

CONSTITUTION

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Falcon GT Owners Club of N.S.W. Inc.

CONSTITUTION

The Club under the following articles shall be known as "The Falcon G.T Owners Club of N.S.W. Incorporated" and hereafter referred to as "The Club" and shall be a not-for-profit organization.

ARTICLE ONE - OBJECTIVES

a) The preservation, maintenance and restoration and enjoyment of the Falcon G.T.

b) To promote friendship and courtesy on the road.

c) To promote and encourage social activities within the club.

ARTICLE TWO - MEMBERSHIP

FULL MEMBERSHIP

a) Full membership shall be available to owners of an Australian Ford produced Falcon G.T. of model designation XR, XT, XW, XY, XA, XB, EB, EL, BA, BF and FG including South African Fairmont G.T. models XW and XY. Upon joining the member shall be granted full membership.

b) The Clubs acceptance of a membership subscription does not automatically indicate the authenticity of the applicants G.T. Prompt inspection is subsequently recommended.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

c) Associate membership shall be open to any person with a declared interest in Falcon G.T.s.

d) In the event of an Associate member becoming the owner of a Falcon G.T., then such member shall, upon application to the committee, become a full member.

e) The number of associate members in the Club shall be limited to 25% of the total Club membership. However, the ineligibility of a full member to retain full membership status by virtue of the disposal of their car, or becoming an associate by Article 2 part h) or i), shall not exclude them from Associate membership. Should the specified limit of associate members be reached, or a reduction in the total membership numbers by virtue of resignations and or failure of members to remain financial require existing associate members to resign, but rather that until such time as full membership numbers increase sufficiently to enable additional members to be accepted on the basis of one vacancy for each three full members being accepted.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

f) Family membership is available upon application to recognise the interest that members of the owner's family have in the car. This will entitle two (2) of the nominated members to vote at the Annual General Meeting if they are both present.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

g) A full member may be nominated for Life Membership. Details of eligibility for Life Membership are specified in the General By Laws. Life members are recognized as Full Financial Members.

DISPOSAL OF VEHICLE

h) Should a full member dispose of their G.T. without replacement, then such member shall retain their full membership until the end of the financial year. After that time they shall be classed as an associate member if they rejoin. Upon the purchase of another G.T. that member shall again be eligible for full membership.

i) If a committee member should dispose of their G.T. without replacement, then such committee member shall be classed as full members until they stand down at the A.G.M, at which point they will revert to associate membership. If resignation from the committee occurs and the member has disposed of his or her G.T. that person shall immediately assume associate status.

VINTAGE VEHICLE PERMIT SCHEME

j) Administration of the Clubs participation in the Veteran and Vintage Motor Vehicle Permit Scheme shall be documented in By Laws specific to this purpose

VEHICLE AUTHENTICITY

k) In the event of complaints from any Three (3) members doubting the authenticity of another members G.T., these members must advise the committee of their doubts. If the committee feels that these doubts are justified, the committee shall appoint a member or members who are suitably qualified who, along with a committee member, shall inspect the vehicle and determine whether the member is allowed full membership status. Once a member's car has been inspected and verified, this car shall not be liable for any further complaints.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

l) Upon joining the Club, the member will be issued with a Club number, that being the next available number.

m) If a member is un-financial for more than two (2) months after their fees are due, their member number shall be forfeited and they will be issued with the next available number upon payment of their fee. That member must then pay the initial joining fee again, along with the annual subscription. A member shall no longer receive newsletters after two (2) months of being un-financial.

n) Once a number ceases to be used for any reason, that number shall be reissued the next financial year.

o) Any new member, either full or associate joining part way through the financial year shall be required to subscribe for the remaining portion of the financial year.

p) If a member leaves the Club before the end of the financial year, that person shall not be entitled to any refund on that years' membership.

ARTICLE THREE - OFFICE BEARERS

COMMITTEE MAKEUP

a) The committee shall consist of four members being; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

b) If the committee feels they need assistance in running the Club, they may call nominations for other members, e.g. Editor, Events Organisers or assistants. These members may be appointed at any time throughout the year, should the committee require it.

c) A committee or sub-committee member shall be a full member, however, should a position not be filled by a full member then an associate member may be nominated and the elected member shall hold that position.

INELIGIBILITY FOR COMMITTEE

d) No member (including persons deemed members under a family membership) may sit, take up or be eligible for election to the committee or sub-committee of the Club where they are a member of another Falcon GT club. If any committee or sub-committee member of the Club (including persons deemed members under a family membership) becomes a member of another Falcon GT club during their term then they shall be required to resign from the committee or sub-committee position immediately.

A.G.M.

e) The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held yearly at a nominated monthly meeting between July and December. At least one months notice will be given before holding the AGM.

TERM OF OFFICE

f) Committee and sub-committee positions will be for a two year term from the date of the election. Where a committee or sub-committee position is filled mid-term then this will become vacant in unison with all other committee positions at the next election.

ELECTIONS

g) Elections shall be held biennially at the Monthly meeting nominated as the Annual General Meeting.

h) All Committee and sub-committee members shall hold their position until the beginning of the next bi-annual elections unless such committee or sub-committee member vacates the position or becomes un-financial for more than one (1) month or is excluded under Article 3, clause (d).

i) All committee and sub-committee members shall retire at the commencement of the biennial elections and shall be eligible for re-election.

VOTING

j) A member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting unless the member:

- is at least 18 years of age, and
- has paid all money owed by the member to the association.

k) Only one (1) vote per financial member, either full or associate, is permitted. A family membership will be entitled have two (2) of the nominated family members present vote.

l) A member cannot cast a vote by proxy.

VACANCY

m) If, during the term of office any office bearer's position becomes vacant for any reason an election may be held (at the discretion of the remaining committee members) at the next general meeting following publication of the vacancy in the newsletter. If the President's position becomes vacant, the Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer in that order, shall become President. That person's position may then be filled as stated in this clause.

NON-ATTENDANCE

n) At the discretion of the majority of the remaining committee members, any committee member who fails to attend two (2) consecutive committee meetings, general meetings or Club runs, without apology or just cause, shall thereby render themselves liable to expulsion from the committee.

QUORUM - AGM

o) At each A.G.M a quorum shall be no less than 15% of the members entitled to vote, not including member clubs. One of these must be a committee member.

If there is no quorum within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time, the chairperson must either:
If called on the request of members – dissolve the meeting,
or otherwise – adjourn the meeting

If there is no quorum within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time of the adjourned meeting, the chairperson may declare a quorum - providing there are at least 5 members entitled to vote including at least 1 committee member present - and proceed with the meeting. The quorum is then the members present who are entitled to vote.

ARTICLE FOUR – FUNDS AND ASSETS

OPERATION OF ACCOUNT

a) The funds of the Club shall be banked in the name of the Club. The account shall be operated by a minimum of two (2) committee members.

INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS

b) Any member may inspect Club records and books upon request to the committee.

c) All incoming and outgoing funds through the Club accounts should be notified to the members at the next meeting.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT CLAUSE

d) The assets and income of the club shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above-mentioned objectives and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the club except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the club.

ARTICLE FIVE - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

a) The Constitution and/or the By Laws may be amended at a general meeting or special meeting for that purpose. One (1) months notice of motion shall be required for amendments to the Constitution (in the Club newsletter or other publication including electronic notifications).

b) The amendment shall be deemed accepted if passed by two thirds of the members present and providing 10% of the Club members entitled to vote are present (not including member clubs). Only full members may call for a vote on matters concerning the constitution.

If there is no quorum within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time, the chairperson must either:
If called on the request of members – discharge the constitution/By Law amendment request,
or otherwise – adjourn the constitution amendment vote to the next club meeting

If there is no quorum within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time of the adjourned meeting, the chairperson may declare a quorum - providing there are at least 5 members entitled to vote including at least 1 committee member present - and proceed with processing the constitution amendment request. The quorum is then the members present who are entitled to vote.

ARTICLE SIX - MEMBER CONDUCT

a) Details of the Code of Conduct are specified in the Code of Conduct By Laws.

ARTICLE SEVEN - TROPHIES

ANNUAL CONCOURSE

a) An Annual Concourse shall be held each year along guidelines determined at the committee's discretion.

b) If the committee decides that the Concourse will be competitive, it will be open to all G.T owners with the proviso that if a car is to be judged it must join the Club before being judged or be judged at the discretion of the committee.

c) The judges will be selected at a meeting prior to the Concourse date by the membership. The judges' decision will be final.

d) People's choice trophy/trophies shall be awarded at the membership's discretion by the people present on the day.

OTHER AWARDS

e) At the discretion of the committee, other trophies may be presented throughout the year including:

- Most Improved Car in the Club (Full member only)
- Most Enthusiastic Full Member
- Most Enthusiastic Associate Member
- Best New Member (Full Member only)
- Best Car on runs (Full Member only)

f) Committee members are not eligible for any of the trophies referred to in Article Seven part (e).

ARTICLE EIGHT - DISSOLUTION

a) The Club shall dissolve in the event of membership (not including member clubs) being less than sixteen (16) members.

b) The Club shall dissolve if there are less than two (2) committee members for more than five (5) weeks.

c) If it is called by three (3) or more full members at one time to dissolve the Club, then a special meeting shall be called at the next meeting after the newsletter notification. There must be at least 20% of full members present (not including member clubs and associates), and the motion must be accepted by an 80% majority.

d) Only full members may vote on this issue

e) e) All assets in the Club name shall be auctioned to previous club members. The amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to a nominated charity or another organisation with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members.

APPENDIX

Revision History

Date	Reason
25/11/2015	Consolidate differing Constitution versions, specify GT models acceptable for full membership and correct frequency of AGM
14/3/2016	Include qualifying rules for Life Membership Article 2 g.
14/2/2023	To allow associate vehicles to attend Club runs (such as All Ford Day) at the Committees discretion, in order to put on the best display to promote our club and prevent the loss of allocated space at these shows due to less than maximum attendance. Article Two, Section r – Associated vehicles
21/10/2023	Define Life Members as Full Financial Members Article 2 g.
14/10/2025	Adjust Quorum percentages, define voting eligibility, describe meeting adjournment process
14/10/2025	Clarify process to allow Associate cars at displays. Article Two, Section r – Associated vehicles
01/07/2026	Use of By Laws for operational guidelines
12/10/2026	Use of By Laws for Code of Conduct