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# *Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs S. A. Incorporated*

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## **General Meeting Notes Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

37 Clubs Represented

### **Business Arising: Special Interest Vehicle Scheme.**

No updates from previous meeting, following is an email received from the Department re this subject

"Minister is currently considering several options prepared by DPTI for changes to the current conditional registration scheme. It is expected the Minister will provide DPTI with comment on his preference shortly and to commence consultation with motoring clubs and interested parties for comment. It is expected this will occur in the next week or so. DPTI will then call a meeting with the Federations (FHMC and SASRF) and SMASA to discuss the process. DPTI will be writing to all clubs that currently participate in the scheme in addition to all interested parties who have written to the Minister and Registrar of Motor Vehicles."

*The Federation stresses that until the Discussion Paper is released any discussion on what may happen, when it will happen if it happens, how it will be structured etc. are purely conjecture.*

### **Reports**

#### **Log Books**

**Reminder:** Brian will be away from mid August for 8 weeks during that period David Searles will be handling Log Book Orders.

**Canceling a Log Book** when a person changes clubs. The book can *only be canceled by the issuing club*. (Regardless of the fact that the new Club Log Book Registrar may have been the issuing Officer of the book in the old Club).

#### **Deceased Member LogBook/Registration Procedure.**

These questions were raised by a member club, the answers where provided by the Department

**Q:** If a vehicle is owned jointly and one member dies, does the vehicle have to be transferred at that point in time to the remaining owner, or can it remain in both ownerships until the renewal is due, or the remaining owners die? If one of the joint owners dies does this cancel registration?

**A:** When a person is recorded on our system as deceased this will prevent the registration being renewed again. There is a process in place which does an automatic transfer from joint to single names where deceased is recorded but this doesn't work for conditionally registered vehicles or ones with special plates. We would say the vehicle should be transferred into the one name ASAP but this is complicated by the fact a transfer is not currently possible. Additionally a new MR334 would be required due to the current TRUMPS process. The vehicle can continue to be driven until the registration expires but all would need to be finalised at this point.

**Q:** I gather a new log book must be done as no amendments are permitted to the books, but when does this have to be done, is it at probate, or as the vehicle was in joint names, then is there no change to ownership? (If you are a joint tenant in land, then there is no need to transfer land as it stays in both ownerships for many years, and can do, till the other party dies.) What is the Departments take on this, is title to your vehicles regarded as joint tenants or tenants in common?

**A:** At the time of transfer is when a new log book would be required

**Q:** In the event of the above do the registration plates go back to the DPTI or as the original owner is still attached to the vehicle can they continue on the vehicle? Is a fee payable to keep the same plates due to the death of one partner? Is death of one of the owners regarded as a new ownership? Is a new MR334 form required?

**A:** This depends on the plates. For most personalised and custom plates a free transfer can be done to the surviving person's name. Numeric plates get more complicated and would depend on what rights, if any, were applicable. General issue plates are obviously no problem. Yes to MR334 question as explained above.

**Q:** Discussion exists at present that the plates need to be written into the will for transfer to the beneficiaries. Are the plates to be stipulated separately to the vehicle ownership in a will, so that the plates are not snapped up by DPTI, for resale? What is the Departments take on this?

**A:** This is only for numeric plates with Restricted rights. In these cases the will should state the vehicle AND plate number however we usually make allowances if the vehicle is left to the surviving partner or where the entire estate is left to them.

**Q:** My understanding at the last Federation Meeting was the white on black numeric plates have been going back to DPTI if registration is not renewed after 5 or 10 years (regardless of fees paid to keep them with the car or outright ownership). Was this determination only for cars not attached to the historic register? Will notification be given by the Department to the historic owner that this is going to occur, even if the Department has been notified that the vehicle is under repair? (In a lot of instances these plates were the original plates issued when the car was first registered and is a very important historical attribute.) "

**A:** If restricted rights apply the plate will not be resumed by the Registrar unless the vehicle changes hands as part of a sale. Can still be transferred to surviving person in the case of one joint owner passing away. For class specific rights the plate is actually owned by the person so these would never be resumed by the Registrar.

## **Federation Tour:**

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## Web Site

Up To date, clubs please check their details for “errors” (club’s can change details and inadvertently forget to pass the new details on!

*Again a reminder to all members club’s “If having an event send in the details so they can be put onto the website. “It’s yours and it’s free”*

## Bay to Birdwood

**2015 Event** Entries closed on 7th August, but not yet at capacity So far 1600 entries with a last minute rush expected

### Organisational changes

National Motor Museum (The “Mill”) Director Marianne Norman, has stepped down from her role, and a new person will take on the role in the future. Pauline Renner, the National Motor Museum Events Manager, has taken over the role as National Motor Museum representative on the Committee, as she has an extensive knowledge of the event, and is well known to entrants. The various roles and responsibilities will be looked at after the 2015 event

Clubs are again asked to call on their members to volunteer assistance. Involvement with the event is a great opportunity to build skills and expertise for the CV. Also invaluable experience for club committee members

Sponsorship target were not met, as a consequence of the current economic climate, however careful cost management will ensure the event comes in at or under budget

**Information night** was held on Tuesday July 21st at Arkaba, with just under 100 people registering. A highlighted point was the number of “first-timers” and entrants who are not part of a Federation Club.

**Public launch** Sunday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Rundle street to be closed for vehicles and motorcycles to be displayed. A call for vehicles will be sent out in the near future.

### 2016 Planning

Program of planned club visits continues. Very positive discussions and feedback. Further suggestions for improvement have been received. Good support for extended eligibility dates for both Run and Classic, combined with other improvements to reduce costs/increase entries

Presentations will continue through the coming months

Kevin Noel will present a snapshot of the outcomes and supporting data at the October meeting.

## Motorfest

Entry numbers for most events good – Usual late rush expected!.

*Remember that these events are open to ALL vehicles; a Bay to Birdwood Classic vehicle is not required.*

## CHVR

Generally quite in this area, clubs are asking “Questions and Clarifying details first”.

“**Mag Wheels**” The following is an edited Face Book post that was sent to the Federation

“ Did you know that the xx Club of SA will allow alloy wheels on our Historic Vehicles.

Other clubs we have heard refuse to allow this but we will allow after market period style rims and have a list of approved ones that were available prior to 1979!

So if you have *brand a*, *brand b*, *brand c* or lots of other period designs like *brand d* why not ask us about historic rego!(conditions apply)”

The Code states

## Historic Vehicle Wheels and Tyres

8.23 Standard original equipment manufacturer optional or period style after-market rims of the same diameter/specification can only be fitted. Rims may be no more than 1inch (26mm)wider than the original equipment manufacturer specification.

The operative words are *period style*, as a general “rule of thumb” “mags/alloys” where not commercially/generally available for most cars until mid ‘60’s. A wheel that was released on the market in sic 1977 would be hard pressed to be defined as a period accessory on a 1967 or earlier vehicle.

After-Market wheels would appear to be the biggest bone of contention with vehicles on or being inspected for CHVR, to the extent that some clubs have made the ruling “If they’re not the wheels the vehicle came with OR factory optional wheels – go away”.

Club’s and their Authorised Persons are urged to apply a little discretion and common sense in this area and basically and themselves “Was that style available them” and if in doubt asked someone “from that era” or put the onus on the owner to prove that the wheels were commercially available in that year .

## **General Business**

### **Application for membership**

Levis Motorcycle Club have applied for membership Club’s constitutions meets Federation membership criteria, has not yet been put before the full executive but will be prior to next meeting. Application tabled at this meeting , to be voted on at the next meeting subject to ratification by the executive.

### **Robert Shannon Foundation**

Banner and fliers are available to promote the scheme, clubs are urged to promote the scheme to both members and the public via display at Swap Meets etc – these people are the future of the movement please help everyone to encourage the “new blood”

**Next Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**Guest Speaker** – Martyn Luck from Arthur J Gallagher (successor OAMPS, TCIS) who will talk on Club Insurance. If your club has any questions re insurance this is the perfect opportunity to raise them.