

By-Laws:- Membership of the Model T Ford Club of Australia Incorporated

This By-Law is to be read in conjunction with the Constitution of the Model T Ford Club of Australia Incorporated.

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

1.1. In this By-Law:

Family Unit means two or more persons, one of whom is at least 18 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household.

Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Area (RRMA) means the classifications that divide Australia into 3 zones and 7 classes:

- Metropolitan Zone (RRMA 1 and 2);
- Rural Zone (RRMA 3 to 5); and
- Remote Zone (RRMA 6 and 7).

2. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Membership categories shall consist of the following membership types.

2.1. Full

2.1.1. A Full Member shall be the owner or previous owner of a Model 'T' Ford, as confirmed by the Committee.

2.1.1.1. Continuous membership that predates 30 June 2018 denotes eligibility for Full membership irrespective of vehicle ownership.

2.1.2. For the purposes of determining total membership, Full membership may include up to two adults and any number of children of the same family unit.

2.1.2.1. Children will be deemed as persons under 18 years of age.

2.1.3. A Full Member has voting rights so long as the member in question is 18 years of age or older.

2.1.4. A Full Member is eligible to hold office on the Committee so long as the member in question is 18 years of age or older.

2.2. Concession

2.2.1. A Concession Member shall satisfy at least one of the following criteria:-

- The member is aged 65 years or over.

- The member primarily resides in a *rural* or *remote* zone according to the Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Area (RRMA) classifications.

2.2.2. All conditions related to Full membership, as per item 1, shall apply to a Concession Member.

2.3. Associate

2.3.1. An Associate Member shall be any member who is not the owner of a Model 'T' Ford.

2.3.2. For the purposes of determining total membership, Associate membership may include up to two adults and any number of children of the same family unit.

2.3.2.1. Children will be deemed as persons under 18 years of age.

2.3.3. An Associate Member will have no voting rights.

2.3.4. An Associate Member will not be eligible for election to the Committee.

2.3.5. If an Associate Member attends more than 15 organised Club functions, including monthly meetings and runs, in two consecutive calendar years, he/she may apply, in writing, to the Committee for consideration of Full membership.

2.3.5.1. Any such requests for Full membership must comply with the requirements of the Constitution.

2.3.5.2. Upon verification that these requirements have been met, a recommendation from the Committee of such request will be put to the General Membership at a meeting and a vote will be taken.

2.3.5.2.1. The member in question will be notified of the outcome of their request no more than 2 days following the decision being made.

2.3.5.3. If attendance at organised Club functions lessens significantly following the attainment of Full membership, the Committee may decide to revert the membership status to Associate Member.

2.3.5.3.1. The member in question will be notified of any change in their membership status no more than 2 days following any such change.

2.3.6. An Associate Member automatically becomes a Full Member on the acquisition of a Model 'T' Ford.

2.4. Life

2.4.1. A Life Member of the Club has the equivalent status of a Full Member.

2.4.2. If requiring Historic Registration through the Club, a Life Member must become a financial member.

2.4.2.1. If financial membership is acquired, the conditions related to the corresponding financial Membership Category shall take precedence.

2.4.2.2. The Life Membership status will be maintained.

2.4.3. A Life Member has voting rights.

- 2.4.4. A Life Member is eligible to hold office on the Committee.
- 2.4.5. No more than 25% percent of total membership shall be Life members.
- 2.4.6. Life membership may be granted to an individual Full or Concession Member of the Club who has rendered outstanding services to the Club providing he or she satisfies at least one of the following criteria:-
- Has had 20 years of active service and held the position of President, Vice President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer for at least 2 years and has served on the Committee for a combined period of at least 5 years.
 - Has had 25 years of active service and has served on the Committee for at least 5 years; and/or
 - Has had 35 years of active service and has made significant contributions, as determined by the Committee, to the Club's functioning.
- 2.4.6.1. With reference to the criteria outlined in clause 2.4.6, active service shall mean, but is not limited to, the following:-
- Undertaking of roles outlined in the By-Law Committee and Office Bearers;
 - Involvement in sub-committees (e.g. the National Rally Committee);
 - Organisation of runs and other events; and/or
 - Any other substantial involvement (e.g. regular participation in working bees, regular assistance with kitchen/catering requirements, etc.)
- 2.4.6.2. The Committee may consider other criteria providing the reasoning is well justified.
- 2.4.7. The process of nomination for Life Membership is as follows:-
1. The nomination of a member to be granted Life membership is to be signed by two other Full, Concession, or Life Members and forwarded to the Committee prior to a Committee meeting.
 2. The Committee shall assess the nomination and inform the General Membership of the nomination.
 - 2.1. If more than two nominations are received, a secret ballot will be held by the Committee to determine the successful nominees.
 3. The Committee shall vote on the nomination and a 66 percent majority vote will constitute acceptance by the Committee.
 4. A ballot of members by secret vote shall be conducted. Where there is agreement of at least 90 percent of eligible voting members present at the first General Meeting after notification of the nomination has been distributed to members, the nominated member will be granted Life membership status.
- 2.4.8. Posthumous nominations are accepted for consideration of Life membership.

- 2.4.9. If a nominated person is a member of the Committee, that person shall be excluded from all discussion and determination regarding their Life membership nomination.
- 2.4.10. No more than two new Life Members shall be accepted in any one fiscal year.
- 2.4.11. If Life membership is declined on the basis that acceptance would exceed 25% percent of total membership, those existing Life Members shall retain their Life membership.

2.5. Honorary

- 2.5.1. The Committee may grant Honorary Membership to individuals, or any other person deemed appropriate, who, in the opinion of the Committee, have assisted the Club in a significant way to fulfil its objectives.
- 2.5.2. An Honorary Member is not deemed a financial member of the Club.
- 2.5.3. An Honorary Member will have no voting rights.
- 2.5.4. An Honorary Member will not be eligible for election to the Committee.
- 2.5.5. Honorary membership can be cancelled at any time by the Committee.
- 2.5.6. If requiring Historic Registration through the Club, an Honorary Member must become a financial member.
 - 2.5.6.1. If financial membership is acquired, the conditions related to the corresponding financial Membership Category shall take precedence.
 - 2.5.6.2. The Honorary Membership status will be maintained.