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## ***QHMC Bulletin 2018-1 Special Interest Vehicle Scheme***

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**To:** *QHMC Club Delegates and Affiliated Clubs*

**Subject:** *Special Interest Vehicle Scheme*

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WA has a Historic Registration Scheme similar to ours which allows club runs and road testing. One refinement of their scheme is the "Impromptu Event", which allows an individual club member to initiate a Club Run at short notice. In WA they are also known as "Single Vehicle Events". Doug found out about this and made representations to Qld's TMR about it.

TMR has now agreed to us having "Impromptu Events" here in Qld.

They advise that "the Department of Transport and Main Roads is happy for Queensland incorporated car clubs to manage "impromptu events" on a case by case basis, as long as the event is added to the incorporated clubs newsletter, website or social media page." They acknowledge it can be for "one or more" vehicles. (The full email is reproduced at the end of this Bulletin.)

This will give many of the benefits of a Log Book scheme without the restrictions and administrative burdens Log Books create for the member, club officials and Government.

It is up to individual clubs whether they want to participate in the scheme or not, and how they implement it.

In WA, clubs effect this in 2 ways:

1. By the member sending an email to the club which then goes on the website, or
2. By filling in an on-line form, which results in it becoming a listed event automatically. The form can be set up so a password is needed to access it.

In WA they do not have the option of it being listed on the Club's Social Media page.

In deciding how to implement this, clubs need to take security into account, as thieves can target residences when they can find out the owner is away.

This can be addressed in a number of ways. 2 possibilities are:

1. Password-protected online form and Events Page on the club website. There are 2 problems with passwords:
  - a. People forget them, and
  - b. They can be passed on to others.
2. By creating a closed-group Facebook Page for the club, only accessible to financial members, on which they can establish events. This can be by a Facebook post. The Facebook page manager invites members to join the page once they tell him their Facebook ID. If they don't pay their subs they are removed from the Group.

3. Where members choose not to have Facebook or Internet access, despite the inconvenience to the club's webmaster/Facebook page manager, they could ring up to have an event listed.

This will also allow club members in remote locations to use their cars more often, as well as shift workers and fly-in fly-out workers who are unable to attend organised club runs.

Some clubs are voluntarily limiting the number of Impromptu Events a member can initiate for each SIVS registered vehicle to 60 or 90 days a year, so they can be said to be using their vehicles no more than owners in the Log Book schemes in other States. Obviously Transport and Main Roads will be watching this carefully so let's not give them reason to change their attitude.

It needs to be stressed again that SIVS-registered vehicles cannot be used for commuting to and from work, as a work vehicle, or for hire or reward. That would void their insurance if an accident occurs. There is increasing use of automatic number plate recognition in police cars, on overpasses etc., and it won't be long before a press of one button will reveal the usage of a particular number plate. Frequent repeated use on one stretch of road will be detectable and in the event of a claim, insurers will look, as always, for any way to avoid liability.

This is a great privilege – let's not abuse it.

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Email from TMR to Doug Young on 19 November 2018

*Good Morning Doug,*

*Thank you for your email about Western Australia's concessional registration scheme for historic vehicles. Apologies for the delay in responding.*

*As you are aware, WA offers a registration concession to owners of Veteran, vintage, post vintage or invitational vehicles (referred to as a 404 concession). As part of the concession, WA places conditions to the vehicle licence, which restricts the use of the vehicle and this restricted use is reflected in the reduced registration fees and motor vehicle injury insurance premium payable. The restricted use that applies in WA is comparable to the conditions and restrictions that apply in Queensland.*

*As you have mentioned, the restricted vehicle use in WA includes impromptu events, which allows for vehicles participating in an impromptu event involving one or more vehicles may be acceptable provided the event is recorded in the clubs official run log. While the conditions and restrictions that apply in Queensland do not specially mention 'impromptu event', the Department of Transport and Main Roads is happy for Queensland incorporated car clubs to manage impromptu events on a case by case basis, as long as the event is added to the incorporated clubs newsletter, website or social media page.*

*I trust this information is of assistance.*

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