

Minutes

Recreational Motor Vehicle and Safety Group - Meeting

Date 27 August 2021 **Time** 10:00am to 12:00pm

Place Via Skype

Chair Nigel Ellis, Executive Director (Legislation, Standards & Accreditation)

Minute taker Andrew Millard, Senior Policy Advisor (Vehicle Standards)

Attendees			Presence
NB	Nigel Bishop	Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association	Present
MB	Miles Brennan	Australian Recreational Motorists Association	Present
CC	Colin Chapman	Australian Street Rod Federation	Absent
JP	Jason Plant	Caravanning Queensland Association	Apology
DK	Daniel Kaden	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Present
SH	Scott Hall	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Present
TD	Tracey Dreier	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Present
SR	Shane Rose	Four Wheel Drive Queensland Association	Absent
BR	Bailey Rowe	Historical Motor Cycle Club of QLD	Present
PB	Peter Blanshard	Institute of Automotive Mechanical Engineers	Present
MS	Malcolm Spiden	MG Car Club	Present
JG	John Greene	Mustang Owners Club of Australia	Present
DY	Doug Young	Queensland Historic Motoring Council	Present
JT	Joel Tucker	RACQ	Present

Papers	(1) Agenda
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction and Welcome 2. Previous Meeting Summary 3. Update on Parliamentary Inquiry into Vehicle Safety, Standards and Technology, including Engine Immobiliser Technology 4. Queensland Labor Party's recent commitments 5. Timed events occurring on public roads 6. Retention of SIVS dating and membership forms 7. Transport and Public Works Committee recommendation to examine extension of road test radius for SIVS vehicles 8. Motorcycle road rules 9. Information regarding use of SIVS vehicles on TMR website 10. Any other business

Actions from the last meeting

Task Owner	Actions	Due date	Status
TMR	SN to share Queensland Government submission to the current Parliamentary Inquiry with RMVSG members.	27 August	Completed
TMR	DK to provide further advice regarding vehicle testing radius under the SIV scheme	27 August	Completed
TMR	SN to send a copy of the draft GCM code to all current RMVSG members for feedback and comment.	27 August	Completed
TMR	SH to share written responses to JG's questions about tow weight calculations.	27 August	Completed
TMR	SN to provide further information about GVM re-rating of monocoque vehicles.	27 August	Completed
Jason Plant	JP to share caravan safety resources with the group.	27 August	Completed
TMR	NE has distributed the ARMA material to TMR and QPS and will provide a written response directly to MB on the 'additional transport issues for review' listed on pages 7-8 of the Addressing Illegal Hooning Paper.	27 August	Completed
TMR	NE to coordinate answers to questions taken on notice.	27 August	Completed

Agenda Items

Agenda 1	Introduction and Welcome
Nigel Ellis	NE welcomed RMVSG members to the August 2021 meeting and noted that circumstances again meant the meeting would need to be held remotely rather than in person. Apology from Jason Plant was noted.

Agenda 2	Previous Meeting Summary
Nigel Ellis	DY noted that a reference in the previous meeting minutes to heavy vehicles and traffic lights inaccurately reflected the comment that had been made. However, as the comment did not relate specifically to the historic car movement and was inconsequential, the minutes do not require amendment. NE confirmed the all actions from the previous meeting were completed in advance of the August 2021 meeting.

Agenda 3	Update on Parliamentary Inquiry into Vehicle Safety, Standards and Technology, including Engine Immobiliser Technology
Nigel Ellis	<p>NE provided an update on the current inquiry being undertaken by the Queensland Parliament's Transport and Resources Committee. The inquiry was initially undertaken to examine engine immobiliser technology as a possible means to deal with youth crime, particularly as it relates to motor vehicle theft and joy riding.</p> <p>The terms of reference were later expanded to include other vehicle related matters such as vehicle standards and vehicle noise. A wide range of public submissions were received, and organisations including TMR, and some RMVSG member organisations, were invited to attend committee hearings. The committee's website contains copies of submissions received and transcripts of all hearings.</p> <p>The committee was due to report on 24 August 2021 but given the volume of material an extension was sought until 24 September 2021. Once the report is made available, TMR will coordinate a whole-of-government response to any recommendations made by the committee, which will be due back to the committee within 3 months. The response will also be published on the committee's website.</p> <p>Several RMVSG member organisations contributed to the inquiry, providing a rich source of input from industry and motoring groups.</p> <p>MB informed the group that Victoria is also undertaking a process of legislative review on their vehicle standards. ARMA provided a submission to that inquiry.</p>
ACTION	TMR to seek information regarding the scope and terms related to the inquiry underway in Victoria.

Agenda 4	Queensland Labor Party's Recent Commitments
Miles Brennan	<p>MB updated the group on work undertaken by ARMA to include two motions in the ALP policy platform regarding (1) the recognition of incorporated motoring clubs, and (2) the re-affirming of a commitment to carry out a review of vehicle modification standards with a view to ensure best alignment with other Australian jurisdictions.</p> <p>NE acknowledged that TMR was made aware of these commitments, and TMR is looking forward to working cooperatively with RMVSG members. Further, the Queensland Government review of vehicle modification standards was paused until the Queensland Parliamentary Committee Inquiry process concludes.</p> <p>TMR is also taking a paper to the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers Meeting (ITMM) requesting the National Transport Commission (NTC) undertake a review of the options to achieve national harmonisation of light vehicle modification standards.</p>

Agenda 5	Timed Events Occurring on Public Roads
Bailey Rowe	BR asked about the legality of timed events held on public roads. DK responded that as long as road users comply with relevant road rules, then such events would be considered permissible, however there is some ambiguity given the language used in the <i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995</i> .
ACTION	DK to seek further advice regarding timed events, and the application of, for instance, section 85 of the <i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995</i> and section 328A of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1899</i> .

Agenda 6	Retention of SIVS Dating and Membership Forms
Bailey Rowe	<p>BR sought advice regarding the requirements, if any, for clubs to retain dating and membership forms, and noted that from time to time there have been people who have SIVS vehicles, but who have not lodged membership forms through his organisation.</p> <p>DK confirmed that while TMR has a statutory requirement to retain documentation for seven years, there is no such requirement for clubs to retain these documents. There is, however, an expectation that people who wish to use the road network under the SIVS must maintain their membership. It is also a legislative requirement that it is an individual's responsibility to advise TMR of changes to a person's circumstances and eligibility.</p> <p>MS requested that a link to this legislation and supporting information be provided.</p>
ACTION	DK to provide a link to vehicle registration legislation and the SIV guide.

Agenda 7	Transport and Public Works Committee Recommendation to Examine Extension of Road Test Radius for SIVS Vehicles
Malcolm Spiden	<p>MS drew the group's attention to the recommendation by the Transport and Public Works Committee that TMR examine an extension to the road test radius for SIVS vehicles, and asked whether this had occurred.</p> <p>DK confirmed that the Heritage Truck Association requested a road test radius increase, from 15km to 50km. TMR's engineers confirmed that a vehicle can reach the necessary operating temperature to test a vehicle within the existing road test radius and did not support this increase.</p>
ACTION	DK to provide further information to the group regarding TMR's decision.

Agenda 8	Motorcycle Road Rules
John Greene	<p>JG asked about the road rules relating to age requirements for motorcycle passengers riding pillion, and in sidecars, as well as the restraint of pets riding in sidecars.</p> <p>JG also sought information regarding modifications allowing a wheelchair user to ride a motorcycle.</p> <p>DK confirmed that according to the Queensland Road Rules (QRR), a motorcycle passenger must be at least 8 years old, and passengers riding pillion must be able to reach the motorcycle's footrests.</p> <p>Passengers, including children, riding in a sidecar are required to wear a seatbelt, only if a seatbelt has been fitted. Children riding in sidecars are exempt from child restraint requirements such as booster seats.</p> <p>The QRR also say that a driver cannot drive a vehicle with an unrestrained dog in the driver's lap, and nor can an animal be located between the rider and the handlebars or any other location that would distract/prevent the rider from riding safely.</p>

ACTION	DK to provide further information about motorcycle safety and motorcycle road rules.
ACTION	TMR to contact JG to clarify modification requirements relating to the conversion of motorcycles for use by wheelchair users.

Agenda 9	Information Regarding Use of SIVS Vehicles on TMR Website
John Greene	JG asked whether there is anything, such as a document or certificate, that confirms that a car is registered. DK confirmed that this information is included in the registration certificate that is received when you register the vehicle. A vehicle is registered within the rules of the SIVS guide as long as the vehicle has valid registration. If a vehicle that is concessionally registered is used outside the conditions of the concession, there may be penalties for doing so.

Agenda 10	Any Other Business
	NE reminded the group that members are always welcome to contact TMR between RMVSG meetings if there are matters to be discussed.
	MB asked if there was an opportunity to investigate any alternative vehicle modification testing options. NE responded that after the parliamentary committee concludes its inquiry and delivers its report, TMR will seek instruction from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads. However, industry is welcome to make its own investigations about testing requirements in advance of the committee's report.
	NB reiterated that the AAAA is committed to working with partners on the development of a GCM code.
	PB outlined implications of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) being increasingly fitted to vehicles, such as the training of (non OEM aligned) technicians, recognition by competing aftermarket suppliers, standardised testing practices, and so on. NB explained that the AAAA is undertaking some work of how the aftermarket vehicle industry can continue to successfully operate and work with developments such as ADAS.
	MS asked about the new requirement for electric and hybrid vehicles to display an EV label. NE responded that the fitting of EV labels was to benefit emergency services personnel to allow them to take appropriate precautions. TMR has written to owners of affected electric and hybrid vehicles to inform them of their requirements.
	NE closed the meeting and thanked the group for providing a variety of interesting topics.

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Date of next meeting: Next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for early 2022.

Date to be confirmed.

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