

Constitution of the Ballarat Goats 2010

We the Goats of the Victorian City of Ballarat, in Order to form a more bonding Friendship, establish Joy, insure Travelling Excitement, provide for the Common Entertainment, promote General Libation, and secure the Blessings of Adventure for Ourselves and our Posterity, do Ordain and Establish this Constitution for the Goats Adventure Travellers.

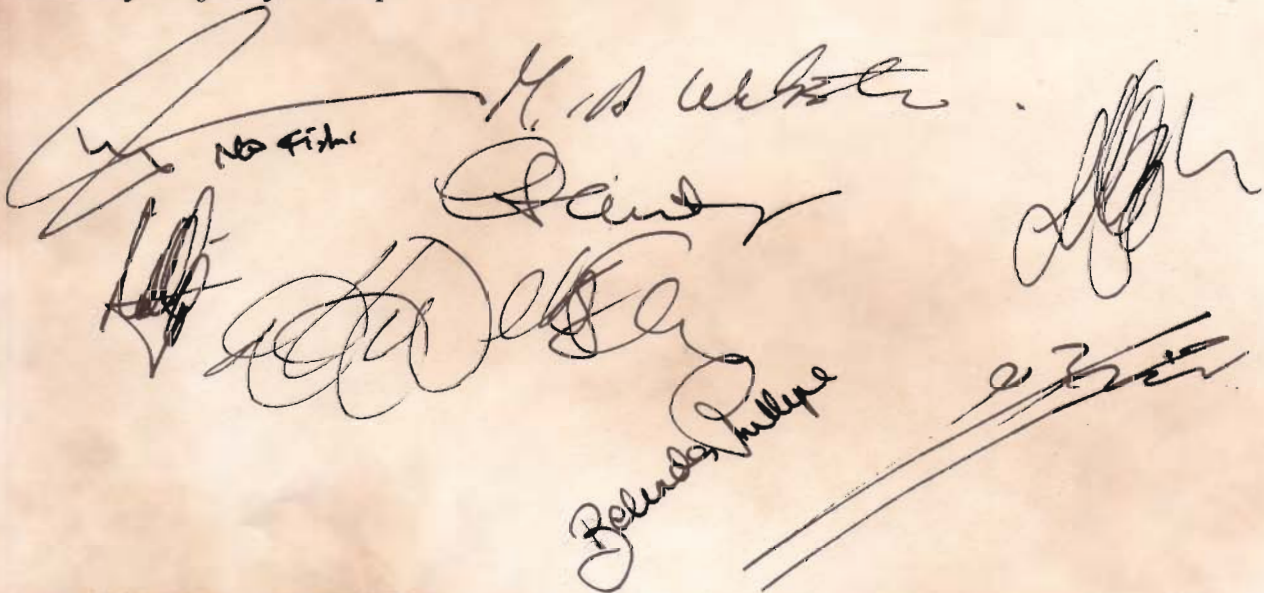
We shall partake of adventuresome vacations which are physically or intellectually or emotionally challenging of minimum five days duration and recommended nine days (including two weekends), with a frequency of between six and eighteen months. Vacations will be deemed official Goat Trips if they have a quorum of six member Goats.

All Trip Organisational Powers, which include date, duration, location, cost, activity and attire together with pre and post trip activities and training, herein granted, shall be solely vested in the duly nominated Trip Organisers the order of which has previously been ordained by the drawing of names, at the conclusion of inaugural trips, from an anointed official GOAT Hat. Beginning in the Year of Our Lord 2010, that rotational order of Trip Organiser is:

[Chucky & Twohands] – [Flipper & Nofish] – [Anchor & Rhino] – [Radar & Hurricane]

We hold these truths self evident, that all Goats are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Mateship, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights the membership of this club will not be extended without revision of this Constitution by unanimous decree. That, in the absence of clear direction by the duly nominated Trip Organiser, consensus and apathy shall drive our action. To this end, official roles, such as scribe, historian, archivist, secretary, treasurer and administrator, will be open at all times to all Goats and will generally be carried out by those who can be bothered. That we will consummate our Union with overt symbols such as the wearing of ordained Goat Attire at various times nominated by the Trip Organisers; such as learning and singing the Goat Anthem with gusto at times nominated by any member Goat; such as loudly calling "Go Goats Go" as a motivational and salutary call at any appropriate or inappropriate time and; such as, establishing a venue for the official libation station, deemed to be "Gregory's Bar", at an early stage of any official Goat Trip. And, most importantly, through the veneration of our mascot, Gregory, by performing a "Dooinagreg" at the opening of "Gregory's Bar" and other times initiated by any member Goat and through the acceptance and veneration of all characteristics and idiosyncrasies of Member Goats, typically through the development of affectionate and appropriate Goat Handles, so as to further our pursuit of these rights through joyous, irrational and amusing activities.

We, the undersigned, avow that this Constitution is a consensus of what we firmly believe is the essence of the Goats fellowship.


The bottom section of the document features several handwritten signatures in black ink. From top to bottom, the signatures are: a large, stylized signature; a signature that appears to be 'NO FISH'; a signature that appears to be 'H. A. White'; a signature that appears to be 'Dandy'; a signature that appears to be 'Radar'; a signature that appears to be 'Flipper'; a signature that appears to be 'Anchor'; a signature that appears to be 'Chucky'; and a signature that appears to be 'Twohands'. The signatures are written in a cursive, somewhat informal style.