

AHMF 2018 AGM

WA Report

CMC WA member clubs	108 (steady - 2 departures and 2 new members)
Member club members	10,885 (+2.7%)
Member club vehicles	13,025 (+0.2%)
Vehicles on concessional license	7,317 (+72%)
CMC WA organised events	Classic Car Show held annually
National Motoring Heritage Day	British Car Day, Gingin SW Mega Motoring Extravaganza Bunbury

WA Issues

The new Associations Incorporation Act requires all not for profit organisation to update their constitution to comply with the new model rules by end of June 2019. Not yet actioned by the CMC.

The rules for concessional licensing of historic vehicles were significantly revised in December 2016.

Key points are:

- Vehicle owners must be members of a club which includes an object in its constitution/rules for preservation and restoration of historic vehicles. These clubs do not need to be members of the Council of Motoring Clubs WA but must be authorised by the Department of Transport;
- Vehicle owners must remain financial members of the club under which their vehicle was licensed;
- Clubs need maintain a register of concessionally licensed vehicles but regular inspections are not required;
- Vehicles more than 25 years old are automatically eligible. Vehicles less than 25 years old may be licensed under the Unique and Historic classification provided they are inspected and approved as a bona fide unique or historic vehicle by the CMC WA Technical Committee;
- Vehicle usage is restricted to any recorded event organised by an authorised club, vehicle maintenance/repairs (including travel to and from) or testing following maintenance or repairs within a 30 km radius of the place where the vehicle is garaged or repaired. Impromptu events are acceptable provided they are recorded in the clubs official run log;
- Vehicles must remain in original condition. Any modifications need to be approved by the CMC WA Technical Committee. Performance enhancement modifications will not be approved.

Since 2016 there have only been very minor changes. The CMC has a good working relationship with the Department of Transport through the CMC WA Technical Committee.

There has been a \$99 increase in vehicle licensing fees to cover those catastrophically injured in motor vehicle accidents. As a result, there has been a significant increase in the number of concessionally licensed vehicles.

Following moves by other states, a scheme for concessional licensing of modified historic vehicles is being considered by the Department of Transport. We have no idea of the outcome but have been advised that due to staffing and workload that this review will take a long time.

The recent change by Border Force in enforcing the asbestos ban in all imported and exported second hand vehicles is a concern to some members. The CMC WA met with the state regulators responsible for workplace safety. Whilst this covers asbestos in the workplace they made it clear that they have no jurisdiction over customs as the Customs Regulations are federal. Consequently the CMC WA decided to take this up through the AHMF. However our objective to meet with Border Force to discuss this issue has not been met.

Our members have also been concerned with the move to charge GST on imported goods with a value under \$1000. Their concern has not been the 10% cost impost but the likelihood that international suppliers will not want the extra effort of collecting and submitting GST to the ATO when Australia is such a small market, and will refuse to ship to Australia. Our members wanted action but unfortunately this was only uncovered after the relevant act had already been changed.

The CMC WA and many other clubs in WA find it difficult to get new members to nominate for executive positions and also find it difficult to attract younger members. No solution has yet been found.

The CMC received a request to help fund the digitising of the 250 odd episodes of the Motor Show shown on our local Channel 9 TV starting in 1997. The CMC agreed to match dollar for dollar any of any member club donations. So far sufficient funding has been raised to cover approximately 165 episodes. Copies will be available at the WA Motor Museum.

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