

# Minutes

## Motoring Organisation and Car Club meeting

**Date** Wednesday 23 September 2015 **Time** 10 am to 12 noon

**Place** Transport House  
Ground Floor Conference Room A & B  
230 Brunswick Street  
Fortitude Valley Qld 4006

**Chair** Nigel Ellis, A/Executive Director (Transport Access and Use)

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

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Malcolm 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)
Gerard Nolan	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)
Deborah Evans	Principal Advisor (Road Safety)
Shane Lonsdale	Policy Support Officer (Vehicle Standards)
Michael Ross	Senior Policy Officer (Vehicle Standards)
Fanny Lau	Team Leader – Scheme Performance (Motor Accident Insurance Commission)
<b>Apologies</b>	
Andrew Mahon	A/Executive Director (Transport Access and Use)

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

Nigel Ellis welcomed the group.

## **Agenda item 2            Previous meeting Summary**

**Confirmation of minutes** – Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 June 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 review any issues with progressing green and white plates — (see agenda item 4)

## **Agenda item 3            Road safety**

Deborah Evans spoke about the launch of the *Queensland Road Safety Strategy 2015-21* (QRSS) and *Action Plan 2015-17* (QRSAP).

The QRSS marks the first time a Queensland Government has committed to a vision of zero road deaths and serious injuries. The strategy sets the future directions for road safety in Queensland and calls on everyone in the community to take responsibility for safety on Queensland roads.

The QRSAP articulates how the strategy will be achieved. Key actions relating to community engagement and education include engaging with community, industry and other stakeholders in solutions, driving fundamental change in culture and attitude to road safety and making use of all available channels and opportunities to reach road users.

The QRSS and QRSAP can be found at <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Road-safety/Strategy-and-action-plans.aspx>.

Motoring Organisation and Car Club (MOCC) members discussed various road safety issues including tailgating, tyre safety, driver education, infrastructure in rural areas and understanding road rules. John Wroblewski advised that there is currently a significant amount of work being done to address such issues to make Queensland roads safer.

Michael Ross advised that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) could utilise social media to promote tyre safety messages.

**Action:** TMR to consider posting tyre safety messages on social media.

## **Agenda item 4            Green and white plate SIV review**

Michael Sneesby confirmed that green and white plates will be included as eligible plates under the Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) concession scheme later this year. This will ensure that vehicles that were originally issued with green and white plates can keep them, retaining their historic and sentimental value.

Michael explained that TMR's computer system requires changes before the initiative can be finalised. TMR will advise MOCC members out of session once the implementation date is confirmed.

## **Agenda item 5            Compulsory Third Party Insurance**

Sharyn Littler raised several questions about Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance, seeking clarification on various issues.

The CTP scheme in Queensland is regulated by the Motor Accident Insurance Commission (MAIC). Fanny Lau (Team Leader – Scheme Performance) from MAIC explained that Queensland operates a common law ‘fault’ based CTP scheme and provided information in response to Sharyn’s questions.

Further information about CTP insurance is available on the MAIC website at [www.maic.qld.gov.au](http://www.maic.qld.gov.au).

## **Agenda item 6            Registration fees**

Sharyn Littler enquired as to whether TMR is giving any consideration to changing how registration fees are charged. Sharyn noted the difference in registration fees between each cylinder group in Queensland compared to those in other jurisdictions.

Nigel Ellis advised that TMR recognises that vehicle construction and design has advanced over the years and the current method may not be a perfect way of charging vehicle registration. Nigel noted that TMR is currently looking at what registration will look like in the future as part of a 5 to 15 year timeframe. Nigel further advised that any future change would be a complex process with many variables to take into consideration.

Nigel also pointed out that Queensland charge a flat fee for all vehicles registered under the SIV concession scheme, irrespective of the number of cylinders.

## **Agenda item 7            Left-hand drive enthusiast vehicle registration**

Currently in Queensland, Left-hand drive (LHD) vehicles must be more than 30 years old to be registered. Any LHD vehicle less than 30 years old must be converted to right hand drive through the Approved Persons Scheme according to the Code of Practice – Light Motor Vehicles prior to registration. However, on 1 July 1988, an Australian Design Rule commenced requiring all light vehicles to have only a right hand drive. As such, any LHD vehicle manufactured after this date must be converted to right hand drive prior to registration, as the current 30 year rule will no longer apply.

Sharyn Littler proposed the possibility of extending registration of LHD vehicles to include ‘enthusiast vehicles’ manufactured after 1 July 1988.

Michael Ross explained that vehicle standards for LHD vehicles in Australia are administered by the Federal Government. As such, it would be preferable to see any future change implemented at a national level before considering changes to LHD vehicle registration requirements in Queensland.

## **Agenda item 8            Check Registration Status online tool**

Rod Graydon enquired as to whether the 'Check Registration Status' online tool could be extended to include SIV concession details.

Nigel Ellis advised that TMR is currently conducting a review of the 'Check Registration Status' online tool, and that inclusion of SIV concession details will be considered as part of this review.

Nigel also noted that the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and TMR Transport Inspectors have access to vehicle registration details and can identify vehicles registered under the SIV concession.

## **Agenda item 9            Reporting SIV misuse**

Rod Graydon asked whether there was a procedure for members of the public to report SIV misuse.

Nigel Ellis advised that such complaints may be directed to the Senior Transport Inspector at the appropriate TMR regional office. The reporting person must offer their name, address and telephone contact and supply specific details of the vehicle being reported including registration number, make, model and colour of vehicle, location, date and time of sighting and any other applicable information.

Contact details of TMR regional offices are available on the TMR website at <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/About-us/Contact-us/In-person/Roads-offices.aspx>

People can also make a report to their local police station or to policelink by calling 131 444, or by email to [policelink@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:policelink@police.qld.gov.au). QPS has a computerised Traffic Complaints System that helps in the reporting and management of road related complaints made by members of the community across Queensland.

MOCC members also discussed the importance of vehicle clubs educating their members of the CTP insurance implications if operating outside of the SIV scheme conditions.

## **Agenda item 10          Club membership requirements**

Russell Whitney advised that some TMR Customer Service Centres (CSC) are still accepting membership cards as evidence of club membership, rather than a letter from the club as required under the SIV Guide.

Nigel Ellis confirmed that a message has been sent to all CSCs re-iterating acceptable evidence of club membership documentation.

Nigel also noted that if MOCC members are made aware of a particular CSC accepting incorrect documentation, to please advise the MOCC Secretariat who will ensure that the issue is addressed.

Chris Malone asked whether a New South Wales incorporated vehicle club could apply to issue Queensland club registration to their members with Queensland registered vehicles.

Nigel advised that at the time of application for the SIV concession, registered operators must provide evidence of current membership with a Queensland incorporated vehicle club or association. This is to ensure that the SIV scheme in Queensland provides ongoing support to Queensland vehicle clubs.

## **Agenda item 11      General business**

### **NSW conditional registration 60 day log book trial**

New South Wales are currently trialling a 60 day log book option under their conditional registration scheme. Registered operators who opt into the trial will be permitted 60 days of personal use in addition to approved uses under the conditional registration scheme. Each day of personal use must be recorded in a logbook. Sharyn Littler requested that TMR monitor the New South Wales trial for possible consideration in the future.

Nigel Ellis advised that in 2014, TMR conducted an extensive review of the current SIV scheme, which included options for extending the scheme and providing alternative operating options. Following consultation with motoring clubs through the MOCC group, the decision was made to retain the scheme as it is, with no changes.

However, Nigel noted that TMR regularly review and monitor what each jurisdiction is currently doing and will continue to keep an eye on the NSW trial.

### **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.

### **Date of next meeting**

The next proposed meeting is December 2015.