

# Minutes

## Motoring Organisation and Car Club meeting

**Date** Wednesday 11 June 2014 **Time** 10 am to 12 noon

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

**Chair** Dr Judith Lloyd, General Manager (Transport Regulation)

**Minute taker** Michael Sneesby, Policy Officer (Registration Policy)

Attendees	Organisation
Sharyn Littler	Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs (Qld) (ACMC)
Colin Chapman	Australian Street Rod Federation Inc (ASRF)
David Robinson	MG Car Club
Malcolm Spiden	MG Car Club
Russell Whitney	Mustang Owners Club of Australia (Qld Inc.)
John Greene	Mustang Owners Club of Australia (Qld Inc.)
Rod Graydon	Queensland Historic Motoring Council (QHMC)
Alex Connors	Queensland Historic Motoring Council (QHMC)
Chris Malone	Queensland Motorised Sports Council (QMSC)
John Wroblewski	Executive Director (Transport Access and Use)
Andrew Mahon	Director (Registration and Licensing)
Katie Stone	Principal Policy Officer (Registration Policy)
<b>Apologies</b>	
Graham Fraine	Deputy Director-General (Customer Services, Safety and Regulation)
Kevin Bartlett	Queensland Motorised Sports Council (QMSC)
Matt Pegg	Queensland Motorised Sports Council (QMSC)

## **Agenda item 1 Introduction and Welcome**

Judith Lloyd welcomed the group.

## **Agenda item 2 Previous meeting summary**

**Confirmation of minutes** – John Greene raised an inconsistency in regard to the frequently asked questions. The group agreed to discuss this in Agenda item 7. Minutes of the last meeting held on 6 March were otherwise 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:**

- Continuing discussion on the young driver restriction proposal and the special interest scheme operating conditions (see Agenda item 7).
- QHMC to develop and present a proposal about veteran vehicles pre 1919 for consideration.
- Rod Graydon and Keith Watts to discuss surrogate numbers and potential solutions. Rod Graydon confirmed that after discussions with Luke Butler (Senior Advisor – Vehicle Identification Unit), the issue has been resolved.

### **Action:**

- Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to document process about surrogate numbers.

## **Agenda item 3 TMR involvement and participation in car club community**

Andrew Mahon advised that TMR will have a trade stand at the RACQ Motorfest on Sunday 13 July. TMR staff will be on hand to promote positive road safety messages, provide relevant information about modifications and registration, as well as to answer customer enquiries. MOCC members who are attending the RACQ Motorfest are encouraged to visit the TMR trade stand and provide feedback.

## **Agenda item 4 Terms of Reference and MOCC membership**

Andrew Mahon acknowledged that it is important to keep the MOCC representation evolving to ensure that the group is capturing different opinions and needs. TMR want to ensure that good governance is kept over the consultation with car clubs while maintaining the group's current size.

Andrew read through the list of requests for MOCC membership that have been received by TMR for the MOCC members to provide recommendations and decisions in regards to the membership and representation.

Colin Chapman suggested a regional representative for the MOCC group would be of benefit and would work to determine a suitable candidate. The MOCC group confirmed that having regional representation would be valuable.

It was noted that several of the car clubs who had expressed interest in MOCC membership, were already affiliated with either QHMC or other associations represented on the group. John Greene suggested that only one representative from each club or association attend the meeting to allow for an increase in car club representation rather than an increase in people.

It was agreed that CAMS would be invited to be a member and further members would be finalised out of session.

Judith Lloyd reiterated that the group was about collaboration and providing a forum for transparent consultation with the motoring community. Judith also confirmed that the role of representatives on the MOCC group is to communicate with their members and accurately represent the car club community position.

**Actions:**

- Colin Chapman and Sharyn Littler to advise TMR of contact details for the regional contact.
- TMR to email group to seek confirmation of membership and distribute finalised MOCC membership.

**Agenda item 5 Child restraints and seatbelt requirements**

John Greene raised concerns with the recent seatbelt requirement changes in regard to seatbelt identification, safety, insurance and the driver's liability.

Judith Lloyd advised that the changes were made as a result of demand within the community and now aligned Queensland with interstate jurisdictions.

Judith stressed the importance for the group to communicate and educate the car club community and to emphasise the registered operator's responsibility for the safety and care for all passengers including children. Judith also indicated that TMR could develop information material to assist.

The group agreed that as representatives of the car club community, it is the MOCC group's responsibility to provide as much information and education to members as possible.

**Action:**

- TMR to develop information sheet/materials to provide further clarity about seatbelt safety and child restraint requirements for distribution to the group.

**Agenda item 6 Stolen Plates**

David Robinson raised issues about personalised plates that have been re-issued after being previously reported as stolen. In light of automatic number plate recognition, David expressed his concern that the issue will only worsen and enquired about a solution so that persons with a previously recorded stolen number plate will not get pulled over.

Andrew Mahon advised that it was important for the Queensland Police Service that this restriction remain against the plate, in the cases where a stolen number plate is used during a crime.

David Robinson made the suggestion to include an additional mark on the plate so that the number plate can be identified by the police as the most recently replaced plate.

John Wroblewski advised that he would talk to the team that manages the personalised plates contract to identify current processes.

**Action:**

- TMR to provide advice to the MOCC about current stolen number plate reissuing process.

**Agenda item 7    General Business****Outcome of Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) scheme operating options**

Andrew Mahon advised that a decision has been reached in regards to the SIV scheme operating options. Taking into consideration the financial, system and administrative implications, along with the preferences as indicated by the MOCC, TMR has decided that the SIV scheme will remain the same.

Andrew advised that TMR does not want to impose further administrative or financial burdens on the clubs or registered operators which would unfortunately be the case if substantial changes were made to the scheme.

Andrew acknowledged the significant effort that had been put in by everyone and thanked the group for their contributions.

**Young driver High Powered Vehicle (HPV) exemptions**

Andrew Mahon advised that after reviewing the HPV exemption scheme, in consultation with the Road Safety team, it has been decided not to make changes. Andrew noted that extending the HPV exemption scheme posed too high a risk.

Andrew also noted that after discussions with Colin Chapman, it had been identified that there may be a misinterpretation of the HPV road rule within the community. Andrew proceeded to clarify that only P1 or P2 type licence holders under the age of 25 were restricted from driving a high powered vehicle. The road rule does not apply to Open licence holders under 25 years of age. This means that if a young driver obtains their driver licence when they turn 17, they may be eligible for an Open licence once they turn 20. This leaves only a three year time frame where young drivers would not be able to drive a HPV, rather than eight years as previously understood by the group. Colin noted that this three year timeframe could be seen as an opportunity for young drivers to start building their vehicle for when they are able to drive it.

John Greene raised a query about how HPV exemptions are applied. Andrew advised that the HPV exemptions are assessed against a strict criteria.

Sharyn Littler requested statistics on the age young drivers are obtaining their provisional licence and recommended that TMR put more emphasis on positive messaging.

Andrew agreed that it was important to communicate the information throughout the community and noted that TMR will explore the possibility of creating key messages in relation to young drivers and HPVs. This will be provided to the MOCC to distribute amongst members and may be made available for the RACQ Motorfest.

Sharyn enquired about the 'Road Safety' area of TMR. Andrew explained the roles and responsibilities of the Road Safety unit within TMR. Andrew suggested a representative from Road Safety attend the next MOCC meeting. The group all agreed that meeting a member of the Road Safety team would be of great benefit.

**Actions:**

- TMR to clarify HPV exemption requirements.

- TMR to develop a fact sheet/frequently asked question regarding young drivers and HPVs.
- TMR to provide young driver statistics to the MOCC group.
- TMR to invite a representative from Road Safety to next MOCC meeting.

### **Plate update**

Andrew confirmed that USA style plate testing has been completed. While the results of the tests are not yet known, it is expected that the results will be finalised and production to commence soon.

Colin Chapman enquired as to whether the USA style plates would be available for standard number plates. Andrew Mahon confirmed that at this stage the USA style would only be available for SIV plates.

#### **Action:**

- TMR to advise the group once USA style SIV plates are available for purchase.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Andrew Mahon confirmed that following discussions from the March MOCC meeting, the frequently asked questions have been updated to include reasonable travel within a 15km radius from garaging address to maintain car batteries.

Rod Graydon and John Greene suggested that 'maintaining car batteries' be removed from the frequently asked questions and substituted with 'general vehicle maintenance'.

John Wroblewski agreed and confirmed that the amendment would be made.

Russell Whitney suggested that SIV registered operators should be required to quote their valid membership number at time of renewal to ensure TMR has a record of SIV concession holders maintaining car club membership. Andrew Mahon advised that while this idea has its merit, it would impose administrative burdens for car clubs as well as financial and system implications for TMR.

Sharyn Littler also provided feedback from the ACMC on the frequently asked questions for TMR consideration.

#### **Action:**

- TMR to update the frequently asked questions document on the website and advise MOCC members when completed.

### **Dating Certificates**

Rod Graydon enquired about whether dating certificates can become more simplified. Rod advised that some vehicles do not have compliance plates and it was often quite difficult to identify the year of manufacture, especially on older vehicles.

John Wroblewski confirmed that TMR would review the dating certificate with the intention of simplifying dating certificates.

John Greene raised the issue that it was a requirement to sight the vehicle which was often difficult when the vehicle is a long distance away.

Colin Chapman advised that he uses photographs of the vehicle in such instances.

John Wroblewski confirmed that if the dating officer was satisfied with the documentation provided then the vehicle would not have to be sighted in such situations, providing that it is able to be justified.

Andrew Mahon reiterated that the onus is on the dating officer to ensure the vehicle being certified is correct.

**Actions:**

- Rod Graydon to provide an example dating certificate to TMR for review.
- TMR to clarify requirements of dating certificates in the SIV guide and provide to MOCC.

**Date of next meeting**

The next proposed meeting is September 2014.

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