# SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB, INC

## Established 1974

## **BY-LAWS**

These BY-LAWS have been established to assist and guide members of the Southern Cross Caravan Club. The BY-LAWS should be read in conjunction with the Constitution of the Southern Cross Caravan Club. For further advice or clarification, members should consult with an Executive Member of the Club.

## 1. CARAVAN PARKS

All caravan parks have a set of rules set down for the safety of patrons in the park. It is an expectation that Members follow these rules including speed limits, disposal of rubbish, sullage, keys and behaviour. If there is a requirement of a monetary deposit at the caravan park, please comply with this at your earliest convenience. Further, if the days of stay by the Member vary from the Club, please confirm the alteration with the Manager of the caravan park and Rally Officer. If you require other needs at the park (eg-near toilets), again make contact with the park.

#### 2. RALLY INFORMATION

- a. ARRIVAL -Members are expected to make initial contact with the office at the caravan park to arrange site and amenities access. Responsibility is upon the member to pay for all relevant fees and costs and return keys if appropriate to the office on leaving. If the Rally Officer is on site, members should contact him/her for further direction and advice.
- b. RALLY PERIOD The minimum Rally period should be recorded as commencing on the Thursday and continue through to the Monday of the next week. This may be extended in consultation with members. However, the Rally Officers duties and responsibilities commence on the Friday afternoon and cease on the Sunday morning of the Rally.
- c. RALLY FEES On each occasion of a designated Caravan Rally, members are required to pay a Rally Fee.
- **d. RALLY OFFICERS** -Rally Officers shall be Full Members of the Club appointed by the committee for each rally. Rally Officers will not spend more \$50 for each Rally. If there is a need to spend further monies this should be authorised by the Treasurer. All monies spent by the Rally Officers should be receipted and given to the Treasurer for re-imbursement.
- e. RALLY POINTS -Each member who attends a Club Rally is awarded one rally point. Members receive recognition of every 25 rally points by way of 'Rally badge'. Members who do not stay overnight at a rally but who do attend Club functions over two days or more and pay a Rally fee, are also entitled to be credited with a Rally Point.
- **f. NAME TAGS** Name bars should be worn by Members during designated Rally days, similarly Name boards should displayed prominently on the Members caravan.

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### 3. GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

Members should at all times behave in a way that it does not bring negative attention to the Southern Cross Caravan Club. Members should respect other members of the Club and not cause embarrassment or grievance. Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated within the Club.

- **a. NOISE** should be kept to a minimum as to not disturb other patrons at the park, especially before 8am and after 10pm.
- b. ALCOHOL/DRINKS are permitted during rallies, but members are encouraged to drink responsibly and act in an appropriate way so not as to cause embarrassment to self and others. The club will not be held responsible for any inappropriate actions by members. Members are welcome to participate in 'Happy Hours' that occur at 4pm each day at the Rally.
- **c. SMOKING** will not be permitted during meetings and official functions of the Club. Smoking will NOT be tolerated in the Gazebos and other areas where members gather.
- d. FIREARMS and other weapons will NOT be permitted at rallies.
- e. PETS- will be allowed at some of the caravan parks and at the discretion of the Manager. All pets at a rally must kept UNDER CONTROL at all times and they will NOT be permitted in areas where food is being consumed and other official functions at a rally. The member is responsible of cleaning up after their pet.

## 4. GENERAL MEETINGS

There will be a President's greeting & welcome on the Friday afternoon of each Rally. In the absence of the President, the Vice President or a member of the Executive will welcome and greet Club members. A Club General Meeting will be held on the Friday of every alternate rally following the President's greeting and welcome.

### 5. FINANCE

The committee shall not spend a greater sum than **\$200** on the purchase of any article of Club equipment without obtaining approval of a majority of Members at a general Meeting. (S. 8a of the Constitution.)

Membership fees that have been approved by Annual General Meeting

| Rally Fees-(Single)      | \$2.50 | Double | \$5.00  |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Joining Fee(new members) |        |        | \$10.00 |

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| Full Yearly Membership(single) | \$25.00           |
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| Full Yearly Membership(Double) | \$50.00           |
| Life Members                   | No Membership fee |

### 6. NEW MEMBERS

Potential new members are required to attend a minimum three (3) rallies prior to their application to join the Club and are then accepted unless a member of the Executive receives an objection to such application. In the case of an objection, the General Committee can vote on the acceptance of such applicant(s) by a show of hands.

Applicants should not be present during the voting which will take place at the official General Committee meeting of the applicant's third rally. The acceptance and presentation of their badges will be presented at the applicant's fourth rally.

(The term General Committee means all the Club Members present at a Club Rally.)

### 7. ROAD SAFETY

Safety on our roads is a high and important priority. It is an expectation that all Club Members, drive in a safe and courteous manner. Members are expected to comply with relevant State laws and consider the road conditions when towing with the caravan. If members are unsure of laws and regulations in relation driving and caravanning they should consult with other experienced members of the Club or Police.

### 8. COMPLAINTS

If a member has any complaints in regard to the caravan park, whether it be damage or maintenance issues, it will be discussed with a member of the Executive and then a member of the Executive will address the issues with the Park Manager.

Complaints about other Club Members shall be submitted in writing to the Club President, clearly setting out in specific detail, the nature of the complaint. The matter will then be investigated and dealt with in accordance with Rule 7 of the Club's Constitution.

### 9. MISCELLANEOUS

The Committee reserves the right to take suitable action in cases where the Club's property is used without authority.

Any Member who sells his/her caravan or car will first remove the Club Pennant, emblems and stickers.