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GENERAL

What is it and why do we need it?

Queensland Motorised Sports Council Incorporated (QMSC) aspires to be an organisation that will dispel the mistaken belief in the minds of many governments, bureaucracies and the community that motorised recreational activities are fringe activities practised by a few individuals. The QMSC gains its authority by creating an environment in which many can speak to many with one voice. Currently, the problem for people who enjoy motorised sports is that all communications tend to be vertical and, when horizontal, tend to be within a very small special interest group(s) of people or organisations. At the personal level, QMSC will provide more opportunities for people to get greater value from their investments in motorised recreational equipment.

QMSC as an advocate for recreational motorized sports activities

It is increasingly difficult for those who support and / or participate in motorised sports activities to enjoy their chosen recreation – whether it be flying model aircraft or racing V8 supercars. The reason is simple: motorised sports are easy targets because of the range of one-sided views in the community about people who enjoy any activity which might make a noise.

QMSC is dedicated to educating people that motorised sports are legitimate recreational activities and should be recognised as such by the community, politicians and bureaucrats. A number of model aircraft clubs have had to relocate from where they have been accepted for years because of complaints by one or two people who have recently become neighbours. Similar issues have also been experienced by motor racing, model power boat and other clubs where recreational motorised sports are located and undertaken.

The lack of a credible organisation with one voice representing the many is a major reason that hundreds of thousands of people who enjoy motorised sport recreational activities have been so poorly dealt with by all levels of governments. Other sectors of our community who are impacted are the thousands of companies who employ people and who support and are supported by motorised recreational activities.

What if I want to start up a ‘club’ or special interest group?

If you are a personal QMSC member, it means that ‘clubs’ or special interest groups (SIGs) can be established through a very simple mechanism by any group of enthusiasts who find that they have a common interest in a motorised sport.

The quotation marks around the term ‘club’ have been used to indicate a certain elasticity because there are more and more ‘virtual clubs’ which only exist in cyberspace. They do not have a formal structure such as an incorporated association or not-for-profit company or any other type of organisation stipulated by government legislation or regulation. These cyberspace clubs can be comprised of large memberships, much larger than many existing formal clubs.

However, when they want to conduct a meet at a venue to pursue the interest of their members, the organisers of the meetings may be running a personal risk – they need the personal protection QMSC can provide. The responsibility of

the QMSC is to ensure that the members of the SIGs, 'clubs' or organisations can meet on an 'as wanted' basis to enjoy their respective special interest group(s) activities without going through the formalised process of establishing an organisation and electing a committee as would be required under a formal club mechanism.

Will this mean the end of clubs as we know them?

No, QMSC believe it provides another way for clubs to recruit new members. Under the scenario that has existed, very few clubs have grown their membership in the last decade. The average age of most formal clubs rises by about one every calendar year. This does not mean that young people are antisocial or anti-club... they just do it differently. The dramatic growth of social networking proves young people still want to be a part of a 'club', forum or SIG that helps them enjoy their interests with other like-minded people. Mechanisms set up 100 years ago do not necessarily meet the immediacy younger people expect in their social interactions today.

How does the QMSC operate?

There is a QMSC Board comprised of six people who are delegates from each of the three Advisory Councils. Board members elect from within those six people the offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice-Secretary. The three Advisory Councils - ie: Venue Advisory Council, Organisation Advisory Council and Life Advisory Council - will be as big or as small as the financial members of that membership category determine. Each Advisory Council will appoint its executive to consist of, as a minimum, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and will also appoint two delegates to the QMSC Board plus one delegate to the Annual General Meeting.

Is this a front organisation for Queensland Raceways?

Categorically, no! The structure as described above determines that, at most, Queensland Raceways (QR) can only have a direct influence in one of the three membership categories - ie: the Venue category. QR involvement in the setting up of the QMSC came about when John Tetley studied the very rapid changes occurring in the QR customer base. After studying the changes in both organisations and people, it became self-evident to him that, in the not too distant future, the demographic of the QR customers and the activities that will attract them will be very different to what has been delivered during the last 12 years.

During the start-up phase, QR funded the QMSC Secretariat at no charge to QMSC because QR sees this approach to recreational motorised sports activities as the way of the future.

Where can I read the Constitution of the QMSC?

The Constitution of the QMSC is a public document and available on the QMSC website. Everybody who is likely to become a member or anybody who is interested in being elected to the respective Advisory Council is encouraged to read it fully to understand the new opportunities that QMSC offers individuals and organisations interested in promoting motorised sports.

Where can I get a membership application form?

Enthusiast, Supporter, Organisation, Venue and Business membership application forms are available on the QMSC website – www.qmsc.org.au.

Acronyms

QMSC	Queensland Motorised Sports Council Inc
QR	Queensland Raceways
SIG(s)	Special Interest Group(s)

ENTHUSIAST MEMBERSHIP

Where can I get a membership application form?

Enthusiast membership application forms are available on the QMSC website – www.qmsc.org.au – or by contacting the Secretariat via email secretariat@qmsc.org.au or 07 3285 1763.

Who is eligible for enthusiast membership?

Any person who has a genuine interest in and sincere desire to support the development and promotion of recreational motorised sports activities in Australia and the aims and objectives of the QMSC or any person engaged in the pursuit of recreational motorised sports activities either personally or as a business enterprise.

How much does it cost to be an enthusiast member?

There is no cost to become an enthusiast member... simply complete the form and return it to the Secretariat of the QMSC.

Benefits

- a) Membership with benefits attached as they are negotiated by QMSC – eg: our corporate partnership with St.George Bank with special interest rates applicable on deposits and loans.
- b) Supporting the future of recreational motorised sports activities and ensure your voice is heard 'at the table' by all levels of government – a stronger voice, greater lobbying power and better outcomes for your organisation;
- c) Participation in QMSC events that promote recreational motorised sports activities;
- d) Access to future regular publications, one-off reports and position papers that provide the community, media and government with a comprehensive overview of the current status of recreational motorised sports activity in Queensland, emerging trends and future scenarios.

SUPPORTER MEMBERSHIP**Where can I get a membership application form?**

Supporter membership application forms are available on the QMSC website – www.qmsc.org.au – or by contacting the Secretariat via email secretariat@qmsc.org.au or 07 3285 1763.

Who is eligible for supporter membership?

Any person who has a genuine interest in and sincere desire to support the development and promotion of Motorised Sport in Australia and the aims and objectives of the QMSC or any person engaged in the pursuit of Motorised Sport either personally or as a business enterprise. (clause 6.4 QMSC Constitution)

How much does it cost to be a supporter member?

The cost is \$22 per year (including GST)... simply complete the form and return it to the Secretariat of the QMSC. Your supporter membership fee of \$22 provides you with benefits equalled nowhere else in Australia.

Benefits

- a) Membership card that will have benefits attached as they are negotiated by QMSC – eg: our corporate partnership with St.George Bank with special interest rates applicable on deposits and loans.
- b) Access to Personal accident insurance, for a fee of \$33, which covers the personal member travelling to and from QMSC authorised events and meetings. The policy arranged with Jardine Lloyd Thompson provides cover for capital benefits up to \$50,000 for death, loss or limbs or injury thereof to QMSC personal member aged from 12 to 80 years of age. Weekly benefits of normal weekly wages up to \$500 per week for up to 104 weeks are also provided. For any QMSC personal member aged between 81 to 90 years of age the capital benefit is reduced to \$10,000 and weekly benefits of normal weekly wages reduced to \$100 per week for a period of 26 weeks.
- c) As a supporter member, you can take up the offer of Club Registration under the Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) registration program for a fee of \$22 per vehicle per annum. The Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads SIV registration is a concessional registration scheme for registered operators of special categories of vehicles, including motor vehicles, motorbikes and trailers that have limited use on the road. Registered operators must meet specific eligibility requirements at the initial application for concessional registration and then continue to comply with the conditions when using their vehicle. These special conditions include club membership and a dating certificate from the club where the applicant is a member.
- d) Fees for membership and/or SIV Club registration will be due on the 30 June of each year. Pro-rata fees are applicable at 31 December and 31 March and calculated as 50% and 25% of the fee respectively. An invoice will be forwarded to you for payment.

- e) Supporting the future of recreational motorised sports activities and ensure your voice is heard 'at the table' by all levels of government – a stronger voice, greater lobbying power and better outcomes for your organisation;
- f) Participation in QMSC events that promote recreational motorised sports activities;
- g) Access to future regular publications, one-off reports and position papers that provide the community, media and government with a comprehensive overview of the current status of recreational motorised sports activity in Queensland, emerging trends and future scenarios.

ORGANISATION MEMBERSHIP

Where can I get a membership application form?

Organisation membership application forms are available on the QMSC website (www.qmsc.org.au).

Who is eligible for organisation membership?

To be eligible for membership as an Organisation Member, the Organisation Member must be:-

- (a) Have a minimum of (20) Members;
- (b) The entity has been formed to represent a division of Motorised Sport or whose Members/shareholders have a genuine interest and sincere desire to support and participate in the development and promotion of any form of Motorised Sport in Australia;
- (c) For such time an applicant for membership as an Organisation Member is not incorporated, the president of any unincorporated body shall be deemed to be the Member, and shall be entitled to the same voting and other rights and shall follow such procedures as incorporated Organisation Members, to the extent that this is possible.

(clause 6.1 QMSC Constitution)

How much does it cost to be an organisation member?

The annual fee to be an organisation member of the QMSC has been set at \$55 including GST. Fees for membership will be due on the 30 June of each year. Pro-rata fees are applicable at 31 December and 31 March and calculated as 50% and 25% of the fee respectively. An invoice will be forwarded to you for payment.

Benefits

- a) Membership with benefits attached as they are negotiated by QMSC – eg: our corporate partnership with St.George Bank with special interest rates applicable on deposits and loans and access to further corporate partnership packages... several are in the pipeline now.
- b) Access to very competitive insurance packages public liability, associations liability and sports injury personal accident (for voluntary workers) specifically developed for recreational motorised sports activities and events through a QMSC-Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) partnership;
- c) Access to the QMSC Referral Program. As a financial organisation member of QMSC, we can now offer you the opportunity to receive discounted/free membership and discounted/free insurance. It is very simple... encourage the members of your organisation to join QMSC as a Supporter Member and your organisation will receive a referral fee of \$10 which then discounts the cost of your organisation's membership fee and/or insurance premium. This applies up to the total of your membership fee and/or your insurance premium.
 For example: If ABC Car Cruising Group arranges for 25 of its members to join QMSC as Supporter Members, they will receive 25 times \$10 (\$250)... this means they would cover their \$50 QMSC membership fee AND they would have \$200 towards their insurance premium.
 QMSC organisation's insurance is already one of the most competitive on the market... but when you deduct \$10 for every member you refer to QMSC who takes up a Supporter Membership, your organisation is way out in front.
 ... also, as Supporter Members of QMSC, your members will have access, for a fee of \$33, to a personal accident insurance package plus all the other benefits of being a QMSC member, including keeping a strong our combined voice for the advocacy of recreational motorised sports.
- d) Listing your events on the very comprehensive QMSC web-based events calendar (www.qmsc.org.au);
- e) Promotional opportunities through the QMSC networks, website and newsletter;
- f) Supporting the future of recreational motorised sports activities and ensure your voice is heard 'at the table' by all levels of government – a stronger voice, greater lobbying power and better outcomes for your organisation;

- g) Participation in QMSC events that promote recreational motorised sports activities;
- h) As a financial Organisation member of QMSC, your members are automatically enthusiast members of QMSC.
 - If your organisation does not already provide Club Registration under the Special Interest (SIV) registration program, QMSC can provide access to Club Registration under the Special Interest (SIV) registration program.
- i) Access to future regular publications, one-off reports and position papers that provide the community, media and government with a comprehensive overview of the current status of recreational motorised sports activity in Queensland, emerging trends and future scenarios.

You will note that the name of this organisation is the Queensland Motorised Sports Council which means that it is not restricted to just cars and motorbikes; it also open to power-boating and model aeroplanes, aeroplane clubs etc.

VENUE MEMBERSHIP

Where can I get a venue membership application form?

Venue membership application forms are available on the QMSC website – www.qmsc.org.au – or by contacting the Secretariat via email secretariat@qmsc.org.au or 07 3285 1763.

Who is eligible for venue membership?

To be eligible for membership as a Venue Member, the Venue Member must:-

- (a) Be an individual, an incorporated association or a company that controls, manages and conducts on a continual basis, a Motorised Sport facility being such a venue whereby competitors, clubs and persons can conduct and participate in Motorised Sport.
- (b) have a genuine interest and sincere desire to support and participate in the development and promotion of any form of Motorised Sport in Australia.

(clause 6.2 QMSC Constitution)

How much does it cost to be a venue member?

The annual fee to be a venue member of the QMSC has been set at \$110 plus GST.

Benefits

- a) Membership with benefits attached as they are negotiated by QMSC – eg: our corporate partnership with St.George Bank with special interest rates applicable on deposits and loans and access to further corporate partnership packages... several are in the pipeline now.
- b) Access to competitive insurance packages including public liability etc through a QMSC-Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) partnership;
- c) Promotional opportunities through the QMSC networks, website and newsletter;
- d) Supporting the future of recreational motorised sports activities and ensure your voice is heard ‘at the table’ by all levels of government – a stronger voice, greater lobbying power and better outcomes for your organisation;
- e) Participation in QMSC events that promote recreational motorised sports activities;
- f) As a financial Venue member of QMSC, your employees are automatically enthusiast members of QMSC.
- g) Access to future regular publications, one-off reports and position papers that provide the community, media and government with a comprehensive overview of the current status of recreational motorised sports activity in Queensland, emerging trends and future scenarios.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

Where can I get a business membership application form?

Business membership application forms are available on the QMSC website – www.qmsc.org.au – or by contacting the Secretariat via email secretariat@qmsc.org.au or 07 3285 1763.

Who is eligible for business membership?

To be eligible for membership as a Business Member, the Business Member must:-

- (a) Be an individual, an incorporated association or a company that controls, manages and conducts on a continual basis, a business that supports, provides goods and services or employs people motorised recreational activity or events.
- (b) have a genuine interest and sincere desire to support and participate in the development and promotion of any form of recreational motorised sport in Australia.

How much does it cost to be a business member?

The annual fee to be a business member of the QMSC has been set at \$110 plus GST.

Benefits

- a) Membership with benefits attached as they are negotiated by QMSC – eg: our corporate partnership with St. George Bank with special interest rates applicable on deposits and loans and access to further corporate partnership packages... several are in the pipeline now.
- b) Access to competitive insurance packages including public liability etc through a QMSC-Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) partnership.
- c) Promotional opportunities through the QMSC networks, website and newsletter.
- d) Supporting the future of recreational motorised sports activities and ensure your voice is heard 'at the table' by all levels of government – a stronger voice, greater lobbying power and better outcomes for your organisation.
- e) Participation in QMSC events that promote recreational motorised sports activities.
- f) As a financial Business member of QMSC, your employees are automatically enthusiast members of QMSC.
- g) Access to future regular publications, one-off reports and position papers that provide the community, media and government with a comprehensive overview of the current status of recreational motorised sports activity in Queensland, emerging trends and future scenarios.