

Motoring Council Inc. QUEENSLAND HISTORIC MOTORING COUNCIL INC.

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REMINDER

Yet again the web site qhmc.org.au is generating and sending out automated messages seeking affiliation fees from member Clubs. This is <u>not</u> the QHMC web site so disregard <u>all</u> messages and demands from this site.

THE OFFICIAL QHMC WEB SITE IS - qhmc.net.au

DATING CERTIFICATES

At the January General Meeting a problem with a Club's dating certificate was raised by a delegate. The problem was when the certificate was presented at the Transport Office the certificate did not have Incorporated (Inc) after its name nor the incorporation IA number issued by the Office of Fair Trading on it. Thus it was rejected. On checking with TMR it was stated that these items need to be on the dating certificate to save embarrassment and rejection when applying for concessional registration.

Note- Vehicles must be a minimum of 30 years old to apply for concessional registration.

QHMC CONSTITUTION

A bound copy of the Constitution is available from QHMC for \$5.00 plus postage. The Constitution will be available on the QHMC web site in due course.

TOWING

It has been brought to our attention about the credibility of some tow operators. If and when you do have your pride and joy towed make sure it is towed by a reputable towing company.

GENERAL

It has been brought to our attention that rumours are being spread about the credibility of QHMC. The Executive Committee have in the past offered to attend Club meetings to explain what QHMC is about.

This offer still stands. If someone from a member Club wants a one on one meeting this can be arranged By contacting an Executive Committee member of QHMC.

CLUB CONSTITUTIONS

The Office of Fair Trading states that an Incorporated Club must have a President, Treasurer and Secretary elected within one month of their AGM. Refer Office of Fair Trading web site for any further information. It is suggested that Clubs review their Constitution to make sure that it complies with current guidelines set by the Office of Fair Trading.

NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY (NHMD)

QHMC is no longer involved with the Event that was previously held in Ipswich. The decision was made for Clubs to organise their own Event to celebrate NHMD on Sunday 16th May and to observe the Covid-19 restrictions in place at that time.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

A word of caution be aware Club Event Organisers <u>must</u> comply with the current Government Covid-19 regulations. It has happened where some Events have been shut down and fines issued for non compliance. Check the Government web site even if holding the Event on private property. Also check with the relevant Council or Showground if you are using one of their sites regarding their Covid-19 plan.

DELEGATES

Please make sure you have the current set of draft minutes and the agenda when you attend the QHMC General Meeting.

The next monthly General Meeting is on Thursday 25th February 2021. Please make sure you have your Covid-19 form filled out and sent to:- secretary@qhmc.net.au Bring a copy of the form to the Meeting.

NO COMPLETED FORM NO ENTRY TO THE MEETING.

WHAT'S ON?

Sunday 14 th February 2021	Cooroy Swap Meet and Car Display at Johnson Park Cooroy
Sunday 21 st March 2021	Chrysler Expo Rocklea Showgrounds
21 st to 26 th March 2021	Albury Wodonga Tour in Albury
Sunday 28 th March 2021	Swap Meet Ormiston State School enter from Wellington Street
2 ND TO 4 TH April 2021	NQ Easter Hub Meet Atherton Tablelands
Sunday 2 nd May 2021	LAMA Swap at Laidley Showgrounds
Sunday 16th May 2021	National Motoring Heritage Day
Sunday 23 rd May 2021	Mac's Bridge Car Show at Belmont Rifle Range
Sunday 13th June 2021	RACQ MotorFest Location to be advised
Sunday 7 th November 2021	Swap Meet and Car Display Northern Suburbs League Club
	Pelican Street North Ipswich

INFORMATION

Article permission of Greg Hill - Member of Veteran Car Club Australia (QLD) Inc.

The History of Concessional Registration in Queensland

The Veteran Car Club of Queensland was formed on 27th May 1956. Member's cars could be fully registered or operate on a day or weekend permit obtained by visiting the Main Roads Office in Albert Street Brisbane. This became a tiresome procedure, particularly for country members, so an alternative method was sought.

Alan Sypher and Tim Osborne were both Club members and also business men in Brisbane. They were friends with the then manager of the Registration Branch, Mr Bill Clarke. Bill became a regular passenger on many early Club events. Bill Clarke could see the problems being experienced by Club members and decided to look into the problem with vehicle registration. A concessional registration system was introduced by the Main Roads which used standard issue registration plates, but at a reduced annual fee. This system worked well for veteran cars but by the mid 1960s it was decided that a special number plate format was required.

A square Veteran plate with white print on a black background was introduced on 18th February 1968. The

first batch of numbers 001 to 200 was issued for cars. Plates 201 to 299 were issued for motor bikes on 31st May 1968.

The next problem was how to distribute these new number plates. The Main Roads Dept decided to allocate them in order that the vehicles were first concessionally registered.

Qld Veteran plate 001 was issued to Tim Osborne for his 1912 Waverley on 18th February 1968. A later batch of Veteran plates 300 to 999 was available but No. 411 was the last Veteran plate to be Issued on 29th September 1998.

Qld Vintage number plates were first issued on 11th May 1970 with 001 to 200 and 300 to 1199 being issued with black print on a white background. Motorcycle number plates were issued from 201 to 299.

In 1980 Qld vintage number plates from 1200 to 9999 were issued with green print on a white background.

Qld Historic plates were introduced on 23rd November 1978 for later models. These were black background with white print and numbers ranging 1000 to 9999. Qld Historic plates for motorbikes were introduced on the same date with a number range from 100 to 999.

There seems to be an overlap as Historic plates were issued to some Veteran and Vintage vehicles while other vehicles were still issued Veteran and Vintage plates.

The 30year rolling date for Classic and Historic vehicles was granted on 24th December 1985. The "S" plates starting at number 10000 were introduced in July 1998 to overtake all previous concessional number plates.

IF YOUR CLUB OR MEMBER HAS AN ARTICLE THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OTHER MEMBERS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO LET QHMC KNOW SO IT CAN BE PUBLISHED WITH YOUR CONSENT.

Nicolas Cugnot made a steam powered car in 1769, this car was driven into a wall in 1771 and is recorded as the first motor accident

From the QHMC Management Committee Stay safe and well.