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The 2018 / 2019 year has continued the CMC NSW growth and advocacy of our membership and the historic / classic vehicle movement in general.

The committee has worked diligently to catch up with things since the unfortunate passing of our wonder woman Secretary Ms Julie Williams in June 2018.

I again suggest to ALL clubs that you must have plans in place for succession as our hard working executive members are getting older and nothing is certain in this big bad world folks. Encourage those younger folks please.

Enough of the doom and gloom huh? Our membership of clubs and hence people in those clubs has grown quickly and I will try to set out some numbers below to give you an idea of the size of our group.

Last year's Shannons Sydney Classic display day at Sydney Motorsport Park was once again a booming success. It never ceases to amaze me how Tony DeLuca and Allen Seymour can fit in all the vehicles when the grounds are finite to a major degree. They are wizards in my opinion but fortunately they do not wear robes and pointed hats. That would look silly.

This year is looking to be a fantastic event with the inclusion of some 1,800 vehicles from 110 clubs. The Minister for Regional Transport in NSW, the Hon. Paul Toole MP will be attending and we look forward to continuing the "tradition" of showing such political folks around the display and amazing them with the extent and passion of our membership. This will be the fifth year we have had a visit from a senior member of the NSW Government at the event so it is helping to raise our profile with such folks. We have to ensure they are aware of us or we fade into insignificance.

National Motoring Heritage Day in May was also a big success with the usual huge display down the coast in Berry plus a massive increase in attendees at the latest inclusion from one of our newest clubs at a new venue in the lower Blue Mountains. The concept of this event has changed from the hope that clubs would move from venue to venue throughout the day. The majority just like to go to a chosen spot and stay there enjoying the company and the vehicles on display, plus the additional attractions in the area around the grounds where the vehicles are located. So be it, we are all about that.

Big things are happening within the Government area in NSW with a newly elected Premier setting up a different Cabinet whereby the old Roads and Maritime Services will dissolve into a large Transport NSW with two Ministers in charge. One for Transport in Urban areas and one for Transport in Regional areas.

We have continued to engage with the authorities in regard to our vehicles and the use of them. The Vehicle Standards Working Group, which I Co-Chair, and the Road Safety Advisory Council of which I am a member, continue on despite the change in Government departments and we will continue to advocate for the right to use our vehicles in a friendly, leisurely atmosphere with our fellow club members. We have constantly pointed out that there is no evidence of an increase in accidents involving older vehicles which are used for hobby purposes. The regular beat ups in the press about older cars causing more deaths and injuries fail to confirm any such statistics. In fact, the lower death tolls each year are evidence that the national fleet of vehicles in regular use is getting younger and the roads are improving. Be prepared for further such "outcries" as the ailing car sales industry looks for ways to stimulate new car sales.

We are currently negotiating with the authorities in regard to the permanency of the 60 log book scheme and that is looking good at this stage. We are assured that an outcome will be with us well before the trial expiry date on October 1<sup>st</sup>. We are also involved in talks with them regarding the complete Conditional Registration system in NSW. Only one meeting so far but very good "vibe" from that and the next will be on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Suffice to say that the number of non-aligned clubs out there on the RMS Approved list for Historic Registration (HVS) is a focus as they are where the majority of problems exist as far as abuse of the system. You would be amazed at some of the supposed "standard" vehicles we get reported to us by diligent and helpful members of the CMC clubs and others in the ACMC, which we are members of.

And so to those statistics.

CMC now has 188 clubs as members. In those clubs we have 28,795 persons. There could be some crossover there as some are in more than one club. Like me I suppose. Those members have between them over 40,000 vehicles of all types and 12,473 of those are on one or the other form of conditional registration in NSW being HVS and the newer CVS. That is a staggering number of great older vehicles which form a mobile museum for the people of NSW. Every time we go out on the roads we no doubt bring back memories and some joy to the people who see us on the move or on display.

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