

Minutes

Motoring Organisation and Car Club meeting

Date Wednesday 4 December 2013 **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 Katie Stone, Policy Officer (Registration Policy)

Attendees	Organisation
Sharyn Littler	Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs (Qld)
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 Branch
John Greene	Mustang Owners Club of Australia Qld Branch
Ken Wilson	Queensland Historic Motoring Council (QHMC)
Rod Graydon	Queensland Historic Motoring Council (QHMC)
Chris Malone	Queensland Motorised Sports Council (QMSC)
John Goss	
Graham Fraine	Deputy Director-General (Customer Services, Safety and Regulation)
John Wroblewski	A/Executive Director (Transport Access and Use)
Andrew Mahon	Director (Registration and Licensing)
Apologies	
David Hourigan,	Deputy Director-General, Policy (Department of Premier and Cabinet)
Matt Pegg	Queensland Motorised Sports Council (QMSC)
Kevin Bartlett	Queensland Motorised Sports Council (QMSC)

Agenda item 1 Introduction and Welcome

Judith Lloyd welcomed the group and introduced the new attendees and guests.

Graham Fraine thanked the group for their ongoing commitment to the group and all the work that has been progressed this year. Graham Fraine reiterated his commitment to progress the issues of the group and bring resolution to the young driver proposal, registration plate options and the operating options previously presented. Graham Fraine will be presenting the Minister for Transport and Main Roads a brief about the group's progress to seek a clear direction and to provide opportunity to explore further topics in 2014.

Agenda item 2 Previous meeting summary

Confirmation of minutes – Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 September 2013 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:

- QHMC to present a proposal about veteran vehicles pre 1919 in the future.
- Transport and Main Roads to present the results of the stick on number plate testing.
- Frequently asked questions have been updated and published on the Transport and Main Roads (TMR) website. Members are invited to provide feedback and comment on the frequently asked question on an ongoing basis.
- Continuing discussion on the young driver restriction proposal and the special interest scheme operating conditions (see Agenda item 4).

Agenda item 3 SIV scheme operating options

Andrew Mahon presented the feedback received from the MOCC group and their members on the options proposed at the September meeting. Andrew Mahon thanked the group for their efforts in gathering the feedback from their members. The common themes from the feedback indicated that:

- members are generally satisfied with the current scheme
- there is interest in more flexibility for private use of vehicles outside the current special interest vehicle (SIV) scheme conditions
- there is no desire to pay more fees (but would consider a minimal fee increase)
- no desire for an increase in administrative duties for clubs or themselves.

Andrew Mahon explained that based on club and organisation feedback, approximately 65% of the feedback received was in favour of leaving the scheme as it is, but TMR could not ignore the ongoing requests to bring more flexibility into the scheme without further discussion.

To try and address the four points above, TMR proposed two options for final discussion, along with an additional suggestion submitted by the Queensland Historic Motoring Council. The options presented for discussion were:

1. maintain current scheme
2. extend the current scheme to include a log book for private use (not optional)
3. extend the current scheme to include an optional log book for private use.

The three more refined options were specifically developed to ensure that the scheme could be viable and cost-effective in direct response to the Motoring Organisation and Car Club (MOCC) member feedback (minimal fee increases, no additional administration and increased flexibility).

Andrew Mahon advised that the costs presented are subject to further evaluation and that preliminary advice from the Motor Accident Insurance Commission indicates that there may be increases or decreases to Compulsory Third Party (CTP) fees based on the increased operation and therefore risk, of SIV vehicles having more exposure to the road network.

Discussion followed on each of the options and the following concerns and alternatives were raised:

- the additional costs of a modified scheme
- the additional flexibility of the scheme not being optional
- consideration to how the increased registration fees will impact motorbike riders
- can the amount of log book days be reduced to reduce the costs
- why the scheme would be changed when an overwhelming majority did not want any change to the scheme if it resulted in any additional costs
- the unknown “true” costs of CTP
- how the change of scheme would be enforced
- the additional administrative burdens that would be placed on clubs
- whether the Traffic Improvement Fee is negotiable in order to reduce the SIV fees
- whether other options could be costed as well.

Graham Fraine acknowledged that there were differing views within the group and proposed that going forward TMR would provide some further costings to the group for consultation out of session. Graham Fraine also noted that TMR is not responsible for the Traffic Improvement Fee and that it is a fee set by Treasury.

Actions:

- TMR to provide further cost modelling to the MOCC members before the next meeting on the following options:
 - the current scheme (no changes)
 - a log book as part of the scheme for private use (14 and 26 day log book)
 - a log book as an additional option to the scheme for private use (14 days and 26 days based on the uptake of 1,000 and 5,000 operators)
 - a full log book scheme.

- Subsequently, MOCC members to advise their club or organisation's preferred option before the next meeting.
- Once a preferred option has been selected, TMR to fully cost the option selected by the majority of the group and provide a proposal to the senior executives and Minister for consideration.
- TMR to consult with Treasury about the option to reduce the Traffic Improvement Fee.

Agenda item 4 Paper – Australian Street Rod Federation (ASRF) proposal for changes to young driver restrictions

Colin Chapman provided further detail to support the young driver restriction proposal presented at the September meeting. Colin Chapman advised that about 174 out of the 2,900 members in Queensland are in the young driver age category.

MOCC members were generally supportive of allowing a high powered vehicle restriction exemption for young drivers within the SIV scheme.

TMR noted the safety issues regarding high powered vehicle restrictions.

Action:

- TMR to work with ASRF to investigate specific exemption conditions that may be used to progress investigation into the viability of this proposal.

Agenda item 5 Paper – Registration plate options

Based on member's feedback, Andrew Mahon advised that TMR will be progressing with full costing and working with the plates manufacturer on designs for the US-sized plate for presenting back to the group. Preliminary costings indicate the US-sized plate will cost around \$80. The US-sized plate will be offered along with the S Plate.

A decision was made by the MOCC group that the:

- slogan on the top of the plate will read "QLD" (no change to the current plate slogan)
- "S" will precede all plate combinations on the S Plate and the US-sized plate.

Actions:

- TMR to work with the plate manufacturer and the Queensland Police Service to ensure the design of the US-sized plate meets camera detection device requirements.
- TMR to provide firm costings and designs to the group and advise on implementation process.
- TMR to present the decision about the plate options to the Minister for final consideration.

Agenda item 6 General Business

Graham Fraine advised the group that members did not have to wait until each meeting to raise issues and that they can contact Andrew Mahon or Katie Stone at any time outside of session.

Rod Graydon informed the group that he is aware of some registered SIV scheme operators breaching the conditions of the scheme. Judith Lloyd advised the group that if they become aware of any such instances,

please provide as much detail as possible to Katie Stone who will ensure it will be forwarded to Translink for investigation.

Colin Chapman and Rod Graydon also sought further clarification about whether a SIV vehicle could be used for driving non-immediate family members to formals and weddings.

Concerns were raised by John Greene about a member with a personalised plate being stopped by police officers in New South Wales. The New South Wales police officers were questioning whether the vehicle was displaying a legitimate Queensland registration plate.

Chris Malone presented a range of agenda items for discussion in upcoming meetings.

Actions:

- TMR to work with the MOCC group to keep the frequently asked questions available on the website as useful as possible.
- TMR to work with the MOCC group to clarify the use of a SIV for formals before the next meeting.
- TMR to liaise with NSW transport and enforcement stakeholders about increasing awareness of the various Queensland plate types.
- TMR to distribute Chris Malone's agenda items to the MOCC group.

Date of next meeting

The next proposed meeting date is Thursday 6 March 2014.

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