

Minutes

Motoring Organisation and Car Club meeting

Date Thursday 6 March 2014 **Time** 10 am to 12 noon

Place Transport House
Ground Floor, Conference Room 1
230 Brunswick Street
Fortitude Valley Qld 4006

Chair Dr Judith Lloyd, General Manager (Transport Regulation)

Minute taker Katie Stone, Principal Policy Officer (Registration Policy)

| Attendees | Organisation |
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| 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 |
| Rod Graydon | Queensland Historic Motoring Council (QHMC) |
| Chris Malone | Queensland Motorised Sports Council (QMSC) |
| Kevin Barlett | Queensland Motorised Sports Council (QMSC) |
| Keith Watts | Manager (Vehicle Standards) |
| Shane Lonsdale | Policy Officer (Vehicle Standards) |
| John Wroblewski | A/Executive Director (Transport Access and Use) |
| Andrew Mahon | Director (Registration and Licensing) |
| Apologies | |
| Graham Fraine | Deputy Director-General (Customer Services, Safety and Regulation) |
| 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 – Minutes of the last meeting held on 4 December 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.
- The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to present the results of the stick on number plate testing (see Agenda item 10).
- Continuing discussion on the young driver restriction proposal and the special interest scheme operating conditions (see Agenda item 4).
- TMR to work with the Motoring Organisation and Car Clubs (MOCC) to clarify use of a special interest vehicle (SIV) for formals (see Agenda item 10).

Agenda item 3 SIV scheme operating options

Andrew Mahon thanked the group for all the work that has been done to date. The options are with the senior executives for consideration with no decision at this time.

Judith Lloyd explained that the SIV scheme is important to TMR and to be aware that there is a lot on the government agenda at this time. TMR will advise MOCC about any decision immediately.

Actions:

- TMR to advise the MOCC when a decision has been reached on the SIV options.

Agenda item 4 Young driver exemptions

Andrew Mahon advised that TMR is still working through the potential issues of granting a young driver exemption as part of the SIV scheme and reviewing the research about young driver crash rates. A paper outlining the issues will be distributed to the group for comment by the end of the month. TMR is also reviewing the current high-powered vehicle form that is used to permit exemptions.

Judith Lloyd reiterated that TMR needs to consider any exemptions carefully to ensure that the right controls can be applied.

Action:

- TMR to provide a draft young driver exemption proposal to MOCC for comment by 31 March 2014.

Agenda item 5 TMR involvement and participation in car club community

Chris Malone raised a need for TMR to have greater community contact and by doing so, dispelling mis-information in the community. Chris Malone distributed a list of upcoming car club events for TMR to consider participation in. Chris advised that this is an opportunity for TMR to connect with the car enthusiasts who attend these events. Some events have more than 600 cars on display and attendance of between 5,000 and 20,000 people.

Judith Lloyd acknowledged the value of being involved in these events and will work with the relevant areas to have appropriate representation at some of these events. However, Judith explained that due to the resourcing in the government, it has been more difficult for TMR to participate in community events such as these, but that it was importation to re-investigate.

The group all agreed that this would be beneficial to the community and that road safety and modifications are the key areas of interest at these events.

In response to John Greene's enquiry about road safety engagement in Rockhampton, John Wroblewski advised that each region delivers community awareness and engagement programs differently.

Actions:

- TMR to investigate options about how TMR can be involved in these events.
- TMR to work with MOCC to develop a joint calendar of key events that TMR could participate in.
- Chris Malone to provide an updated car club event list at each meeting.

Agenda item 6 Modifications

John Greene raised concerns in relation to modifications:

- TMR changing the cost structure of blue plates and inspections.
- Can an Approved Person refuse to sign off on the blue plate? For example, a vehicle being presented for inspection for one modification (eg steering wheel) and identifying other modification issues (eg seat belts) that has not been completed to appropriate standards.
- Difficulty of finding modifications and vehicle standards information on the website.

TMR confirmed that there is no intention of changing blue plate costing, charging is at AIS discretion.

Keith Watts explained that you do not have to plate a car until all the issues that have been identified are rectified. When you sign and date a plate, you are stating that a car is in a certain condition at that point in time. Keith recommended that if you have concerns that there are vehicles being driven without the appropriate certification, contact your local Transport Inspector or the Queensland Police Service with the registration details.

Keith acknowledged that it is currently difficult to find information on the TMR website and advised the MOCC that TMR is working towards a user friendly information source. The new web page will be supported by a modifications brochure, frequently asked questions and direct links to relevant information. This should be available within a few weeks. In the meantime, members are encouraged to call the modifications team on 3114 5844.

Keith advised that there is now a Vehicle Standards Consultation page available on the TMR website at <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Vehicle-standards-and-modifications/Vehicle-standards/Vehicle-standards-consultation.aspx> and encouraged the MOCC to visit this page and provide feedback.

Actions:

- TMR to advise the MOCC the website address and link to the new modifications page once it is available.

Agenda item 7 SIVs towing vehicles

Rod Graydon enquired about whether it was acceptable for SIVs to tow a SIV caravan or trailer etc to and from club events.

John Greene noted that some older vehicles do not have tow weights.

TMR confirmed that there are no specific towing conditions for SIVs, however the vehicle must be registered and adhere to the safe towing guide found at <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Vehicle-standards-and-modifications/Loads-and-towing/Safe-towing.aspx>.

Agenda item 8 Frequently asked questions

Rod Graydon requested that the frequently asked question in relation to road testing could be updated to specify that SIVs can be driven, within reason, to maintain car batteries and not just after mechanical works, repair or restoration.

Colin Chapman discussed driving a SIV to a new garaging address. It was agreed that a common sense approach be adopted in these situations and that change of address documentation is progressed through TMR.

Action:

- TMR to update the frequently asked questions document on the website.

Agenda item 9 Requests for new models to be set up in the registration database

Rod Graydon enquired about whether new vehicle “models” can be added to “makes” in the registration database. Rod also raised concerns about the issuing of surrogate numbers. Keith Watts is aware of the issue and advised that there are alternative options in relation to keeping original numbers.

Actions:

- Rod Graydon to clarify the specific make and model that he was referring to and provide details to Katie Stone.
- TMR to advise MOCC with the capability and process for TMR to make changes to vehicle models in the registration database.
- Rod Graydon and Keith Watts to discuss surrogate numbers and potential solutions.

Agenda item 10 General Business

Terms of reference and MOCC membership

Andrew Mahon advised the group that TMR has received a number of requests from car clubs to be a part of the MOCC membership. TMR is keeping a register of these enquiries and would like to discuss membership for the next 12 months at the June 2014 meeting.

Judith Lloyd wants to ensure that we keep good governance over the consultation with car clubs and would appreciate the MOCC's contributions about membership representation.

Action:

- MOCC to consider this item to enable a formal discussion at the June 2014 meeting.

Treasury advice on the Traffic Improvement Fee

TMR approached the Office of State Revenue in the Treasury Department that collect and manage the Traffic Improvement Fee, and was advised that SIV registered operators are currently receiving a

significant reduction in registration fees and due to the current fiscal situation, Treasury is unable to reduce this fee at this time.

USA plate update

TMR is progressing with the USA plate and are working with the plate manufacturer and the Queensland Police Service to begin camera testing. Once testing has been finalised, the plate will be sent to the senior executives for final approval. The plates are expected to cost about \$79.59 and be available in a few months time.

Results of stick on plate testing

The stick on plate failed camera testing. This includes fixed and mobile cameras, Automatic Number Plate Recognition and True Cam tests. Judith Lloyd confirmed that this is consistent with international results.

TMR is providing a brief to senior management on this, and possible options for alternative plates to address the issues.

Using SIVs to drive non-family members to formal events

Colin Chapman confirmed that this issue has arisen in relation to borrowing a SIVs vehicle. For example, whether someone can borrow a SIVs vehicle to drive a family member to a formal or wedding.

Judith Lloyd confirmed that this was acceptable as long as the event is included on the car club's calendar of events.

John Wroblewski reiterated that no one should be using a SIV for remuneration purposes, not even to cover petrol costs. Once remuneration is involved, this impacts on the Passenger Transport industry.

SIV options paper

Russell Whitney acknowledged that in the past, the MOCC had been divided in what it wanted the SIV scheme to be. He advised TMR that the MOCC is now united in their preferred option for the SIV scheme. Russell advised that the MOCC would like to see the existing scheme stay and an optional log book offered to those who want it, with a guarantee that fees would not increase to those who do not want change. Russell was explicit that if TMR are unable to guarantee that costs would not be passed on members who did not want a log book, then the preferred option is to keep the current scheme as it is. Russell asked for their preference and position to be relayed to the senior executives making the decision about the scheme.

A brief on the options is currently being considered by senior executives.

Date of next meeting

The next proposed meeting is in June 2014.

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