

EGHAC By-laws

EGHAC By-laws adopted 14th August 2014 and reviewed in July 2016.

1. These by-laws are made within the provisions of the Own Rules of the East Gippsland Historical Automobile Club Inc and in the event of any inconsistency existing between the Own Rules and the By-laws, the provisions of the Own Rules shall prevail.

2. Membership

a/. It is a condition of membership of EGHAC Inc that members are required to attend a minimum of TWO club events in the course of a membership year. An 'event' would be defined as either a meeting or a social gathering.

b/. In the case of members who live more than one hundred kilometres from the Club's home base of Bairnsdale, this requirement is reduced to one event per membership year.

c/. Any person not fulfilling the above conditions will be given a reminder of the relevant requirement if the member fails to fulfil the requirements for a second membership year their membership shall lapse and the relevant authority informed.

d/. A member may be excused from the above membership requirements if their extenuating circumstances are advised to the Committee.

e/. Future members must attend at least three club functions including at least one monthly meeting before they can be considered for membership.

f/. The Permit Officers have discretion when signing renewals.

g/. For a vehicle manufactured after 31st December 1948, going onto the CPS, a full Road Worthy Certificate is required and the vehicle must be sighted by the nominated Permit Officer for the initial Club Permit registration. Pre-1949 vehicles require a Safety Check or a full roadworthy certificate.

3. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the second Wednesday in August.

4. The Club year commences on the 1st July each year.

5. Monthly General meetings are to be held on the second Wednesday of each month and committee meetings are to be held as specified in the Club's 'Own Rules'.

6. The Club information shall be published in the monthly GHAC Inc Newsletter and on the East Gippsland Historical Automobile Club Inc web site, www.eghac.org.

7. The Club shall maintain a Website for communication to members and the general public. The Minutes of the monthly and annual general meetings shall be published on the Website. This Website shall have restricted access to members only regarding the Minutes, member's addresses and other personal information.

8. The Club may present a trophy for Club Member of the Year and Hard Luck Trophy at the Committee's discretion along with any other trophies the Committee sees fit to bestow.

9. No Club member holding Club property on behalf of the Club will be held responsible for the theft or loss of Club property in his or her care, except where they are criminally liable.

10. Requests from Club Members wishing to borrow Club equipment should be in writing, and approval will be at the discretion of three Committee members. A register is to be maintained listing such borrowings and each item signed out and back in.
11. The Club may be a financial member of the Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club and the Association of Motoring Clubs, after an annual review.
12. These By-laws may be added to, subtracted from or amended by Notice of Motion one month before a General Meeting of the Club (in accordance with the Act).
13. Honorary Life Membership may be awarded to any member of the Club who is considered by the Committee to have rendered conspicuous service to the Club. Such Life Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges applicable to ordinary members. EGHAC Inc Own Rules apply to Life Membership.
14. Nominations of office bearer positions shall be received by the Secretary, no later than seven days prior to the Annual General meeting for all positions including President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, three committee members and two or more permit officers. If no nominations are received prior to the Annual General Meeting they will be accepted from the floor on the night.
15. Sub-committees are to be formed as and when required.
16. If a casual vacancy occurs in a Committee position of a member elected at an Annual General Meeting, the Committee may appoint a member of the Club to fill the vacancy. The member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these By-laws until the conclusion of the Annual General meeting next following the date of the appointment.
17. The immediate Past President of the club is ex-officio, with no voting rights, at all Committee meetings.
18. Any member of the Committee absenting themselves for two consecutive Committee meetings may be called upon to explain their absence, and if such explanation is unsatisfactory then their position is to be declared vacant.
19. All proposed Club runs must be submitted to the Club for approval.
20. Club organised runs and outings will be cancelled if a Total Fire Ban day or greater is declared.