

Minutes

Motoring Organisation and Car Club meeting

Date Tuesday 10 March 2015 **Time** 10 am to 12 noon

Place Transport House
Floor 5, Large Conference Room
230 Brunswick Street
Fortitude Valley Qld 4006

Chair John Wroblewski, A/General Manager (Transport Regulation Branch)

Minute taker Michael Sneesby, Policy Officer (Registration Policy)

Attendees	Organisation
Malcom Spiden	MG Car Club
Russell Whitney	Mustang Owners Club of Australia (Qld Inc.)
Rod Graydon	Queensland Historic Motoring Council (QHMC)
Chris Malone	Queensland Motorised Sports Council (QMSC)
Michael Ross	Senior Policy Officer (Vehicle Standards)
Andrew Mahon	A/Executive Director (Transport Access and Use)
Apologies	
David Robinson	MG Car Club
Sharyn Littler	Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs (Qld) (ACMC)
Gerard Nolan	Australian Street Rod Federation Inc. (ASRF)
John Greene	Mustang Owners Club of Australia (Qld Inc.)

Agenda item 1 Introduction and Welcome

Andrew Mahon welcomed the group. Andrew advised that Colin Chapman has handed over ASRF Motoring Organisation and Car Club (MOCC) representation to new ASRF State Director, Gerard Nolan. Andrew thanked Colin for the hard work and contributions he has made to the MOCC group.

Agenda item 2 Previous meeting Summary

Confirmation of minutes – Minutes of the last meeting held on 9 December 2014 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Review of Actions – Andrew Mahon read through the actions from the previous meeting and provided an update of each item.

Outstanding/ongoing actions:

- The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to advise the group once USA style Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) plates are available for purchase — Andrew Mahon confirmed that USA style SIV plates will be available for purchase from 16 March 2015. Customers will have the choice between the standard and USA style SIV plates when lodging an application for the SIV concession.
- TMR to finalise LH9 and LH10 street rod SIV scheme requirements — Andrew Mahon advised that this is currently in progress. Once completed, TMR will advise MOCC members out of session.
- TMR to review any issues with progressing green and white plates — Andrew Mahon advised that this is currently in progress. Once completed, TMR will advise MOCC members out of session.
- TMR to conduct review of dating certificate requirements, including investigating whether photographic documentation can be accepted — (see Agenda item 3).

Agenda item 3 Dating certificates

TMR has conducted a review of SIV dating certificate requirements. Andrew Mahon advised that TMR records the year of manufacture of vehicles on the Queensland register and can confirm the manufacture date in most cases using the compliance plate, manufacturer builder's plate, import papers and so on. As such, in an effort to reduce administrative burdens for registered operators and vehicle clubs, it was proposed to remove the need for a dating certificate when TMR can verify the date of manufacture.

MOCC members strongly advised that dating certificates give vehicle clubs the opportunity to capture details of the vehicle to which the SIV concession is being applied and to ensure that club members understand the conditions of the SIV scheme prior to applying for the SIV concession. Andrew acknowledged that this was an important role for vehicle clubs, however enquired as to whether this could be achieved without a dating certificate. MOCC members agreed that ensuring members are aware of the SIV conditions could be included as part of the evidence of membership requirement.

To assist clubs with this, Andrew advised that TMR will amend evidence of club membership requirements in the SIV Guide. It was agreed that proof of club membership should confirm the details of the registered operator and the vehicle to which the SIV concession is being applied (for example, name, chassis number, make, model), be presented on club letterhead or official club documentation and include the signature of a club official. Vehicle clubs will also have the option to provide applicants with detailed information about the SIV scheme's conditions of use.

Rod Graydon suggested that evidence of club membership be provided on a standardised certificate and proposed to rename the 'Dating Certificate' as 'Club SIV Scheme Certificate'. Andrew confirmed that TMR were happy for vehicle clubs to rename the 'Dating Certificate' and use it to provide members with evidence of club membership, however advised that TMR would also accept other forms of club membership confirmation, such as a letter or other club documentation, providing it met the agreed requirements.

As such, it was decided that dating certificates should not be needed in cases where TMR can verify the date of manufacture. However, Andrew also noted that if TMR cannot verify a vehicle's date of manufacture (for example, no previous record of registration and no identification plate), a dating certificate will still be required to confirm that the vehicle is at least 30 years old. In such cases, it was agreed that dating officers may now accept photographs if satisfied with the documentation, rather than physically inspecting the vehicle.

MOCC members also discussed ways in which TMR could potentially verify vehicle club membership online. Andrew advised that while TMR's system is not capable of supporting this at present, it could be considered in the future as technology continues to develop and improve.

Action:

- TMR to progress amendments to dating certificate and evidence of club membership requirements.

Agenda item 4 Lane filtering and road rage

Russell Whitney raised concerns on behalf of John Greene, about ensuring members of the public are aware of recent changes to motorcycle lane filtering laws.

Andrew Mahon explained that there was currently extensive work being done to communicate the changes, including through social media, billboards on major highways, information on both the QGov and TMR websites, as well as advertisements displayed at TMR Customer Service Centres throughout Queensland. Andrew also advised that TMR would continue to look for opportunities to advise all road users about the motorcycle road rule changes.

Rod Graydon noted that there was still tension between motorists and bicyclists using the road. Andrew acknowledged that this is an ongoing issue, however advised that TMR have received very positive feedback following the changes to cyclist road rules. In addition, the 'Share the Road' advertising campaign has been successful in promoting the message of patience and courtesy for all road users.

Agenda item 5 Safety initiatives

Chris Malone discussed ways in which the MOCC group can assist TMR with safety initiatives. Chris specifically addressed the importance of changing motorist's attitudes and behaviours, ensuring drivers are aware of their responsibilities as a person in charge of a vehicle.

Andrew Mahon acknowledged the importance of education, particularly for young people learning to drive. Andrew advised that TMR is currently reviewing written test requirements and working towards improving young drivers' understanding of driving, rather than just teaching road rules.

Chris also discussed an initiative whereby vehicle clubs appoint 'club ambassadors' to promote motoring safety and provide advice about vehicle modifications. Michael Ross advised that the TMR Vehicle Standards team would be more than happy to discuss issues with vehicle club ambassadors and assist in any way possible. Michael also advised that TMR could include information in social media campaigns to help spread positive messaging further.

Agenda item 6 Replica vehicles

Rod Graydon enquired about replica vehicles built using components from later model vehicles.

Andrew Mahon advised that this issue had been addressed in the past. If further information about vehicle modifications is required, the TMR Modifications Helpdesk may be contacted on (07) 3114 5844.

Agenda item 7 Child restraint requirements

Many historic vehicles were manufactured with seat belts fitted in the front passenger seats, but not the rear passenger seats. Rod Graydon enquired about child restraint requirements for children under the age of seven in such vehicles.

Andrew Mahon confirmed that children under the age of seven cannot be seated in the front passenger seat of vehicles that have two or more rows of seats. However, if it is possible to fit anchor points to the back seat of the vehicle, seatbelts and child restraints may be fitted and used. Andrew also advised that restraints must be installed in the vehicle in the correct way, as shown by the manufacturer. Further information about child restraints is available at <http://qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules/children/index.html>

Agenda item 8 General business

List of upcoming car club events for TMR consideration

Chris Malone distributed a list of upcoming car club events for TMR to consider participation in. Andrew Mahon advised that TMR would continue to participate in community events such as these where possible.

National Motoring Heritage Day

Rod Graydon advised that National Motoring Heritage Day will be held on 17 May 2015 at Queens Park, Ipswich and encouraged everyone to be involved. Further information is available on the Queensland Historic Motoring Council's website at <http://qhmc.org.au/>

MOCC membership

Rod Graydon revisited the suggestion that a regional representative for the MOCC group would be of benefit. Andrew Mahon advised that this could be investigated and encouraged MOCC members to make recommendations for a suitable candidate.

Date of next meeting

The next proposed meeting is June 2015.