

BAROSSA VALLEY FORD CLUB INC
'RULES AND CONSTITUTION'

1. OBJECTS

- (a) to build up a 'family' of Ford Owners.
- (b) to enjoy getting together socially, offering advice, exchanging ideas and organising social gatherings and events.
- (c) to promote friendship and courtesy on the road, socially and when we are in competition.
- (d) the club is to be run on a no profit basis.
- (e) to preserve and restore Ford vehicles and encourage members to retain the history of Ford Motor Co. vehicles.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) is open to anyone who owns a Ford built vehicle which is basically Ford powered.
- (b) is open to both male and female, or as a family unit. Once a person reaches the age of eighteen (18) years, that person can no longer be classed as a family unit.
- (c) but will be given one year's free 'Incentive Membership' providing he or she owns a Ford, given at the committee's discretion. Full voting rights apply.
- (d) any member may resign his membership at any time, by giving fourteen (14) days notice in writing to the committee and paying all dues outstanding and returning any property of the club. Therefore a person shall have no claim upon the club or its property.
- (e) the committee reserves the right to reject any membership application at any time.

**3. LIFE
MEMBERSHIP**

- (a) if any person has been a member of the club for a period of at least 10 years, and has in the opinion of the committee rendered meritorious service to the club, the committee may nominate that person as a life member. All committee members & Life Members will vote on that nomination, and a majority vote receives life membership.
- (b) all Life members including family under Membership 1.(b) are exempt from paying subs.

**4. HONORARY
MEMBERSHIP**

The committee may nominate any person to become an Honorary member of the club for a period of twelve (12) months.
The Nominee will be elected by a majority vote at a general meeting.

5. COMMITTEE

- (a) be in charge of the management of the club.
- (b) shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Social Secretary.

- (c) shall have the power to make and publish any by-laws or rules for better management and control of the club as long as these changes do not change anything in this constitution.
- (d) can invite any person or persons to attend any committee meeting to advise or assist, professionally or technically. Such persons will be unable to vote.
- (e) shall have the power to suspend any member they deem fit due to misconduct or non-compliance with a committee ruling. A two-thirds majority is necessary to suspend any member.
- (f) shall meet at least once a month.

6. OFFICE ELECTIONS

- (a) the committee shall be elected by a vote at the Annual General Meeting. If there are multiple accepted nominations, then a secret ballot shall take place.
- (b) election to be for a period of one year.
- (c) any office becoming vacant during the year will be filled by a member elected by the members of the club at a General Meeting and shall hold office until the next elections.
- (d) any nominee found canvassing for votes shall be disqualified from holding office during the year.

7. SUBSCRIPTION

The subscription fee will be set at a rate to be decided by the committee, as a single or family rate. The committee will review these subscriptions as deemed necessary.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the meeting in October where the annual report and balance sheet shall be reported. At least fourteen (14) days notice of intention to hold a special meeting shall be given in writing by the secretary to all members.

9. FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the club shall be from 1st October to 30th September.

10. FUNDS

- (a) The funds shall be banked in the name of the club and the account can only be used by committee members at the discretion of the Treasurer or any two signing officers.
- (b) The committee can not spend more than 30% of the clubs funds on non-running club expenses, in one financial year, unless a two-third majority at a general meeting deems the expenditure to be appropriate.

11. QUORUM

If the membership of the club does not exceed six (6) financial members, the club shall cease to operate and club assets will be sold. The proceeds and bank balance will be donated to the Barossa Division of the St Johns Ambulance Brigade.

12. AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting set for that purpose, provided that set amendments are accepted by the majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting. This constitution was presented to members of this club at the meeting on the 7th day of March 2014.

Notice of proposed amendments or additions shall be presented to members at least fourteen (14) days before such meeting.

13. POWERS OF AN INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

For the purposes of carrying out its objects, an incorporated association may, subject to this Act and its rules –

- (a) acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of, any real or personal property; and
- (b) administer any property on trust; and
- (c) open and operate ADI accounts; and
- (d) invest its moneys –
 - (i) in any security in which trust moneys may, by Act of Parliament, be invested; or
 - (ii) in any other manner authorised by the rules of the association; and
- (e) borrow money upon such terms and conditions as the association thinks fit; and
- (f) give such security for the discharge of liabilities incurred by the association as the association thinks fit; and
- (g) appoint agents to transact any business of the association on its behalf; and
- (h) enter into any other contract it considers necessary or desirable