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Council Communique

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Important information for NSW registered vehicles

Covid-19 changes to NSW Registration for Historic vehicles

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) have made a decision regarding transactions relating to Conditional registration.

During lockdown the Service NSW offices are on reduced staffing, and COVID limits on number of people in the office.

So, they have categorised transactions as "essential" and "non-essential" to keep transactions within safe and manageable levels

All conditional registration renewals have been classed as non-essential.

So, if your NSW Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS) or Classic Vehicle Scheme (CVS) vehicle is due for renewal during lockdown, you will not be able to renew.

Get your pink slip if you can, TfNSW have said they will accept them even past the validity period. Then wait until after lockdown.

If it is expired for three months you MIGHT need to do a new application form, but ACMC and its member organisations will discuss that with TfNSW if we have this restriction for past three months.

If your car doesn't expire during lockdown, then you can use it for allowed travel under the lockdown, subject to scheme and club guidelines.



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FIVA Survey results for Australia released

The Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens (FIVA), the world body for historic vehicles, has released is Socio Economic Historic Vehicle Survey based on the response received from 6511 historic vehicle evaluations.

Annual spending by owners

The average owner spent an estimated \$9700 per annum on the maintenance and running of their vehicles \$2500 in attending vehicle events —entry fees, accommodation, food etc. and a further \$600 on other items eg club membership, magazines.

This adds to a total of expenditure of \$12800 per owner per annum.

\$9700 direct expenditure includes - insurance, upkeep, repairs, storage, fuel, servicing and registration costs.

The total spend of \$12800 spend per annum includes direct spend plus all other related activities - event attendance, overnight accommodation.

Distance Travelled

On average 1146 kilometers is travelled per annum, motor cycles travelled 803 kilometers per annum.

The average car owner say they travel 2130 kilometers per annum.

Heritage and Culture

Forty-five per cent visit museum relating to historic vehicles each year and on average spend \$100 on entrance fees.

Ninety-one percent attend vehicle vents spending around \$2800 per annum -including 63% for over night accommodation on average of 5.3 nights per annum.

Owner Profile

The average age of an owner is 66 years with 57% retired and 62% of owners living in urban city settings and 23 % in rural areas.

Ninety-eight per cent, nearly all are club members.

Ninety-one per cent attend historic vehicle events for an average 7.8 events each year.

Less than 1:20 had an accident in their historic vehicle in 2019.

Facebook is the most frequently used social media platform with 60% of owner's members.

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The vehicle fleet

Eighty-one per cent cars

Eleven per cent motor cycles

Eight per cent other vehicle types – mopeds, commercial vehicle and ex-military vehicles.

There is a wide mix of marques including Jaguar, MG, Ford (USA), Holden, and Triumph. The average of vehicles is 62 years old.

Vehicle Values

The average value of the vehicle is \$57000, based on owners own value.

Club Profile

One hundred and sixty clubs responded to the FIVA survey.

The most concerning problems 69% of clubs foresee is the ability to use their vehicles on public roads, without stringent regulations.

A major concern was about the changing public perception and environmental considerations.

Thirty four per cent expressed concern about availability of fuel in the future.

More than half of the clubs are struggling to find new board members to help support the continued running of their club.

Club size

The average club has 278 members, although 20% can be defined as small with fewer than 50 members, 79% medium sized with (51-499 members) and 10 per cent as large (500+ members). 41 % are local or regional, in focus, one percent international, 6% as branch of a larger club and 11% national.

Most common type of vehicle category include passenger cars 91% vans 36%, trucks 33% military vehicles 28%.