

FHMC SA Annual Report to AHMF.

The FHMC has had a relatively quiet year.

With the introduction of the Club Registration Scheme we received enquiries for several months as members tried to understand the new requirements. More so the lack of requirements.

The only rules being:

1. The vehicle owner must be member of an approved club.
2. The vehicle must be more than 30 years old.
3. Log books must be used.

Most clubs accepted modified vehicles. Some clubs had reservations and will only approve Historic vehicles as defined by the previous Code of Practice.

We introduced a Junior Grants Scheme to encourage those under 26 years of age restoring Historic Vehicles.

Five qualified and received awards. It is most disappointing that these young people did not enter the Robert Shannon Foundation.

This year the scheme will continue with the age limit increased to 30 years to encourage more participants.

The Club Grant scheme continues to be well received and successful. This scheme is to assist member clubs in promoting and hosting National Rallies for Historic Vehicles. The money can be used for any legitimate expense, such as venue hire and deposits.

The Bay to Birdwood had become a real a problem for quite a few years. Despite constant pleas over the years for volunteers only one stepped up and when he resigned last year this left us with no representative on the organizing committee. After much thought and discussion the Executive recommended to the members that FHMC relinquish its half share ownership which was accepted by the members. Once the legalities are finalized, full ownership of the event will pass to History SA who control the National Motoring Museum. Our Motorfest will continue as before but without the former centerpiece of Bay to Birdwood. Ten days of various motoring activities. From visits to museums, wineries and countryside tours.

FHMC has 156 affiliated clubs representing some 20,000 vehicles and continues to grow.

FHMC remains committed to the idea, that AHMF being the National body for Historic Motoring, should be based in Canberra with a part time Lobbyist. This would help make the AHMF look more of a Unified National Body.

FHMC has decided not to hold its scheduled biennial "Meet the Club Tour" in 2019. In its place we will concentrate on the AHMF 2020 Albury Tour. Resuming in 2021 with our own state tour to celebrate the 50 years of FHMC.

It was a very sad day when we learned of the passing of Arthur Clisby. Arthur was a staunch supporter of Historic Motoring. He was actively involved for 40 years including terms as President, Executive committee, Bay to Birdwood, Motorfest tours. AHMF, he served as delegate and Public Officer for 20 years. Arthur was always there "with his sleeves rolled up." We all will miss him.

FHMC remains a financial member of AHMF but does not send delegates as it feels the cost is not justified.

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