postal voters is to be printed in the minutes with the proposed amendment, all members must be notified in writing.

20. MEMBERSHIP FEES ..

(1) Full Membership fee to be set by the committee and ratified by members by vote at a General Meeting.

(2) Family Associate Member fee (if applicable) to be fixed by the committee and ratified by vote at a General Meeting.

(3) The fees may be reviewed by the committee annually.

21. WINDING UP.. If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Club, there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be distributed to other body or bodies which shall prohibit the distribution for income and property to members. This is with exception of any donated or on-loan items which shall be returned to the donor.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.. Any financial member, who has rendered the Club meritorious service and continues to be an active supporter of the club, may be elected to Life Membership of the Club

Only one Life Membership may be approved by committee each year unless exceptional circumstances exist. Appointment of Life members shall be announced at the AGM.

Life Membership does not include insurance.etc