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Again we report that the CMC NSW has grown in numbers since last year. 186 clubs are with us now and some 28,650 people are members of those clubs. Way up on our beginnings as the CVV&TMC way back in 1963. We have held our two major events for 2018 with the NMHD being a big success as eight venues were available around the greater Sydney area for members to attend on the day. Berry on the south coast had the biggest crowd as usual with over 500 vehicles on display in the oval just near the town centre. Having a great little tourist town with lots to see and do for the families is the major factor for these days. A new venue at Toukley on the Central Coast was popular for the same reason as well.

Our huge annual display known as the Shannons Sydney Classic was bigger than ever with 1,853 vehicles on display. The first time we have used click counters to record incoming vehicles on the day so the first time we have accurate attendance numbers instead of just ticket sales via the clubs. The same applied to people in those vehicles and those attending as spectators. That number hit 5,318 which is one of the largest crowds this year at the venue. The NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads and Maritime, Mr Kevin Anderson MP attended (effectively the Minister's understudy) to present trophies etc and he and his son really enjoyed themselves. A trip around the race track in an extremely rare Leyland Force 7 had them awe struck with admiration for our movement and the passion / dedication displayed by our members. We are currently negotiating for a date next year as the race track at Eastern Creek is fully booked most of the time. Some permanent lighting for night time use is on the cards so we may end up with the first night show for classic cars??

Many newcomer clubs are joining CMC because their members wish to take advantage of the relatively new Classic Vehicle Scheme (CVS) which was introduced in late 2016 and allows modifications to 30 plus YO vehicles under 3.5 tonne. That scheme is growing by the day and we in the CMC are very involved in it's administration.

The major problem we faced this year was, and still is, the fact that sadly our CMC and CVS Secretary, Julie Williams, died from cancer in early June so we have had to pick up the pieces and try to continue on. The lady did so much for our movement and you only find out how much when you have to sort out the workload and find folks to handle it. We may end up with up to five people dividing up her tasks by the time it is sorted out. If ever there is a cautionary tale about succession planning in clubs this is it.

The clubs wanting to obtain CVS for their members must be a member of either one of the eight groups in the ACMC Inc (which CMC Inc is) or the CHMC to obtain access to the scheme. Those organizations are the only two who have the 50 plus clubs needed to become a signatory to the CVS MoU with our RMS in NSW. ACMC Inc has some 778 clubs in the eight groups forming it. How many people are in those clubs is a figure we are trying to ascertain. As we are involved heavily in operating this new scheme for those clubs which are members of the ACMC Inc we see a lot of what is happening. The conversion rate from the historic scheme (HVS) to the modified scheme (CVS) is interesting. The NSW RMS are nowadays attending car shows and recording, via cameras, the incorrect vehicles they see with HVS plates on display. These folks then get a letter instructing them to present the vehicle for examination. RMS tell us that only about 50% turn up (and usually fail). The remainder seem to just hand in the HVS plates and cancel the rego. We can only wonder why? There are some 50,000 or more vehicle on the HVS in NSW via over 1,000 clubs registered with the RMS for HVS inclusion. There is no requirement for them to be in any Association such as CMC or CHMC. The CVS has reached over 2,000 vehicles according to ACMC records. The CHMC numbers for CVS are unknown to us.

We trust these few facts will bring you up to speed with what is happening with the CMC in NSW and look forward to speaking with you all at the AHMF AGM.