

# Yamaha XS650 Club of Australia CONSTITUTION

**1:** The Yamaha XS-650 Club of Australia (hereafter called "the Club") is a Club for owners and admirers of the Yamaha XS-650 motorcycle, which was made by the Yamaha Motor Company of Japan from 1970 to 1983.

**2:** The Club's function is to promote interest in the Yamaha XS-650, to unite owners, and to provide advice and help with regards to acquiring, maintaining, restoring, modifying, racing, and all other matters concerned with owning an XS-650. It does this by way of a newsletter, a web site, an AGM, the use of email, Facebook, Instagram and putting on events.

**3:** The Club has a structure, which includes officials and paying members. The Officials are the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Public Officer, the Web Manager, the Newsletter Editor and Race Bike Manager. Several members also act as state or area "contacts".

**4:** The Club manages a bank account, which is operated by the Treasurer.

**5:** Membership is open to those who own and / or are currently seeking to acquire a Yamaha XS-650.

**6:** Upon joining, a member will receive a t-shirt and sew-on patch each with the Club's logo, a membership card, a list of nearby members, a copy of the most recent newsletter, and a copy of the constitution. They will then receive subsequent newsletters and be invited to attend all events and meetings for the duration of their membership. A new member's details will also appear in the next newsletter.

**7:** All members (except officials) will pay a membership fee, with renewals being due each June. Members who have not renewed after two reminders (usually by around October) will be considered to have left the Club. They will no longer receive newsletters or be invited to events or meetings.

**8:** An AGM will occur each September/October. At the AGM, the officials' positions become vacant and members are invited to nominate themselves for those positions. Nominations require seconding, and no opposition to be carried. If another member opposes the nomination, then the matter will be discussed until it is resolved. If more than one member nominates and is seconded for a position, it will be put to a vote by those in attendance. Notice of the AGM will be sent to members several weeks prior to the event. This will outline all matters to be discussed at the AGM (which will always include the club's financial situation), as well as proxy nomination and voting forms for those who can't attend. The minutes of the AGM will be published in the next newsletter.

**\*Further to Item 8.** Members will also be able to vote by proxy at all general meetings and be deemed to be in attendance and eligible to vote via electronic communication, video conference, etc.

**9:** The Club organises events. At these events, members are expected to wear their t-shirt and/or patch. If the gathering is in a public place, they are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will not bring the club (or motorcycles and motorcyclists in general) into disrepute. If the club receives a complaint about a member, they will be cautioned, suspended, or their membership may be cancelled at the officials' discretion, depending on the circumstance.

**10:** In addition to item 9, when members are riding their bikes on a public road to, during, or from a Club event, they are also subject to the rules of the Roads & Traffic Authorities of the various states. They are expected to keep their machines in roadworthy condition and operate them within the law. This includes the member being licensed to operate a motorcycle, and the machine being registered.

**11:** Further to item 10, the Club is recognised as a historic vehicle club and as such, members can obtain historic registration for their machines. Very strict requirements and rules apply to this, and members enquiring about it will be informed of these by way of a printed document from the Road & Traffic Authorities, which describes them in minute detail, obtainable from the Club or the relevant Road & Traffic Authorities. Members who have their machines registered as a historic vehicle will abide by the rules, both when with the Club and when on their own. Any breach will be dealt with by both the relevant Authorities, and the Club.

**12:** Should the Club cease to operate for any reason, all members will be notified, any outstanding bills will be paid, the remaining funds will be evenly dispersed among the membership, the bank account will be closed. The Roads & Traffic Authorities and NSW Fair Trading will be advised.

**13:** As part of our constitution we also use the Department of Fair Trading, Model Constitution 2009, Under the Associations Incorporations Act 2009 when requiring a finer point in circumstances that the basic constitution does not cover fully.