



## Northern Territory Motoring Council Inc.

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### REPORT TO AHMF REGARDING REVIVAL OF THE NTMC

As most delegates to the AHMF would be aware, the NTMC started to crumble approximately three years ago when the prime movers in the Council gradually stepped down. Moves are afoot to revive the Council and a special general meeting was held on 24 June 2020, at Darwin Trailer Boat Club for that purpose. The larger clubs in the Territory supported the revival of the Council and sent along delegates to the meeting. Tacit approval was received from the few clubs outside of Darwin.

An interim Council executive has been elected to regularise the affairs of the Council and hopefully bring it back to life for the purpose of representing affiliated clubs at the Territory and national levels in relation to issues potentially affecting use of historic, vintage and classic motor vehicles.

The Council had largely been inactive for three years; had not lodged appropriate documentation with Licensing NT, and was in danger of being de-registered as an incorporated association.

Since the meeting at the Trailer Boat Club Ron Stevens, Trenton Barfoot, John Palamountain, and I have been meeting almost every fortnight to get the Council back on track.

Progress so far has been to get the outstanding financial statements in order and put in place better means of communication.

The financial statements are now ready for audit. The outstanding financial statements may be presented for approval at a special general meeting, the date of which will be advised. The 2019/2020 financial statement will be presented to the Annual General Meeting which, subject to confirmation, will be held at the Trailer Boat Club early in November.

In the past, the Council was the beneficiary of generous financial support from Shannons Insurance. The funds donated to the Council enabled a delegate to attend the AHMF annual general meetings from time to time and also funded the Council's public liability insurance. Sadly, since John Palamountain retired from his employment with Shannons Insurance, that financial support is no longer available.

At present, the members of the interim Council executive are exploring funding options. Seeking to levy the affiliated clubs at this stage is considered a last resort. The number of

affiliated clubs has decreased from 33 to 13 over the past 3 years and some of the remaining club's survival is tenuous at best.

An application for affiliation has been lodged with Motorsport Australia (formerly CAMS). If the application is approved, the Council will have access to public liability insurance at much more affordable premiums.

The Council has activated a Facebook page to promote the objects of the association and be a conduit for dissemination of information to affiliated clubs. There is also an events page on Facebook to enable clubs to add their calendar of events to it.

In the near future the Council will have its own email address and hopefully a web page to enhance communication. In regard to the latter we are looking at securing the services of someone with relevant expertise.

Lastly, please ignore the postal address on this document. The post box is no longer available but I can't seem to get rid of it off the banner.

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