

COUNCIL^{OF} MOTORING CLUBS OF WA (INC)

CMC NEWS BULLETIN

Representing Western Australian historic motoring clubs, that choose to foster the restoration and preservation of their marques and models of vehicle, to government and the wider community in conjunction with the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF) and the Australian Historic Vehicle Interest Group (AHVIG)

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From the Editor

Paul Blank

Welcome to the Council of Motoring Clubs Bulletin - third quarter 2019. I've taken on the role of producing this publication, following in the footsteps of Peter Taylor, its original creator.

The concept of the Bulletin is to spread the word of significant topics to the old car movement. We ask that clubs circulate this Bulletin to all club members.

Member clubs of the Council of Motoring Clubs are welcome to submit material for inclusion.

For event calendar updates, please contact Esther Robertson who will add events of wider interest to the CMC Calendar - contact details in Committee Page.

Road Vehicle Standards Legislation

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development has advised changes to the Road Vehicle Standards (RVS) legislation regarding importation of vehicles, has been delayed beyond the December 10 2020 date set some time ago.

"...the Australian Government has made a decision to introduce legislation that, if passed by Parliament, will delay the commencement of the Road Vehicle Standards (RVS) legislation. This follows an extensive stakeholder consultation process during which the Government has received a strong message from industry that more time is needed to fully understand the end-to-end processes under the new regulatory structure. Pushing back the commencement date will provide more time for industry and governments to plan and implement changes to their business practices to ensure a smooth and seamless transition to the new legislative framework. Postponing the commencement of the RVS legislation will also give the Government additional time to finalise its own regulatory business processes, including IT systems support and to provide the guidance required by industry stakeholders."



2020 Classic Car Show - March 8th

The date for next year's Classic Car Show has been confirmed as Sunday, March 8th. Building on the success at the Ascot Raceway venue, the event will be held there again, with some changes being planned to the layout and content. Stay tuned for updates.

From the President

Welcome to the new look CMC bulletin. Please circulate it to your membership as we believe there is something here for all classic vehicle enthusiasts.

As the Council starts a new year, we are looking for folk to take on the role of secretary and of treasurer. Important jobs that ensure the CMC can continue to represent your interests regarding keeping our vehicles on the road and giving you additional opportunities to do so. Past secretary Neville Horner is continuing on the committee and has indicated that he is willing to continue to act as the liaison point regarding our representation on the federal scene.

Don't forget the coming events – the reformatted quiz night being organised by the Mercedes-Benz Club (12th October) and the new look Brockwell Memorial run on 10th November from Whiteman Park to York.

Safe motoring - Geoff Moor

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Welcome to our new Committee for the 2019-2020 club year. Many are familiar faces who have been serving the car club movement in WA for many years. We thank them all for their commitment to improving the lot for car clubs and their members in Western Australia.

However, at present nobody has volunteered to take the Secretary or Treasurer roles...

Additionally, a new subcommittee has been established to work on the **Classic Car Show**, consisting of: Chairman Paul Markham, Paul Blank, Neil Bishop, Giles Wilson, Stef Brayley, Sue Churn, Barrie Nelson, Murray Lizatovich and Patric O'Callaghan.

WANTED

Secretary and Treasurer

No hands went up at our AGM for these important roles... We must have someone among our 11000+ members who can assist. Neither role is too taxing or time consuming. Please ask in your club and contact the President!



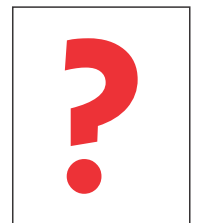
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Single Car Impromptu Runs

There remains some misunderstanding in certain clubs about how the Single Car Impromptu Runs for cars on Code 404 Concession are meant to be handled.

The concept of this, introduced by the Department of Transport in the new handbook in December 2016, was to provide a simple method for owners of vehicles to take them on runs which do not fall into the category of a formal club event or road test - and is not intended to replace either of these.

It's actually a great system, which is very easy to use.

The Handbook says after detailing normal club runs: *"however use of a vehicle participating in an impromptu event involving one, or more vehicles may be acceptable, and must be recorded in your club's official 'Run Log'."*

The CMC has sought clarification of the system and has advised clubs of how this should operate. Unfortunately for members of some clubs, there has been a lot of additional and unnecessary complication added by their clubs.

A club member wishing to use their car for such an event needs to advise their Registrar or Secretary (depending who in the club handles this) in writing of the following:

1. Identify themselves
2. Identify the car they will be using
3. Advise the date of the Impromptu Run

That's it. Nothing else is required. Email is acceptable. There is no minimum time limit as to when advice must be provided.

One club I'm aware of was asking members to complete a form requesting 15 items of information including times, destination and reason for the run. None of this is required.

Some clubs have been advising members that they need to carry a copy of the completed form or confirmation in the car for the journey. That's also not a requirement either.

The Registrar or Secretary is obliged to maintain a Run Log, which simply records the 3 items of information the car owner is obliged to provide. They do not have to confirm back to the car owner.

There is no limit to the number of times a vehicle can be taken on an Impromptu Run, though if it were to happen every day or very frequently, it would raise a red flag to the club of a member's inappropriate actions.

It has been brought to the CMC's attention that one club was advising a member he couldn't take his car on an Impromptu Run. Unless a car or member is non-compliant with Code 404 regulations (eg: a car has been modified or expired membership) advice of cars going on Impromptu Runs is not something that a club should be making decisions about accepting or rejecting. The club's obligation is simply to record the details as outlined in the Handbook.

The Handbook also notes that an Impromptu Run may not be used for a driving test.

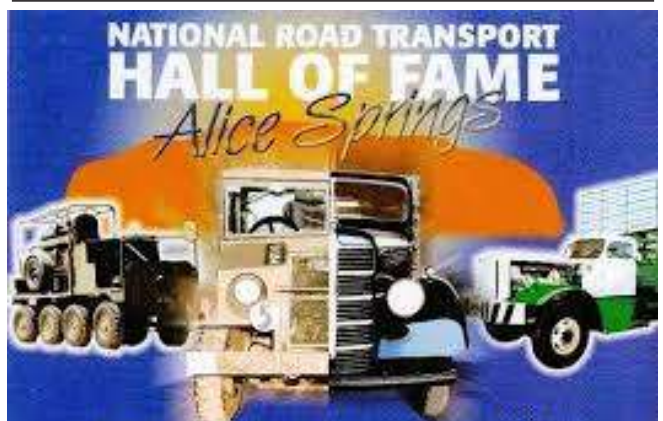
Our members should be able to enjoy the benefit of this relatively new regulation in the easy and straightforward method it was designed. If your club is one which has added complication to the process, show the Committee this article.

WA Report 2019

Here are some figures from our most recent report to the AHMF AGM, prepared by Neville Horner from returns of information by CMC member clubs.

CMC WA member clubs 109 (2 left + 3 new members)
Member club members 11,787 (+8%)
Member club vehicles 14,500 (+11%)
Vehicles on concessional license 7,736 (+6%)

Please note, if your club hasn't sent in an annual update, get onto it!



National Road Transport Hall of Fame in administration: investigation finds financial irregularities

The Northern Territory's National Road Transport Hall of Fame is in trouble after it was found that since 2010 the association has not complied with requirements to provide financial statements at their AGM.

The NT Government has been investigating and has found the association has failed to act in accordance with the Northern Territory Associations Act and its constitution. Apparently the Treasurer and CEO falsely purported to report on the financial status of the association.

"Compliance officers sought to engage with the management committee to achieve compliance, however, financial statements were not presented to an AGM nor were they lodged," the Government's report said.

Established in the mid-1990s, the Alice Springs Road Transport Historical Society oversees the Road Transport Hall of Fame, the Kenworth Hall of Fame and the Old Ghan Heritage Museum. They also host the annual Truckies Reunion which attracts thousands of people.

The management committee was dissolved and the chief executive and site manager, tendered her resignation. Volunteers are keeping the facility open on a temporary basis, with hopes for the future. A statutory manager has been appointed by the Government to oversee the governance and finances.

This should serve as good warning to clubs and associations to act in accordance with regulations.

Motor Museum of WA - The CMC Connection

Article and photos Paul Blank



The original architectural rendering before construction began.



Left: Opening function: Maurice Brockwell with Percy Markham's widow, who helped officially open the museum.

Below: Bare walls inside on opening day.

Lower centre: Parade at the opening function.

Bottom: A publicity photo taken just prior to the opening. Note the logo used on the sign.

2020 will mark the 25th anniversary of the Motor Museum of WA. The museum grew out of a great deal of work by members of the Combined Car Clubs (later its name changed to the Council of Motoring Clubs). The trigger was the then Government deciding to sell off the cars from the WA Museum which had mostly come from Percy Markham's collection as a part of the notorious 'WA Inc' fund raising activities. The CMC had organized a demonstration parade of classic cars to Parliament House, met with politicians and gained considerable momentum, however the Labor Government would not be persuaded.

There was a groundswell of discontent in the old car movement as a result of these cars being lost to the state. The result was a group formed by the CMC to look into what would be necessary to create a state automotive museum, which could include the remnants of the collection the WA Museum owned.

Various plans and venues were considered (including the Old Swan Brewery site and in Fremantle) and after years of discussions, planning and work from 1988, the Whiteman Park outcome became possible. An agreement was made between the Combined Car Clubs and Whiteman Park in 1991, achieving Government support in 1993.

The late Maurice Brockwell was the chairman of the committee which instigated the museum, along with Don Stevens, Paul Blank, Terry McGrath, Dennis Lingane, Dave Reid, Kelvin Ferris and Nevis Dowding who all saw the museum through to its opening (and some beyond), each having put in enormous effort. Of course, many others assisted along the way. A Trust was then set up so the museum could operate as a stand alone entity, which has operated the museum ever since.

The official opening took place on April 2nd 1995, with the Hon Richard Lewis, Minister for Planning & Heritage doing the honours.

