

# Minutes

## Motoring Organisation and Car Club meeting

**Date** Wednesday 24 June 2015 **Time** 10 am to 12 noon

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

**Chair** Andrew Mahon, A/Executive Director (Transport Access and Use)

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

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Malcom Spiden	MG Car Club
Russell Whitney	Mustang Owners Club of Australia (Qld Inc.)
John Greene	Mustang Owners Club of Australia (Qld Inc.)
Sharyn Littler	Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs (Qld) (ACMC)
Colin Chapman	Australian Street Rod Federation Inc. (ASRF)
Rod Graydon	Queensland Historic Motoring Council (QHMC)
Chris Malone	Queensland Motorised Sports Council (QMSC)
John Wroblewski	A/General Manager (Transport Regulation Branch)
Deborah Evans	Principal Advisor (Road Safety)
Shane Lonsdale	Policy Support Officer (Vehicle Standards)
<b>Apologies</b>	
Gerard Nolan	Australian Street Rod Federation Inc. (ASRF)
Michael Ross	Senior Policy Officer (Vehicle Standards)

## Agenda item 1 Introduction and Welcome

Andrew Mahon welcomed the group.

## Agenda item 2 Previous meeting Summary

**Confirmation of minutes** – Minutes of the last meeting held on 10 March 2015 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Review of Actions** – Michael Sneesby read through the actions from the previous meeting and provided an update of each item.

### Outstanding/ongoing actions:

- TMR to finalise LH9 and LH10 street rod Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) scheme requirements — Michael Sneesby advised that this action had been finalised. Effective 1 July 2015, LH10 coded street rods will be eligible for registration under the SIV scheme.
- TMR to review any issues with progressing green and white plates — Michael Sneesby advised that this is currently in progress. Once completed, TMR will advise MOCC members out of session.
- TMR to progress amendments to dating certificate and evidence of club membership requirements — (see agenda item 4).

## Agenda item 3 Road safety

Deborah Evans (Road Safety) spoke about the *Safer Roads, Safer Queensland* forum which was held on 10 April 2015 in response to the tragic loss of life over the Easter 2015 long weekend.

The forum was an opportunity for the government to listen carefully to a wide range of ideas from key stakeholders on how to build on positive road safety trends into the future.

Deborah advised that a number of priority outcomes from the forum have been announced. These included prioritising motorcycle safety for new and returning riders and introducing double demerit points from September 2015 for two or more mobile phone offences committed within one year, among others.

Motoring Organisation and Car Club (MOCC) members provided positive feedback on the motorcycle safety campaign which is currently running.

Further information, including the key themes and summary of the *Safer Roads, Safer Queensland* forum can be found at <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Road-safety/Strategy-and-action-plans.aspx>.

Sharyn Littler and Chris Malone expressed their interest in representing motor clubs as key stakeholders at future forums. Andrew Mahon advised that MOCC members' names would be forwarded to the Road Safety team for future consideration.

Malcolm Spiden questioned whether road safety messages were being received by people. John Wroblewski advised that behaviour, attitude and cultural change was a primary focus which takes time to achieve. John advised that Queensland had made significant improvements over the past 30 years, and would strive to keep improving road safety with continual promotion of positive messages and initiatives.

#### **Agenda item 4            Dating certificates**

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has completed its review of SIV scheme dating certificate requirements. Effective 1 July 2015, dating certificates will no longer be required in cases where TMR can verify the vehicle's date of manufacture.

To assist vehicle clubs with ensuring members are aware of the SIV scheme conditions, evidence of current club membership requirements have been changed. As such, from 1 July 2015, evidence of club membership must be provided on club letterhead or official documentation, include details of the vehicle to be registered and be signed by a club official. Rod Graydon tabled an evidence of membership certificate template which may be used by vehicle clubs.

A dating certificate will still be required if TMR cannot verify the date of manufacture. In such cases, dating officers may now accept photographs from the registered operator, rather than physically inspecting the vehicle, if satisfied with the documentation provided.

John Greene also discussed SIV scheme eligibility requirements for vehicle clubs.

#### **Agenda item 5            Vehicle registration fees**

Andrew Mahon advised that all light vehicle registration fees, including SIV registration fees, will increase by the Government Indexation Policy of 3.5% on 1 July 2015. A person can determine the new fees for their vehicle on the TMR website at <https://www.service.transport.qld.gov.au/eQuote/eQuote.jsp>.

Rod Graydon questioned why the registration fee and traffic improvement fee components of registration for motorcycles are higher than those for some other vehicles.

Andrew confirmed that to assist families with the cost of living, the Family Freeze was implemented on 1 July 2012, freezing increases to the registration fee and traffic improvement fee components of registration over three years. However, the freeze only applied to vehicles used for private purposes with a gross vehicle mass not over 4.5 tonne, including passenger vehicles (for example, sedans, wagons, convertibles), light commercial vehicles (for example, panel vans, utilities, dual cabs) and minibuses. Motorcycles were not included under the family freeze, resulting in the traffic improvement fee and registration fee for motorcycles now being slightly higher than those that were included.

#### **Agenda item 6            Biofuel mandate**

The Queensland Government (Department of Energy and Water Supply) has recently announced its proposal to introduce a biofuel mandate from 1 July 2016 to help transition to a clean energy economy.

Rod Graydon raised concerns with the proposal, as many historic vehicles are not able to use ethanol fuels.

The Department of Energy and Water Supply have released a discussion paper which provides members of the community with the opportunity to have their say.

The discussion paper acknowledges that approximately 15% of Queensland's vehicles are incompatible with E10 fuel. The paper commits to ensuring that consumers retain the ability to choose unblended fuels (both regular and premium unleaded) at the petrol bowser.

Andrew Mahon encouraged the MOCC group and their club's affiliated members to voice their opinions via the discussion paper. The discussion paper and further information about the biofuel mandate can be found at <https://www.dews.qld.gov.au/energy-industry/renewable-energy/projects/biofuel-mandate>.

## **Agenda item 7            Vehicle registration charging methods**

Chris Malone enquired as to whether 'road user charging' is being considered, as it would benefit the historic motoring community.

John Wroblewski confirmed that TMR are currently looking at what registration will look like in the future as part of a 5 to 15 year timeframe.

John further advised that any future change would be a complex process with many variables to take into consideration. These include the equitable impact on all customers, environmental factors, administrative complexities, system changes and so on. John also noted that TMR are looking at similar work that other jurisdictions and countries are currently doing, to ensure that all potential issues are identified.

## **Agenda item 8            Historic vehicle ownership surveys**

Chris Malone tabled two international surveys from Europe and the USA for TMR's information.

Russell Whitney made mention that the surveys addressed many socio-economic factors and noted the important contributions that motoring enthusiasts make to the economy.

## **Agenda item 9            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 was attending the RACQ Motorfest on Sunday 12 July. Andrew also noted that the list of upcoming car club events will be distributed to TMR's customer service branch across the regions for consideration of attendance in the future.

### **Date of next meeting**

The next proposed meeting is September 2015.