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NOTICE

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The Queensland Historic Motoring Council has received requests for information concerning the use of SIVS (Special Interest Vehicle) registered vehicles during the current Covid-19 - Corona Virus situation.

As you would know Australia is under travel and social gathering restrictions as outlined by the various State and National Governments with the common encouragement for everybody to stay at home unless absolutely necessary.

Travel is restricted to:-

- . Travel to and from work
- . For medical attention and care
- . For exercise
- . Travel to local retailers for groceries, medication etc.

There has been no update to the Queensland Government Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Guidelines on the use of vehicles registered under the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme (SIVS) during this time however members must abide by the current SIVS use-age guidelines and in accordance with the current Government regulations and restrictions regarding non essential travel and social distancing.

. Travel to events :- All historic vehicle related events have been cancelled until further notice so the use of a SIVS registered vehicle for a previously scheduled and or promoted event is prohibited.

. Direct travel to a place of repair or restoration. Mechanical workshops, tyre shops and other vehicle related repair businesses are still able to operate and as such the SIVS Guidelines allowed travel to and from a place of repair however it should be for essential repairs and you should make note of a booking time with the repairer should you be intercepted by police enroute there.

. Travel within 15 kilometres from place of garaging for vehicle maintenance. Many members are taking this time to perform work on their historic vehicle and a road drive of the vehicle is often necessary for general maintenance of a historic vehicle BUT whilst the TMR restriction is a 15 kilometre radius from place of garaging it is recommended that if you really need to drive the vehicle under such circumstances that due to current non essential travel restrictions that you limit such travel to the same suburb from place of garaging.

. Ceremonial purposes such as weddings and funerals involving immediate and de facto family members bearing in mind the current social distancing regulations which also restrict the number of persons able to attend such events at this present time.

The Queensland Historic Motoring Council supports efforts to safeguard the health of our citizens and seeks the support of all affiliated clubs and members to do likewise.

There has been much promotion about the crackdown by police on vehicle movement within these unprecedented times and it is believed that the use of historic vehicles in being recognised as recreational vehicles may give cause for police to intercept the vehicle and question the reason for travel and should a valid reason not be given then the driver and passengers may be subject to a fine up to \$1334 in Queensland.

The Queensland Historic Motoring Council encourages members to abide by the current restrictions during this crisis and so that their vehicles are ready for use again when this crisis is over to perform some preventative maintenance on their vehicles in storage by:-

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. Keeping the battery charged by either disconnecting same or use a trickle or maintenance charger to maintain full charge.

. Keep the tyres inflated to the recommended pressures and if the vehicle is stored on concrete place carpet mats or other material under the tyres or raise the vehicle off the ground by jack stands etc.

We also encourage people to reach out to fellow club members during this difficult time through telephone, email or social media to ensure they are ok and to share stories and information of their vehicles so as to keep the historic vehicle interest alive in the minds of all until we may use our historic vehicles once again.

We are in an unprecedented situation and as such are negotiating uncharted waters so the time line for the lifting of restricted travel and social distancing is unknown but we must work together for the benefit of all to bring Covid-19 Corona Virus under control so that we may return to some sense of normality with use of our historic vehicles at the earliest possible time.

Whilst it is disappointing that many of our favourite events have been cancelled it is important that we stay positive towards how we may showcase our vehicles when restrictions are lifted and in doing so we can together drive Australia's Motoring Heritage into the future.

We thank you for your support during these difficult times and will continue to update members as new information comes to hand.

Stay safe !

Acting President Carle Gregory and the Committee
Queensland Historic Motoring Council