

***LEISURE RIDERS TOURING
MOTORCYCLE CLUB***



***CONSTITUTION
&
GUIDELINES***

1. Name

The Club shall be called "Leisure Riders Touring Motorcycle Club".

2. Aims and Objectives

The Club's aims shall be; to encourage the social, touring and rallying aspects of motorcycling and to assist in protecting the interests of motorcyclists by promoting courteous riding and behavior whilst providing a social calendar for all members and guests.

3. Organization

- a) The Club shall be managed by a Committee, comprising three club members.
- b) The Committee shall consist of the following posts;
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- c) Any changes to the organization are to be approved by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the club or an extraordinary meeting.

4. Committee

- a) The Committee will administer the club on behalf of the members in a harmoniously and effective manner and within the bounds of the Constitution & Guidelines.
- b) The Committee shall be elected at the AGM to be held during the month of April.
- c) All Committee positions shall be for a period of one year, however, a committee member may present themselves for re-election, but for no longer than three consecutive years.
- d) The election to determine Committee Members shall be chaired by a Club Member, who has not been proposed for any positions on the committee and is not a retiring committee member, and shall be chosen by the retiring Committee prior to the AGM.

5. Web Custodian

- a) The club will have a member, who will be known as the Webmaster/mistress, to manage and moderate the club's website.
- b) Members may nominate for the position at the AGM or an extraordinary meeting and will be voted in by a majority vote or alternately by mutual agreement and with the Committee's approval hand over to another member.
- c) The person nominated will need to show to the Committee and/or club members that they have the necessary knowledge and abilities to undertake this role i.e. Web design etc.
- d) The Webmaster/mistress may hold this position and a Committee position concurrently.

6. Membership

- a) Membership of the Club shall, in principle, be restricted to active motorcyclists but the Committee shall be allowed to exercise discretion in this respect.
- b) No discrimination shall be made between riders and pillioners or type or size of machine.

- c) New applicants for membership are to attend a minimum of 3 meetings/events /rides etc, (where one of these must be at least one ride) within a three month period to be accepted for membership of the club.
- d) New applicants will be voted in by financial members only.
- e) Past members, partners and immediate family who wish to join may do so without abiding to sub-clause 6c).
- f) Honorary membership may be conferred after due consideration and election at the AGM.
- g) On joining the club a new member will be entitled to one club T shirt, a cloth patch and two club stickers and will also receive a copy of the Constitution and Application Form and an up to date list of Committee Members.
- h) Upon acceptance into the club all members will sign a Liability Waiver for any and all damages which may be sustained and suffered by them in connection with their association with or participation in any activity with Leisure Riders Touring Motorcycle Club.

7. Meetings

- a) Meetings will be held monthly, except January, at a venue acceptable by the club members.
- b) The outgoing President's Report and the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the previous year will be presented at the AGM.
- c) The Committee shall use their best endeavors to ensure that the location and date of an AGM is both reasonable and appropriate to the Club members and not less than 30 days notice is given the club members.
- d) At all meetings, a Quorum shall consist of not less than 5 Club Members and 2 Committee Members.
- e) Only financial members and partners and/or immediate family are allowed to attend the AGM.
- f) An Extraordinary Meeting may be called with not less than one month's notice.

8. Finance

- a) The Club's financial year shall run from 1st April to 31st March each year.
- b) The Club will hold a bank account with a recognized Australian financial institution.
- c) Two members are to be authorized to sign cheques, though only one signature is required.
- d) A member may, at anytime, request a statement of accounts to be available to them.
- e) At the club's discretion, the club financial affairs may not be discussed at the monthly meetings when there are non-members attending.
- f) The Treasurer shall present a current financial report at the monthly meeting and a statement of accounts for the previous financial year is to be presented at the AGM and made available not less than 7 days prior to the AGM.

9. Subscriptions

- a) The Club's membership year shall run from 1st April to 31st March each year.
- b) Only fully-paid up members shall be entitled to all the benefits of Club Membership.
- c) New members joining in February - March prior to the AGM need not pay their subscription until the following membership year.
- d) No refund of subscription shall be made to any member resigning from the Club.

10. Fees

- a) The scale of membership fees shall be as proposed from time to time by the committee and ratified at the next AGM.
- b) The Committee shall be empowered to levy a fee for any Club event as appropriate.
- c) Membership fees are to be paid within three months of the AGM or the member will be deemed to be unfinancial and not eligible to any club sponsored events etc.

11. Club Events

- a) Only persons 18 years and over are to be within the bar and/or food preparation area of a licensed event.
- b) The Committee will have discretionary powers over all decisions and disputes arising during club events to ensure the successful running of the event.

12. Misdemeanours

- a) The Committee shall have the power, after due inquiry, to suspend or expel from membership of the Club any member whose conduct in any respect makes it desirable, in the interests of the Club, that such action be taken, subject to sub-clause 10b).
- b) Any member who is the subject of such intended suspension or expulsion shall be offered a hearing before a meeting of the full Committee and will have the opportunity to nominate up to two other Club members to also attend and speak on that member's behalf.

13. Affiliation

The Leisure Riders Touring Motorcycle Club is not affiliated with any other motorcycle club or organization.

14. Interpretation

- a) Application for membership implies acceptance of this Constitution and Guidelines and members shall hold themselves honour bound to abide by the Constitution and Guidelines and to accept the decision of the Committee in any cases of dispute or disagreement.
- b) The word 'member' as used in this Constitution and Guidelines is considered to be applicable to a fully paid up member of the Leisure Riders Touring Motorcycle Club.
- c) Immediate family will mean grandparents, parents, sister, brother or siblings.

15. General

- a) All decisions made by the committee that will affect the running of the club in a harmoniously and effective manner will be voted on by a majority of members.
- b) No alteration or addition shall be made to this document except at an AGM or an extraordinary meeting.
- c) In the event of the demise of the Leisure Riders Touring Motorcycle Club all funds and stock will be disposed of in a manner that no member will profit from its closure.