



QUEENSLAND HISTORIC MOTORING COUNCIL INC.

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DELEGATES

Please make sure you have the current set of Minutes and Agenda when you attend the QHMC meeting. They should be available from the Secretary of your Club. Ring the QHMC President if you have not received the Minutes by the 15th of the month.

The next monthly meeting is on the 23rd September starting at 7.00pm because the AGM is to follow.

Please use the QR App on your phone if installed to register in at the Cub rooms. If the QR App is not on your phone registered with someone who has it installed. Failing that register on the old Covid form and bring a copy with you.

REMINDERS

QHMC is still in need of a Secretary – don't be shy apply to president@qhmc.net.au

Affiliation Forms to be returned by 30th September 2021, If there are committee changes in your club after that date just let QHMC know what those changes are please

INFORMATION

QHMC will have a gazebo site at the All British Day at St. Joseph's College grounds at Vivian St Tennyson on Sunday 19th September Covid permitting.

Six Austin Healeys and two Bug Eye Sprites were spotted at Moogerah Dam in the Scenic Rim by our President and his wife recently. It is great to hear that classic cars are out and about on Club runs.

Doug Young a member of the Vintage Car Club of Queensland has been appointed by the Executive Committee to be QHMC'S TMR Representative at the RMVSG with TMR as we are allowed only one Rep. at these meetings. He then gives a detailed report of the meeting to the other TMR Reps. to forward on to the Club Delegates and for them to report the details to their Clubs.

RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE AND SAFETY GROUP (RMVSG) MEETING 27/08/21

This meeting was attended by Doug Young VCCQ, QHMC and TMR Rep.

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TO	QHMC Committee, Member Clubs	DATE	8 September 2021
FROM	Doug Young, VCCQ QHMC and TMR rep.	TEL	
SUBJECT	RMVSG Skype Meeting 27 August 2021		

Items to note:

1. The old MOCC Group (Motoring Organisations and Car Clubs) which was once the preserve of clubs catering to historic motoring (vehicles over 30 years old) and Street Rods, has now morphed into the RMVSG (Recreational Motor Vehicle and Safety Group). Members now include:
 - (a) RACQ (in multiple capacities, including motoring organisation and insurer)
 - (b) Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association
 - (c) Australian Recreational Motorists Association
 - (d) Caravanning Queensland
 - (e) Four Wheel Drive Queensland Association
 - (f) Institute of Automotive Mechanical Engineers

There is a much greater emphasis on modifications, gross vehicle mass and load carrying etc. The old MOCC members (Mustangs, MGs, Old Bikes, and Street Rods) remain as members.

2. SIVS Matters (Special Interest Vehicle Scheme)
<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/registration/fees/concession/special-interest>

(a) **Continuing Club Membership Mandatory**

The biggest change commenced on 1 September with the new Regulation which provides for SIVS registration. The SIVS Guidelines include conditions issued under that Regulation.

Previously, it was only necessary to belong to an Incorporated Vehicle Club (or Association) to obtain SIVS registration for the first time, but there was no legal obligation to remain a member thereafter. Clubs were often frustrated by people joining to access SIVS, but then never renewing.

From now on, it is a condition of SIVS registration that the vehicle operator must belong to an Incorporated Vehicle Club. There are 2 new provisions to note:

- (i) The SIVS Concession Registration must be removed if the registered operator is no longer a current member of an incorporated car club or association¹, and
- (ii) Use of the vehicle while not a member (or in contravention of any other SIVS restriction eg driving to and from work) now carries a penalty of up to \$2757² for vehicles up to 4.5 tonnes and \$8271 for heavier vehicles.

¹ **SIVS Conditions** <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/registration/fees/concession/special-interest/removing-concession>

² **Section 242 of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2021 imposes a maximum penalty for SIVS breaches of 20 penalty units for vehicles up to 4.5 tonnes and 60 penalty units for vehicles over 4.5 tonnes. A penalty unit is currently \$137.85 (Penalties and Sentences (Penalty Unit Value) Amendment Regulation 2021).**

The only exception is where an owner lives in a remote area or is unable to access an appropriate club, they may be eligible for an exemption from the club membership requirement³.

The responsibility is on individuals to comply, not clubs, but if you are aware of former members who are not members of other clubs using their vehicles illegally a quiet word might be appropriate. It is in all our interests to try to prevent abuse of the generous concession, or the right might be taken away. That said, Clubs are not required to police this.

(b) Retention of SIVS dating and membership forms

To obtain SIVS registration, you need to submit to TMR evidence from your club as to the vehicle's age and your current membership. These records are kept by the Department for 7 years and individual members should keep copies as well. There is no obligation on clubs to keep copies of these or records of those for whom they have been provided.

(c) Road Test Radius

At one of the 2 recent Qld Govt inquiries, there was a recommendation that the radius be extended to 50kms from the existing 15km radius, particularly for heavy vehicles. After extensive canvassing within TMR and beyond, it was decided to keep the radius at 15kms, on the basis that is a sufficient driving area within which to get a vehicle properly warmed up.

3. Timed Events on Public Roads

There was a question about what events would be legal and what wouldn't. What are banned are⁴:

- (a) Races between vehicles
- (b) Record breaking attempts
- (c) Any trial of the speed of a vehicle (I assume this means a top speed attempt)
- (d) Any competition to test the skill of a driver, or the reliability or mechanical condition of any vehicle where the prize value exceeds \$100.

Permits can be obtained to conduct the above events. Conditions are strict, as is to be expected.

Timed events are OK provided there is no suggestion of incitement to break any road rules etc.

4. Motorcycle pillion and sidecar passenger rules

These provisions appear in section 271 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Road Rules) Regulation 2009*.

A number of other matters were discussed, but not of direct relevance to users of SIVS vehicles.

Doug Young (VCCQ Inc)

QHMC TMR Rep

7 September 2021

³ <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/registration/fees/concession/special-interest/apply>

⁴ *S.85 of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995)*

SIVS News: Continuing Club Membership Now Mandatory

Previously you only had to belong to an incorporated vehicle club or association to obtain SIVS Registration for the first time, and many owners then allowed their club membership to lapse – while maintaining SIVS registration. There is now a legal requirement to maintain membership of at least one club to have SIVS registration or use a SIVS registered vehicle. Penalties now apply and the SIVS Registration must be surrendered if membership lapses.

In addition to the penalties, both Third Party and Comprehensive Insurance entitlements may be put at risk if a SIVS-registered vehicle is involved in an accident and the registered operator's club membership has lapsed.

The obligation is on individuals, not clubs, to ensure continuing club membership.

The only exception is where an owner lives in a remote area or is unable to access an appropriate club, and they have obtained an exemption from the club membership requirement.

More information appears in the attached report on the recent TMR meeting.

Doug Young, VCCQ, QHMC TMR Rep

15KM RADIUS FOR SIVS ROAD TESTING

We are allowed to road test our SIVS-registered vehicles within a 15km radius from home or workshop. It is not always easy to work out where that limit lies.

Google maps does not have a feature which displays a given radius from a given point. A 15 km drive might only take you 12 kms from home, for example.

There is a radius calculator here into which you put your address and the radius you want.

<https://www.calcmaps.com/map-radius/>

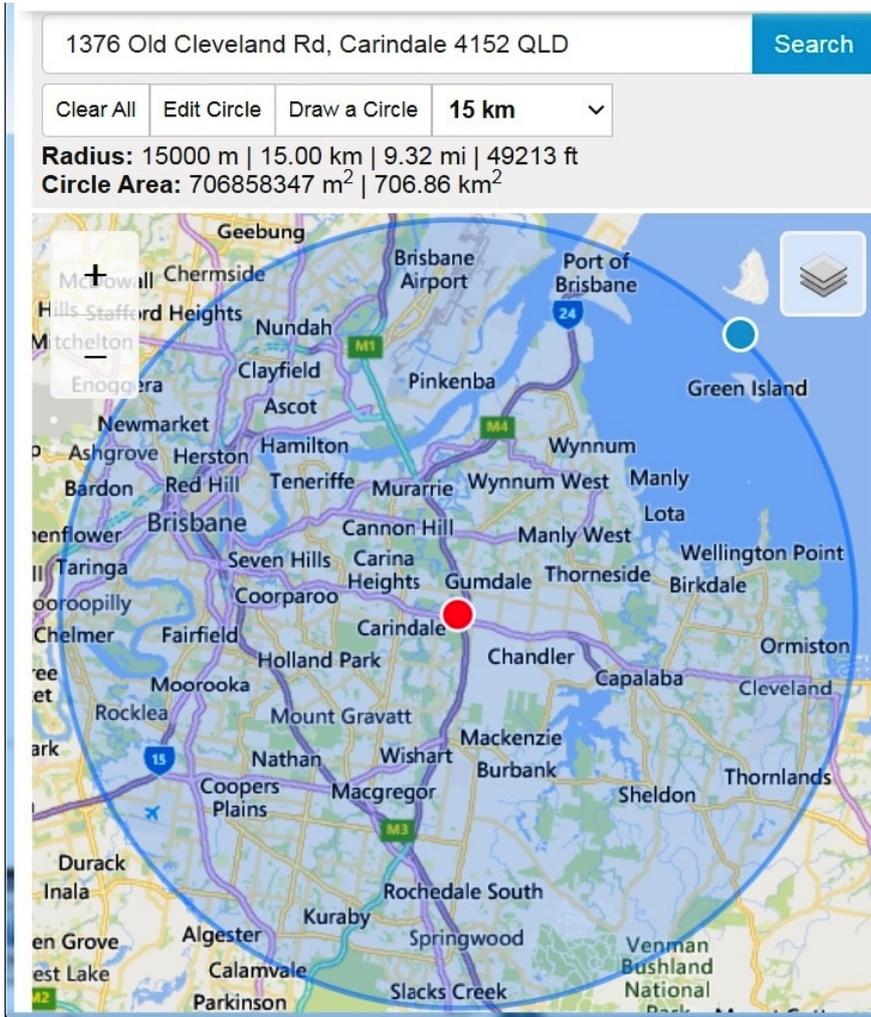
This generates a map of which you can take a screen shot and print or take with you in your phone. I carry a printed copy in case the Police ever want to challenge me when driving.

I found the address locator rather inaccurate so it is best to enlarge the map and drag the red dot to your address but once done, it's fine. If going close to the outer boundary, I enlarge the area and take a screen shot of that as well.

By way of example, I attach a [copy of a map](#) showing 15kms from the VCCA(Q) Carindale club rooms.

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Doug Young (VCCQ Inc)
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I believe the above should clarify SIVS registration questions.

NEWS

News grows short but if your Club has an article or information to share please do not hesitate to send it to president@qhmc.net.au

Stay safe and well

Albert Budworth

QHMC Vice President

