

Notes of Meeting CHMC & RMS, 7.7.2017, RMS Octagon Building, Parramatta

Present: CHMC: Ray Ives (President), W. Bill Waddell (RMS Liaison Officer & Responsible Person), Jenny Fawbert (Webmaster & Registration Committee), Chris Hillbrick-Boyd (Note taker)

RMS: Melinda Bailey (RMS Executive Director, Compliance and Regulatory Services), Julie Morgan (RMS Director, Insights & Education, Compliance and Regulatory Services)

Meeting Opened: 11 am

Preliminary Discussion:

- Briefly CHMC history and objectives were explained by Ray Ives and Jenny Fawbert. CHMC's long relationship with the RMS was also mentioned.
- RMS asked does CHMC consider itself a stakeholder for both HVS and CVS?
CHMC's involvement in the CVS development process is well documented. CHMC worked on most of the documents, attended the stakeholder meetings, and the final document is based on the work submitted by CHMC. CHMC maintained the confidentiality that RMS requested for the CVS development, provided well researched information and submitted information on time, every time. However, when the CVS went live on 19 December 2016, the Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs (ACMC) was listed on the RMS website as the only Approved Organisation (AO). This despite the application to become an AO only becoming publicly available on Day 1 of the CVS, i.e. 19 December 2016. CHMC was disappointed with the lack of final consultation, communication and transparency by RMS with the CVS.

Discussion Items as per Agenda

- Communications: CHMC pointed out that we seemed to be excluded from the current RMS mailing list. RMS agreed to rectify this and will ensure CHMC is advised of all relevant stakeholder meetings in the future, such as Log Book Review and HVS Review.

RMS and CHMC meeting information is apparently not always communicated to more senior RMS personnel. CHMC requested that regular scheduled meetings with RMS be instituted, but not one-on-one as in the past, but attended by two or more from both CHMC and RMS. CHMC would have greater confidence if all such meetings were documented. Mutual agreement to formal meetings every 6 months, and if needed additional meetings could be organised when necessary.

CHMC suggested that Minutes of RMS meetings with all stakeholders in the historic and classic vehicles sector be available on RMS and stakeholder's websites. Similar to the Queensland Department of Transport where meetings every 6 months with representatives of motor organisations are published on the Departments website. Would this be possible, after Minutes were approved by senior RMS officers? RMS did not commit to this arrangement but stated it would be considered.

- Vehicle Standards Group: RMS queried the necessity for CHMC to have a seat at the Vehicle Standards Group (VSG), but acknowledged that CHMC should be consulted before the meetings on issues, and receive results of what is discussed and any outcomes.

CHMC responded that it is not limited to cars but includes motorbikes, heavy vehicles, tractors etc all included in CHMC clubs' membership. CHMC would bring to VSG knowledge and expertise from its members of the issues pertinent to those heritage vehicles. Issues that are arising regarding historic motorcycles and CVS were cited that apparently VSG did not consider, for instance. CHMC wants to ensure that VSG will ensure that in the future it will undertake appropriate consultation.

CHMC agreed to provide a background of CHMC vehicles based on our latest Census of Affiliated Clubs.

RMS will follow up who is on the VSG which is led by Transport, and though RMS not directly involved will ensure there will be appropriate consultation with CHMC. RMS will find out the Terms of Reference for the VSG and inform CHMC.

- CVS Industry Committee: RMS sent out an email re the CVS Industry Committee that is to be set up with a delegate from each of the Approved Organisations – currently would be a committee of 2 to follow up anything that causes an issue. CHMC believes there is a need for at least a 3rd member present – suggested an RMS officer.

- HVS: RMS asked would an Industry Committee be useful for HVS?

In response CHMC introduced its draft HVS MOU for consideration by RMS. CHMC explained that the draft HVS MOU is based on RMS templates for Rally Car MOU and CVS MOU, but maintains some aspects of the HVS that clubs traditionally manage such as vehicle inspections. Taking into account the upcoming review of conditional registration, CHMC had put together a draft HVS MOU and that CHMC considers this MOU of benefit to the RMS especially as the framework fits in with the other MOU's. RMS acknowledged that feedback is important; needs succession and continuity for the industry. CHMC draft HVS MOU tabled at the meeting for discussion and consideration by RMS.

CHMC added that the RMS approved clubs for HVS on liberal terms – 700+ clubs had been approved by RMS but the majority not aligned to peak bodies in NSW such as the Councils. There are very few irregularities from clubs within the Councils who preserve collaborative contact with the RMS, but RMS does not maintain ongoing contact with the independent clubs, nor is there any routine assessment of the operations of those clubs. RMS advised that it looked at outcomes and did not wish to force clubs to conform outside RMS current requirements.

- Logbook Trial Review: CHMC to provide feedback to RMS – both for the use of and abuse of the Logbook. Despite some members of the historic vehicle movement expressing uncertainty as to the timeline for the Logbook Trial, CHMC was well aware of the timeline and had already polled its clubs and had a positive response although some procedural matters were raised and sorted. CHMC was ready to make a submission. RMS confirmed that comments would be called for by 30 September 2017 with the review to be finalised in November.

- Processing of conditional registration at Service NSW offices: CHMC raised the issue of Service One staff training needing attention, citing examples of irregularities with Log Books and HVS and CVS registrations at Service NSW operations. CHMC clubs overwhelmingly supportive of Logbooks; reporting the average use per vehicle is 7 days annually. CHMC pointed out that there are a number of vehicles currently on HVS that should be on CVS. Should clear up where vehicles should be i.e. HVS or CVS. The HVS MOU would help the process.

RMS noted ACTIONS from the meeting:

1. 6 monthly meetings – CHMC to provide issues, agenda, workplan
2. Vehicle Standards Group – who is on the Group, Terms of Reference and its application to CHMC
3. CVS Industry Committee – MOU CVS

CHMC invited the RMS officers to attend the 2018 Annual Rally at Narrabri.
Meeting closed 11.50am.

The next meeting scheduled for Feb 23rd 2018