



AHMF Update – May 2015 Report

Wednesday 6th May 2015

Did I send out the last AHMF Update? The answer is, “Yes”; it was sent to all delegates. I am aware you are all involved in your state organisations, though it is the AHMF responsibility to concentrate on issues effecting us nationally. We are all passionate about our individual states and we also need to look at the big picture; there are national issues which, you may think do not involve you or your state. Look at the bigger picture; many of these issues involve every single of one of us.

I have reread the Aims of the AHMF; the aims are listed below as a reminder to us all.

Aims of the AHMF include:

- a) To promote and support those organisations whose aims are the preservation, restoration and use of the vehicles in the following categories (Veteran, vintage, Post-vintage, historic)
- b) To promote and support the preservation of items associated with historic vehicles and machinery.
- c) To collect and disseminate, wherever practicable, information deemed to be to the benefit of the historic vehicle movement.
- d) To publish or cause to be published any information, which it is deemed will promote or support the historic vehicle movement.
- e) To encourage liaison, communication and co-operation between Members.
- f) To liaise with any organisation with similar aims to this Federation.
- g) To represent our Member organisations in National negotiations with Government agencies and other organisations.
- h) To act on the recommendation of a majority of Members in any matter wherein benefit to Members, or the movement generally, will result.

AHMF RESIGNATIONS & REPLACEMENTS

Wendy Muddell has retired and Thank you cards have been forwarded to Wendy Muddell and Malcolm Roy for their years of service to the AHMF.

CHMC have advised delegates are Mike Beale and Don Turvey.

Sue Walker, CACTMC Delegate, resigned as AHMF Vice-President for a range of personal reasons, including starting a new business. She has enjoyed working with the AHMF delegates and has now taken a step back and wishes AHMF all the best.

It is within the AHFM Constitution for the continuing members of the Committee to appoint another member of the association to fill the vacancy until the next AFM. Additionally, continuing members of the management committee may act despite a casual vacancy so we have decided to leave this position vacant until the next AGM.

PATRON FOR AHMF

Action: **ALL delegates** Advise suggestions for suitable AHMF Patron

OVERDUE
(31/12/14)

CONTACT DETAILS OF DELEGATES

ACTION: **All delegates** Advise Neil – home email address ASAP

OVERDUE
(01/10/14)

AHMF – THE 5 YEAR PLAN

ACTION: All Delegates

What does AHMF want to achieve for the next 5 years at both State/Territory and Federal level?

Discuss with individual Councils and report back

OVERDUE
(31/10/14)

AUSTRALIAN MOTORING ENTHUSIASTS PARTY (AMEP)

Mark Saunders was to provide a written report re his discussions with all senators – a copy of the report he supplied to CACTMC would be sufficient. Mark has supplied his CACTMC Presidents Annual Report (**Annexure 1**) though the report regarding the discussions has not yet been received.

The AHMF Committee were to write letter to Senator Muir to find out his stance on the future of the historic motoring movement in Australia. The letter has been sent and we are awaiting his response.

TELECONFERENCE MEETING for AHMF Delegates – 1st October 2014

Neil forwarded the minutes of this meeting (**Annexure 2**) to all delegates. It is again attached for your reference.

MEETING AT BENDIGO SWAP – Saturday 15th November 2015

As agreed, a meeting was held at Bendigo Swap on Saturday 17th November between 4:00pm and 5:30pm Saturday afternoon at the Swap Meet. The minutes for the meeting have been emailed and are also attached. (**Annexure 3**)

ROBERT SHANNON FOUNDATION

There is a requirement for the Minutes to RFS Meetings to be submitted to the AHMF Committee. Minutes are attached (**Annexure 4**).

At the 15th November meeting, it was agreed new flyers be printed and AHMF would assist with some of the costs. The flyers have been printed; AHMF paid printing costs and flyers have been distributed to all state/territory councils to distribute to their clubs.

John Kennett was been given the opportunity for Robert Shannon Foundation to attend Australian Motoring Festival in Melbourne 26th to 29th May to support a display of a veteran vehicle being restored by Ben Alcock, a RSF recipient from 2 years ago.

AOMC pay for pull-up banners to be produced for Robert Shannon Foundation. If your state has a major event where these could be beneficial, please have discussions with John Kennett to organise.

Russell Manning attended the event also and has supplied the link for the photo gallery on the RACQ website - <http://roadahead.com.au/gallery/australian-motoring-festival/>

Refer possible applicants to website - http://www.ahmf.org.au/robert_shannon_foundation.html

Deadline for applications: To be presented to affiliated car club in sufficient time for supporting vehicle club endorsement and comments

To State/Territory Council 1st May

To Robert Shannon Foundation Chairman 30th June

TELECONFERENCE MEETING for AHMF Delegates – Thursday 15th January 2015

Neil sent an email to all delegates on 31st December 2014 (**Annexure 5**) titled "Concerns – Modified Vehicles".

The teleconference was held to discuss modified vehicles within AHMF and the state and territory bodies. AOMC did not phone into the meeting though an email was sent. Unfortunately it was received too late for the majority of members to have the opportunity to read it before the meeting commenced.

Neil forwarded the minutes of this meeting (**Annexure 6**) to all delegates. It is again attached for your reference.

MODIFIED VEHICLES

As I have stated above, our January teleconference was to discuss modified vehicles. This topic has been discussed at every AGM with no consensus. The FVVCC has been pushing for AHMF to address the

national regulation of VSB 14 since the 2010 meeting in Perth as a National Modified regulation. It is suggested we need a standardisation of rules across all jurisdictions, given we are the one nation. There is the AOMC proposal for period / era modifications, though, why set up yet another level of state specific regulations. This may only further complicate the inconsistencies between the states and territories.

- Rod Amos (AOMC) considers it is up to the community to decide whether and how they want to be represented. AOMC has clubs affiliated with it whose focus is in non-Street Rod modified cars. To date, none of them has approached AOMC to act on their behalf with regarding to any issue including inspection standards for their vehicles.

AOMC does not support AHMF restricting itself to only restored vehicles within a frame defined by VSB 14. AOMC have determined VSB 14 is inappropriate for application to historic vehicles and it would place a burden or reporting, inspection and certifying on the owners of many historic vehicles.

- Fred Belford (CMCWA) advised the problem in respect of modified vehicles is not causing them much concern in WA. The requirement for Concessional Licence in WA is any vehicle on Concession (under their Code 404) must be in "original" specification. This is spelt out in their legislation and they believe it unlikely to change. Fred clarified "original specification" as being, as the vehicle left the manufacturer, or has been equipped with factory approved options (i.e. Torana's with disc brakes or radial tyres) available at the time of manufacture.
- John Palamountain (NTMC) advised they do include modified vehicles on Club Registration and, due to their small base of club registered vehicles, they would not like to see this change if it encourages a great mix of vehicles on club runs.
- Steve Henderson (FHMC SA) agreed, the owners of modified vehicles have managed to gain some political clout and trying to get somewhere with it. Who is leading the push? Who will be the AHMF/ASRF for the modified vehicles? There appear to be a few organisations purporting to be the controlling body, so who is the controlling body? The discussion revolves around adding a third category (modified) to the current Code of Practice. This means all of the administration would be consistent, with cubs being tightly controlled. Included in the discussions are also ways to promote the historic integrity element; i.e. what where are about, so there will be some form of "penalty" for modifying the vehicle. SA are also pushing for clear definition and regulation.
- Paul Coggiola (CMC NSW) advised he was not aware of the NSW increase in support for State Roads Department to allow the movement to Log Books, though he was eager to understand its background. Noting the Australian Historic Motoring Federation title, the title in itself defines our role. Paul was of opinion AHMF should not be involved with any modified vehicle agglomeration being mooted.
- Mike Beale (CHMC) agreed with Paul's comments added his concert about the mistaken information from the Wagga Wagga meeting.

CHMC NSW agrees the current and recent actions by different interest groups within the movement will most likely divide the vehicles into 3 categories – not rods, modifieds (often referred to as street machines) and unmodified vehicles. They strongly believe we look at the aims of AHMF, and the AHMF focus is the preservation of "as built" conditions.

They have stated VSG 14 is a national code with no legislative power. It is a set of guidelines for modifying vehicles and includes assessment/testing procedures designed to demonstrate that modified vehicles meet specified safety standards. CHMC can see no reason for the AHMF to have a state in VSG 14 and its application in the movement.

CHMC NSW believes the AHMF has the ability to stand alone in representing preserved vehicles as built in the eras. We cannot not and should not stand in the way of enthusiasts who wish to modify old vehicles and gather in clubs and enjoy their vehicles.

- Neil Athorn (FVVHC) considers AHMF should encourage that modified vehicles at the VSB 14 regulation stage to have their own National Group to look after them. (ASRF have asked for their approval to be only to 31st December 1948). If there is going to be a 3rd national organisation, AHFM can then get on doing what we do best.
- Russell Manning (QHMC) supplied a detailed response on 14th January. We could move to have VSB 14 altered to address the specific issues relating to older vehicles and have this adopted by all states/territories. Additionally, there has been a push to remove the formulation of vehicle standards from the states and territories and have this addressed nationally.

Look back to the aims of the AHMF and it is about *promoting and supporting those organisations whose aims are the preservation, restoration and use of the vehicles in the following categories (Veteran, vintage, Post-vintage, historic) and to promote and support the preservation of items associated with historic vehicles and machinery.*

All aims relate to preservation and restoration of historic vehicles and machinery, not the modification so it appears we are addressing what this organisation was established to do. There is then the argument of, "What modifications can your vehicle have before it is no longer classed as a historic vehicle and it becomes

a modified vehicle?" This answer differs from state to state (or territory) and there is also a difference of opinion within the states.

This topic will be on the agenda at the AGM and I ask you to now (i.e. don't wait until a couple of weeks before the AGM) to go back to your state/territory councils and discuss my question. I ask every state to bring to the AGM, with your Council's written definition of, ***"What modifications can your vehicle have before it is no longer classed as a historic vehicle and it becomes a modified vehicle?"***

On this note, I just saw the words below on a US website regarding old vehicles: cars, trucks or bikes. An interesting thought....

Please refrain from restoring the survivors

If a vehicle has managed to survive all those years (regardless of how many years) in a usable condition, why restore it?

We have heard the most sought after vehicles wanted by museums and collectors are unrestored examples. "They are only original once," is another phrase used.

So, should we take an original preserved vehicle and rebuild it back to factory gate condition, or in a lot of cases better than factory gate condition.

CHANGES TO WA LEGISLATION

Fred Belford has advised, effective 27th April 2015, the WA legislation

You may recall that for a number of years we have been waiting for changes in our Legislation to allow vehicles on a "Permit" (Specifically Victorian Concessionally registered vehicles) to be used in WA without the need for a special permit.

I have just been advised that the enabling Legislation will take effect from 27th April 2015.

EXPORT OF VEHICLES 30+ YEARS OLD

During the August AGM, it was agreed "AHMF supports the promotion of and enhancement of the requirements for exporting vehicles and machinery to do with our motoring history in accordance with the PMCH Act and any discussion with the Attorney General's Department from now on".

Delegates have requested the department's presentation (from the AGM) be made available in soft-copy so we can explain it all in more details to clubs at state meetings. This will bring more support from within the movement.

Russell is working on a point form presentation to assist State/Territory Councils. This will be forwarded to you as soon as received.

Wendy is still keen for the petition to be delivered to the Department.

It was agreed at meeting 1st October, Wendy would continue on as a contact person between AHMF and Ministry for the Arts, Attorney-General's Department, Canberra, though this has progressed further since the meeting.

Members of the management committee have agreed AHMF needs a sub-committee for communicating with the Ministry for the Arts, Attorney-General's Department, Canberra, thus ensuring AHMF is not totally reliant on one person. AHMF needs a team who are up to speed and to build a rapport with the department representatives.

The members of the Sub-committee are:

Neil Athorn	AHMF Secretary & Chairman
Russell Manning	QHMC Delegate
Wendy Muddell	Curator of MotorLife Museum

The Minister for the Arts announced a full independent review of the *Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986*. The media release and terms of reference is attached (**Annexure 7**)

The independent reviewer, supported by a small team in the Ministry, is developing a new model for the regulation of cultural material in Australia, based on research and consideration of submissions made by the sector to past reviews. It is expected this new model will be taken to stakeholders for consultation by the middle of the year – the exact methods and timing are still being finalised.

As engaged stakeholders of the PMCH Act, and in some cases people who made submissions to the last review, the AHMF and its members are on their list of organisations to consult with once the draft model is finalised.

ACTION: AHMF Committee Pass on the main delegate's names of each state to the AG's Department. **By 31st Dec 2014**
(Tasmania will be at motor museum level.)

ACTION: Wendy Muddell (Sub-Committee) Follow up with AG's Dept for soft-copy of presentation from AGM & distribute to all delegates **By 31st Dec 2014**

The Attorney General's Department has not supplied a soft-copy of the presentation so a scanned copy from the AGM is attached (**Annexure 8**).

ACTION: Russell Manning Point form presentation to all Councils

NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY

It was agreed on 1st October meeting, all councils are to send in their list of activities for National Motoring Heritage day by the end of November. This will then assist in the quest for a national sponsor. I was not able to achieve this as I did not receive sufficient details nationally.

Paul and Steve were working with Marshall McCormick and Brian Aldersmith to have one standardised poster for distribution Australia Wide. When a result could not be achieved I had a posted designed (**Annexure 9**) and it was emailed to all delegates to pass on to all member clubs to promote this event.

Mike Beale from CHMC has suggested a National Rally to be held on National Motoring Heritage Day, though possibly not every year – possibly to be in a different state/territory each year.

ACTION: ALL Delegates All Councils do send list of activities for NMHD **By 30th Nov 2014**

ACTION: ALL Delegates PLEASE email me the details of 2 or 3 major events **NOW** within your state. (I cannot get information out to the media unless you supply me with the information.)

ACTION: Christine Stevens Attempt to get information out though the media

TAX ON CLUB

It was mentioned and agreed at the AGM, AHMF should put an application together again regarding unfair tax on motoring clubs and present to Parliament.

Neil Athorn approached Brett Holliday to prepare an application, again, to present to Parliament. It is one thing to have this on the agenda and discuss this as being a burning issue though, as Brett has said, unless the delegates go back to their State/Territory Councils and actually do something to help this along we cannot receive the desired result. What are you and you council going to do to assist?

ELECTRONIC RECORDER

The AHMF Electronic Recorder went missing somewhere between the 2011 and 2013 AGM's. As it could not be located, it was agreed AHMF would purchase another for use at the meetings.

Action: Steve Henderson Purchase another electronic recorder (by 2015 AGM) **By 21st Sept 2015**

POSSIBLE 3RD STATE COUNCIL FOR NSW

I have been asked where this suggestion has come from, who is driving it and why it has not been raised within the AHMF committee.

There have been meetings and emails on the subject of a possible 3rd State council being established in NSW. It is reported, there was a meeting in January meeting where the main topics of discussion were the planned "breakaway car club council in NSW" aimed at pushing for a change to the State's Historic Car Registration Scheme (HCRS).

NSW HCRS and proposed third car club council: It has been reported in club newsletters, they were advised by "President Mark Saunders of an AHMF-endorsed move to change the existing NSW restricted use HCRS

to a 45 or 90 day 'free use' scheme, similar to the one in Victoria, open to modified or special interest vehicles (SIVs) such as street machines"

Mark has stated he was not representing AHMF and I would like to officially state – **There is NO AHMF endorsed to change any state scheme. This is not a role of AHMF and has absolutely nothing to do with AHMF.**

We have been approached by one club asking for clarification on the representative roles of AHMF and ACMC and how they inter-relate, as car clubs in the ACT have been asked to consider whether ACT CMC should affiliate with ACMC rather than AHMF as it has been suggested to them that "ACMC covers a broader spectrum of vehicle clubs and has great interaction and lobbying capability with Government". We advised ACMC has no tie with AHMF. Both organisations represent older vehicles with AHMF being more in line with restored vehicles and ACMC with modified vehicles.

AHMF USA SWAPS TOUR 2016

Greg Stevens has initiated a USA Swap Tour through AHMF, taking in Carlyle and Hershey Swaps in Pennsylvania, USA, September – October 2016. There has been considerable interest so this is proceeding. Greg has been speaking with a specialist Tour operator in Melbourne whose wife is from the area we wish to visit, so they know this area well. We already hold a considerable list of people interesting in joining in on this tour/holiday.

The tour will be designed to interest the ladies as well as the men. If you are interesting in joining this tour, please let us know what YOU would like included. The basic outline "may" read something like this (below) though you may decide to fly over earlier and/or remain later.

Saturday 24 th Sept	Depart Australia / Arrive New York – overnight in New York
Sunday 25 th Sept	2 nd night in New York
Monday 26 th Sept	3 rd night in New York
Tuesday 27 th Sept	Travel New York to Carlisle – overnight in Carlisle
Carlisle Swap is Wednesday 28 th Sept to Saturday 1 st Oct	<i>(I can guarantee it is not worth going there on Sunday)</i>
Wednesday 28 th Sept	2 nd night in Carlisle
Thursday 29 th Sept	3 rd night in Carlisle
Friday 30 th Sept	4 th night in Carlisle
Saturday 1 st Oct	Touring
Sunday 2 nd Oct	Touring
Monday 3 rd Oct	Touring
Tuesday 4 th Oct	Touring – Overnight Hershey Hotel or Hershey Lodge
Hershey Swap is Wednesday 5 th to Saturday 8 th October	
Wednesday 5 th Oct	2 nd night in Hershey
Thursday 6 th Oct	3 rd night in Hershey
Friday 7 th Oct	4 th night in Hershey
Saturday 8 th Oct	5 th night in Hershey
Sunday 9 th Oct	Touring
Monday 10 th Oct	Touring
Tuesday 11 th Oct	Touring
Wednesday 12 th Oct	Touring
Thursday 13 th Oct	Touring – overnight New York
Friday 14 th Oct	Depart New York
Saturday 15 th Oct	In transit
Sunday 16 th Oct	Arrive Australia

ETHANOL

Many states have 10% ethanol in their normal fuel. It is usually 3 to 5 cents cheaper than ordinary 91 octane unleaded without ethanol in it (though the gap is sometimes wider)

The majority modern vehicles run on the fuel with 10% ethanol, through the European imports all appear to demand the 95 or 98 octane fuel.

There are a very few locations selling 85% ethanol fuel, used by many of the racing and street machine contingent. (This is the fuel used in the V8 Supercars).

Caution must be adhered to when using fuel containing ethanol in the older vehicles.

NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF MOTORING CLUBS

New Zealand Federation of Motoring Clubs contacted us for assistance as they have health and safety law reforms, in line with those introduced in Australia. Under their pending law changes incorporated societies

and voluntary associations will be redefined as "Persons Concerned with a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) and will be subject to all of the legal and safety provisions currently imposed on workplaces.

They requested feedback on how our clubs are affected by the tightening of Health & Safety Regulations and how Australia has dealt with it. Their AGM in Saturday 16th May and they asked for either Neil or I to attend their meeting in Auckland to address their meeting. I am flying over Friday and will be back Saturday night – in time for National Motoring Heritage Day on Sunday 17th.

This issue is affecting clubs in Australia, though, unfortunately many clubs have taken the "head in the sand" approach and we have this back on the Agenda for our own AGM in August. It is our responsibility to pass on this information to our clubs also.

2015 MEETING and AGM

The annual gathering at the AGM is necessary for AHMF to progress and move forward through it is not worth the time and effort of you are not going to do anything between meetings.

The meeting will be held in Brisbane and hosted by QHMC on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd August 2015. The information is attached (**Annexure 10**). Please put this weekend into your diaries to ensure you are available. Book your flights and book your accommodation.

The 2015 AGM will be the same format as 2014 – i.e. arrive Friday or early Saturday, meeting will commence 8:30am Saturday and conclude 1:00pm Sunday.

DUE DATES:	AGENDA ITEMS (to Secretary, Neil Athorn)	10th July 2015
	ALL REPORTS i.e. President, Treasurer, State Councils (to Secretary, Neil Athorn)	10th July 2015
	ADVISE ATTENDANCE, ETC: (to Christine Stevens & Russell Manning)	31st July 2015
	PAYMENT	7th August 2015

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