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PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPHS



Welcome to all readers to the first edition of **Hub and Spokes**.

This publication will become a regular document which provide readers useful information and insights into what is happening in the Historic Motoring Movement in general

around Australia.

For readers who are not aware of the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF), the AHMF is the national peak body for all historic motoring in Australia. AHMF is a federation of most state & territory-based motoring councils. These councils represent 1,000+ historic motoring clubs and over 100,000 motoring enthusiasts across Australia. AHMF aims to provide representation for the Historic Vehicle Movement on a national basis to government departments, Australian organisations & business, and internationally to other national historic motoring bodies.

The role of the AHMF is to:

- To promote and support those organisations whose aims are the preservation, restoration and use of the Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage, Historic 50's, Historic 60's etc. vehicles.

- To promote and support the preservation of items associated with historic vehicles and machinery.
- To collect and disseminate, wherever practicable, information deemed to be to the benefit of the Historic Vehicle Movement
- To publish or cause to be published any information, which it is deemed will promote or support the Historic Vehicle Movement.
- To encourage liaison, communication and co-operation between members.
- To liaise with any organisation with similar aims to this Federation.
- To represent our member organisations in national negotiations with Government agencies and other organisations.
- To act on the recommendation of a majority of members in any matter wherein benefit to members, or the movement generally, will result.
- To encourage and promote the use of all Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage, Historic 50's, 60's etc. vehicles.

I encourage all members to visit our web page at www.ahmf.org.au

September saw us hold our face-to-face annual AGM for the first time since the Covid restrictions have been lifted. The meeting was held at Eastern Creek Raceway and I would like to thank Terry Thompson and his team from the Council of Motor Clubs Inc for arranging such a successful meeting.

At the AGM the AHMF appoints office bearers for the upcoming twelve months and plans a strategy moving forward. It was agreed the move to Electric Vehicles (EV's), and the impact of this on our movement, should be the major focus of AHMF activities in the immediate future.

It must be clearly understood by all, the AHMF is supportive of the current move towards EV's and supportive of actions in this area. Our concern rests with our movement be adversely impacted by the non-intended consequences of this change. In simple terms we want to be able to enjoy our vehicles into the future. Obviously in order to be able to do this we will need to have access to appropriate fuel for them.

We have written to the responsible minister and in part have said:

“The advent of the EV is certainly a positive move for modern society and is vital in reducing impact on our fragile planet. However, in supporting this transition the historic vehicle movement also needs consideration for the social and cultural that it brings to the nation. Every one of us remembers travelling this country in the family car, school bus, motorcycle or on steam trains.

- As we move into EV zones, Government could consider an exemption for Historic Vehicles as defined by each State and Territories Road authority.
- The supply of fuel for these historic vehicles remains imperative.
- The owners and restorers of Historic vehicles contribute significant financial stimulus to the economy employing trades including mechanical, body and metal work, upholstery and electrical just to name a few. Many of these trades are true craftsperson skills and risk being lost if the demand is not maintained.
- Historic vehicles spend very little time on the road in comparison to daily commuter vehicles so the contribution to any polluting impacts is indeed minimal.
- Many owners are members of clubs that provide the community with immeasurable connectedness between members – similar to that experienced by men's sheds, this level of connection has supported many through difficult times especially over the pandemic years.
- Clubs across the country regularly conduct rallies, drives, tours and displays all contributing essential stimulus to the economy especially in regional areas and putting smiles on the faces of many observers.

The Data around the statements above can be quantified by actual data derived from a 2021 FIVA “Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens” (FIVA) survey conducted in Australia which is attached.

We respectfully request that in deliberations around EVs and renewable fuel sources that the interests of Australia's moveable cultural heritage is

protected and this movement of passionate enthusiasts is included in the decision making and consultation process.”

In closing I would again like to state we are here to serve the national interest of our movement. I encourage all to have input to us via your local AHMF aligned motoring group or as an alternative via the AHMF email service. This input may be relating to the Newsletter or any other matter you would like us to be aware of at a national level.

I would also like to thank Christine Stevens from the Queensland Historic Motoring Council Inc. for her outstanding efforts in putting together this publication.

Until the next Newsletter I encourage all to use your historic vehicles as often as you can and enjoy the joy this brings you and all that see our vehicles.

Keep well

David Berner
President - Australian Historic Motoring Federation.



FLOODING & HISTORIC VEHICLES

Hi everyone,

Well the flooding is certainly not going away soon it seems. Hopefully none of us find that any of our members have suffered badly.

Just letting you know that an updated version of the disaster recovery document for water affected vehicles etc. has just been uploaded to the CHMC website

- http://www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au/PUBLIC_ACTIONS.php

Please feel free to share with your clubs, its copyright free.

As someone who has lived through Hawkesbury River floods, and been responsible for the recovery of flood and storm water affected objects and documents, I deeply sympathise with and understand the magnitude of the task ahead, and the despondency many in Victoria will be feeling now, or will come up against in the days ahead as the floods move downriver.

Not only have I personal experiences of hands-on flood clean-up but in my profession as an information manager I was trained in disaster management and recovery, and had to implement that training practically on several occasions, so I am no stranger to what is confronting people at this time. And it is very confronting, mud, stench and damaged structures, vehicles and possessions,

much to the untrained eye that is seemingly unrecoverable. But with a little bit of ingenuity, some basic information about recovering and stabilising objects and a lot of hard yakka it is surprising what can be recovered, for example documents and photos can be carefully dried in a microwave.

What I and my professional colleagues have found, and find over and over again, is that the conditions immediately post-disaster often send people into a frantic clean-up frenzy and the recoverable is tossed out, or pushed aside without basic and critical stabilisation. It is a big ask of people to take just a little time to consider carefully what can best be done in the midst of pretty dire conditions, but if they do they just might save something they value.

A little assistance that I can offer your members at this time is to share one of CHMC's disaster recovery publications - <http://www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au/resources/WATER%20AFFECTED%20OR%20FLOOD%20DAMAGED%20HISTORIC%20VEHICLES%20AND%20ANTIQUAE%20MACHINERY%20v1.0%20March%2026%202021.pdf>

If you have some way of getting this out to your membership it may give them some initial guidance, it covers vehicles, machinery and documents/photos. I also commend to everyone the post-disaster management and recovery information that is available from [Blue Shield Australia](#) and [AICCM](#)

Might I also add that following incidents after recent floods with an insurer of historic vehicles in NSW failing to respond to desperate queries from owners regarding write-offs, that something your members probably need now is clear, simple and communicated instructions on how, under the terms of their insurance policy, they are to proceed as a matter of expediency with stabilising flood affected historic vehicles – committed owners will wisely wish to commence cleaning and improving their vehicle's condition now to prevent further deterioration and long term degradation, e.g. simply draining and re-oiling of engines, gearboxes, diffs. and petrol tanks, removing seat squabs, door linings, carpets, etc. However, if their policy prohibits them doing anything with a probable write-off vehicle due to water immersion they may not be prepared to do so until the assessor advises them, and getting an answer when the insurers are overwhelmed following a weather disaster is nigh on impossible. Worse case, a vehicle that could be stabilised deteriorates further when removed to the insurers yard rather than the owner being able to take control in situ if they have the "right to the wreck" confirmed promptly by the insurer. It would be good for your organisations to quickly clarify with the insurers what the best course of action is for your historic vehicle owners to sensibly

minimise further deterioration of water impacted historic vehicles (which of course is in the insurers' \$ interest in the long run) and that those instructions be communicated to your membership asap.

Hope the above is of use. Having been in the situation many in Victoria now are in I do truly understand their plight and hope that they receive all the necessary support and recovery assistance needed.

Regards
Jenny Fawbett - CHMC

HVS & CVS REGISTRATION UPDATE - TO CHMC AFFILIATED CLUBS

Dear Members

The Council of Heritage Motor Clubs' latest Forum on August 27th was convened by Peter Wright, Council's Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Liaison Officer. Our speakers were Matthew Cafe, TfNSW Partnerships Manager, and Stephen Richards, Leading Senior Constable, NSW Police Force. Both have historic vehicles so also know well the practicalities of conditional vehicle registration and usage.

The meeting was booked-out with clubs from the Illawarra, Sydney, Bathurst, Lithgow, Central Coast, Hunter, North Coast and New England present to hear the Q&A forum-style discussions covering a wide range of topics. Just a few of the points raised and answered were:

Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS):

- Provides an option to preserve and use historic vehicles, at cost lower than full NSW registration.
- Options and choices for personalized and custom number plates are available via accessing full NSW registration, and choosing from the MyPlates website.
- The HVS and CVS schemes operate on the NSW Conditional Registration platform, along with tractors and plant etc. Online HVS registration is not possible as it runs on the old conditional registration platform.

Classic Vehicle Scheme (CVS):

- CHMC has made minor changes to its process for CVS registration approvals; these maintain its procedures at the standard of operation expected by TfNSW for all CVS Approved Organisations (AOs).
- A new Classic Vehicle number plate is continuing through the TfNSW approval process.

Log Books:

- Log books ARE NOT compulsory; the registered operator decides if they wish to obtain one and they are in an appropriate club.
- Simple instructions for their correct use are on pg. 4 of every current Log Book.

Log Book questions occupied significant time at the Forum, so it was good to hear that a Log Book Fact Sheet is being developed by TfNSW and will be distributed to all clubs that provides answers to the many commonly asked questions around log books.

Club organised events:

- No entry in the Log Book is required for club events, which can include travel from home to the event by the most practicable route if diarised accordingly, and club sanctioned interstate tours. If you deviate from the route of the club organised event, e.g. to visit friends, that is personal use, and must be entered in the Log Book.
- Club Runs must be formally recorded in the Club's Minutes, including invitations accepted.

Period Options, Accessories and Safety Items List:

- A replacement is being developed by TfNSW. Extensive industry consultation has taken place.
- TfNSW has committed to a wide-ranging communication strategy around this.
- Club Scrutineers/Inspectors, Registrars and Eligibility Committees should be aware that VSI 6 and VSI 9 remain the core document for assessing vehicle modifications.

Insurance: (not defined or mandated by TfNSW)

- If a club mandates that Comprehensive Insurance is part of their vehicle eligibility requirements, they need to be aware it could be implied the club also assumes some responsibility.
- Shannons Insurance defines limited use as no more than twice a week; NRMA Veteran, Vintage & Classic Car Insurance limits to 9,000 kms per annum.

Trucks:

- Trucks (over 4.5T GVM) remain ineligible for CVS.
- The HVS Eligibility criteria for a truck is based around originality and is the same as for a car.
- Drivers of trucks need to hold the appropriate driver's licence for the truck being driven.
- The Historic Vehicle Log Book does not negate the need to complete The National Driver Work Diary when required to do so.

Forms 1259 and 1835:

- Responsible Persons are authorised to sign on the club's behalf. Clubs may nominate more than one Responsible Person, but the TfNSW must be advised of who they are, and the details kept up to date. Email TfNSW using ais@rms.nsw.gov.au.
- Club Stamp must note full name of club, not abbreviation or letters, and ideally includes club logo.

Further information on HVS and CVS registration may be obtained from Council's website www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au. Club Registrars and Scrutineers may also contact Council's Registration Liaison Officer, Peter Wright mobile: 0417 250 798.

Kind regards

Ray Ives

President - CHMC NSW Inc. (21 September 2022_


HAVE YOU MADE CHANGES TO YOUR VEHICLE?

When you insure your vehicle, the insurer will ask about the vehicle and any modifications that have been done in the past. They are interested because the modifications may be a factor in calculating the premium charged, or even whether they will insure your vehicle at all.

Many of us modify our vehicles to a greater or lesser degree during our ownership. Some of these modifications may well be of interest to your insurance company so to avoid a potential problem at claim time it could pay to give them a call and tell them what you - or previous owners - have done.

After all, it is better to have that sorted now rather than find at claim time that those modifications may have an impact on your claim.

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BAY TO BIRDWOOD RUN

Thank Hugh Davis (*President FHMC SA*) for helping Greg and I when we arrived in Adelaide. We had taken 4 spare tyres for the trailer (thinking this would be ample) but, the roads were SO bad as a result of flooding, we replaced 7 trailer wheels when we arrived in Adelaide.

Hugh gave us his day and his valuable contacts and he sourced the rare size trailer wheels and tyres for us.

Our friend, Melvin, was visiting from Singapore to attend the Bay to Birdwood. As we were departing from Birdwood, Hugh organised a lift for Melvin from Birdwood back to Adelaide. Hugh also gave Melvin a guided tour of the National Motor Museum before departing Birdwood.

When we phoned 9pm that evening, Melvin had been given a personalised tour of the Military Museum by Hugh and was in Hugh's home having dinner with his family. (Hugh, time to visit Singapore so Melvin can return the favour.)

Historic motoring connects you with like-minded people nationally and internationally. Thank you Hugh. It is people like you that may historic motoring great!

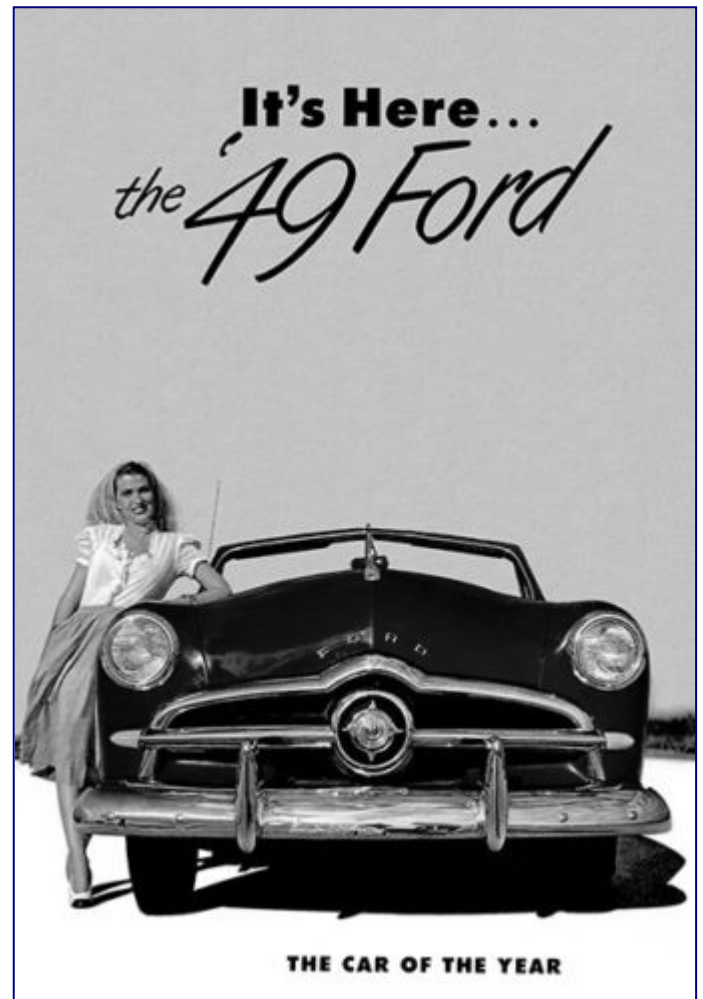
Christine Stevens - Editor

SOME OF AHMF ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST 7 YEARS

1. AHMF is seen as an information flow process which members lever off.
2. Definitions of historic and modified vehicles.
3. Vehicle categories - All states and territories agreed on a standard for vehicle categories.
4. Constitution - regularly updated and current.
5. Website - regularly updated and current.
6. Risk Management - Importance highlighted with considerable information provided to Councils to pass on to clubs.
7. Introduction of teleconferences (though, sadly, some Councils will not participate).
8. National Motoring Heritage Day - promoted by the majority of State/Territory Councils.
9. Input into National Road Rules & child restraints.
10. Associate Membership - changes to the constitution to allow associate members (although there have been no applications).
11. Minute Secretary appointed with a 5 year commitment from 2019 to 2023 inclusive.
12. Luxury Car Tax - import historic vehicles into Australia as a Collectors Piece of Works of Art.

Australia then has obligations not to impose duties.

13. Asbestos - Border Force attended AHMF AGMs and gave clarification though, zero still means zero.
14. Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act, Concessional RAV entry, Non-RAV entry import approval.
 - Representatives Vehicle Safety Stands Branch attended the 2019 AHMF AGM, providing first hand information and accepting AHMF input.
 - AHMF Delegates attended meetings in Melbourne Brisbane and teleconferences allowing input into The ACT, though subjects discussed at these meetings were not related to the Historic Vehicle Movement (i.e. motorhomes, trailers, etc).
15. AHMF 2020 - This event was organised to raise the profile of AHMF and entries were received from every state and territory, with the exception of NT. The event was cancelled due to Covid-19 but the coverage and promotion of the Historic Vehicle Movement was worth the effort and is on-going.
16. Robert Shannon Foundation - Charitable organisation status received from the ATO.



NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY - Sunday 21st May 2023

National Motoring Heritage Day is an initiative of the Australian Historic Motoring Federation. The aim being to promote and display Australia's strong motoring heritage; and also show the community, business and government the strength of the Australian historic motoring movement.

The idea of National Motoring Heritage Day about at the 2006 AHMF AGM. CACTMC raised this as "National Motoring Day", asking that:

"...the Australian Historic Motoring Federation give priority to organising a national motoring day whereby all car club members drive their vehicles around their own area - city, town, etc - to show the strength of the car movement in Australia."

At this meeting - 8th & 9th September 2016 - it was decided: the day will be called National Motoring Motoring Heritage Day, and be the **3rd Sunday in May** annually.

These historic vehicles bring enjoyment to their owners, as well as the public.

Australia's historic motoring movement has a massive input into the economy. Vast sums of money are spent on the restoration and maintenance of motor vehicles. There is also economic benefit to businesses (e.g. caravan parks, hotels, restaurants and service stations) in the towns and cities where events are hosted.

National Motoring Heritage Day is when historic vehicle owners share their passion with the public and other vehicle enthusiasts.

FROM THE SPOKE'N'HUB TORQUE EDITOR

We are always looking for hints of a technical nature and good articles for future issues. If you have any top tips that deserves a wider audience, email me today and we can help spread the word.



Put pen to paper and email articles along with photographs; we will provide one lucky author - or photographer - per Spoke'n'Hub Torque Newsletter will receive an AHMF 2020 National Motoring Festival Cap.

Please provide informative articles of a National nature that you believe will benefit and be of interest to others.

Email newsletter articles (Word & jpeg format) to Christine at christine@vintagenoise.com.au.

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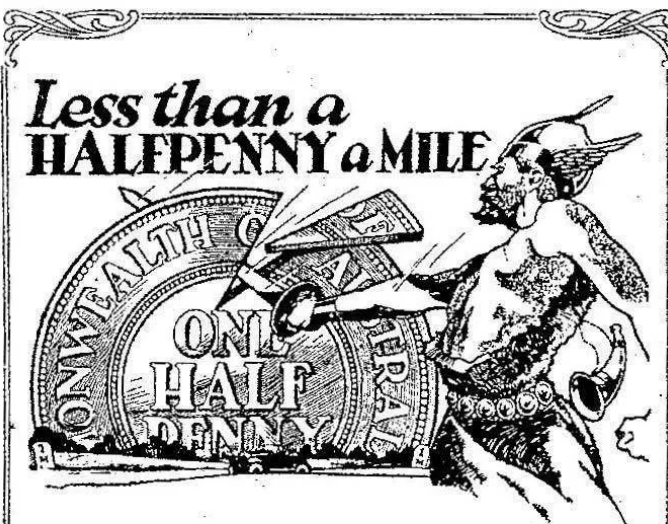
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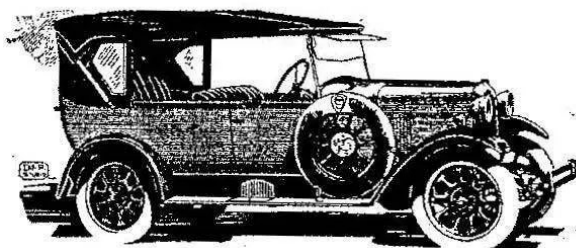
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