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Dear Club Representative

I am writing this letter to the Presidents of all QHMC affiliated clubs. Would you please ensure your President receives it. Although many club delegates do a fine job in representing their club's needs at QHMC, I felt it was time to initiate occasional contact direct to the Presidents of our affiliated clubs, in order to stay in touch at executive committee level and to seek your specific response on a number of emerging issues.

During 2009 the former Queensland Combined Council of Historic Vehicle Clubs (QCCHVC) went through a consultation process with its clubs over several months. This culminated in a vote which overwhelmingly agreed to formally change the name to Queensland Historic Motoring Council (QHMC), effective in late June 2009. Although the old nickname of "Combined Council" was convenient, it meant nothing to anyone outside the historic vehicle movement. "Historic Motoring Council", by comparison is quite self-explanatory and I would ask that your club embraces the use of the new name.

Your QHMC management committee is currently made up of Vice-President: Val Sharp (Cadillac Club); Secretary: Richard Egglesfield (Bayside); Treasurer: Kevin Eeles (Citroen); TMR Liaison Officer: Rod Graydon (Sunbeam); and myself (Austin Club). This committee group will step down at the QHMC AGM in July 2010 and a new committee will be elected; we are currently seeking expressions of interest.

QHMC general meetings are in the uneven-numbered months and management committee meetings in the even-numbered months. Minutes from all meetings are dispatched promptly by our Secretary, mostly by email and also appear on our website. Should your club be experiencing any difficulty in receiving the minutes, please let me know. Attached to each month's minutes there is a 'Council News' segment which is designed for all or part of the segment to be cut and pasted into your club's magazine. I trust this works for you.

QHMC currently has approximately 100 affiliated historic vehicle clubs across Queensland. Many of our vehicles are registered under the Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) registration concession scheme. Queensland has approximately 15,000 SIV registered vehicles, of which around 1,375 are Veteran and Vintage. It is estimated that approximately 600 of that figure are Veterans. There are also countless club vehicles on full registration. Although not all historic vehicle clubs are affiliated, we estimate that QHMC represents a significant majority of vehicle numbers.

I strongly urge your club to ensure that is adequately represented at State level by the ***appointment of a delegate*** to QHMC. The delegate should be able to attend general meetings every two months and act on your instructions in order to advocate on your behalf. Your delegate can be either a member of your own club, or, if distance is an issue, you are free to appoint a delegate living in SE QLD who may well be a delegate from another club who can 'double' as your delegate. I can assist in the identification of a willing delegate should you require it. We rely on delegates to report back to their club committee and also for them to regularly seek instructions from their club committee thereby enabling them to represent club issues at the State level. Delegates routinely take information away from general meetings, but at times we experience an information vacuum caused by the lack of club-level or regional news being shared for the benefit of the wider movement. Information sharing is a 'two-way street' and club delegates are always encouraged to share their club news and views.

It is within this concept that I also now ask you to ***consider your requirements regarding the future direction of QHMC activities*** in order to foster and strengthen the historic vehicle movement. Please consider all issues affecting your club and the movement generally in Queensland, following which I would appreciate the benefit of your advice.

I invite you to visit our easily navigated website at [www.qhmc.org.au](http://www.qhmc.org.au)

We are seeking expressions of interest from our affiliated clubs to ***host the 2012 RACQ HMC Rally***.....anywhere in Queensland. Also, the AGM provides all clubs and their members with the opportunity to nominate for QHMC committee and I would encourage your members ***to consider QHMC committee for 2010/11***.

I have attached an annex to this letter with QHMC general information which you may find useful.

With warm regards, I look forward to receiving your response to the above highlighted issues at your convenience. Please reply to [secretary@qhmc.org.au](mailto:secretary@qhmc.org.au) and your email will be directed to me by the Secretary.

*David James*

**David James**  
President

**Annex A:** QHMC President's notes. January 2010.

**ANNEX A TO  
QHMC PRESIDENT'S LETTER  
DATED 11 JAN 2010**

**Queensland Historic Motoring Council**

**QHMC Objective and Role**

1. QHMC's objective is to foster interest in the preservation of Australia's motoring heritage by promoting and supporting our affiliated clubs and the use of our members' vehicles. I see our role as working towards achieving the above objective by working with our national body, Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF), by circulating information to assist the development of clubs and the wider movement, by encouraging cooperation between affiliated clubs, by advocating on behalf of our clubs at all levels, by promoting affiliated clubs' events, by acting as a liaison body between the movement and the general public, and by engaging senior policy staff at Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) when necessary with regard to motor vehicle registration issues and difficulties in relation to our historic vehicles and, in particular, issues regarding the Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) registration concession scheme.

**Dating Certificates**

2. Toward the end of 2008, we recognized a problem with dating certificates generally. TMR requires a dating certificate when initially issuing SIV concessional registration. Previously there was not a specific format for a dating certificate, which led to TMR counter staff issues and consequent delays in registering vehicles in some regions. QHMC produced a thoroughly revised format dating certificate after consulting widely with our affiliated clubs. TMR was asked for its particular requirements and in the end we arrived at a mutually agreed version. We commend it to you for your club's use.

**QHMC Constitution and Operations Handbook**

3. During 2009, our Secretary modernised the QHMC constitution to align it with the new Queensland Government rules for incorporated bodies. At the same time, we published a 70 page Operations Handbook incorporating everything a committee needs to know in order to operate not only the Council, but also any affiliated club. The primary reason for the development of the Operations Handbook has been to assist our affiliated clubs. It is also our point of reference for everything we do at Council level. The massive task of researching and producing the handbook is evidence of this year's Secretary's unwavering commitment to keeping QHMC current, focused and relevant.

**Public Liability Insurance**

4. This year we continued our practice of identifying affordable, quality public liability insurance prior to renewal time and pass the required information on to you so that your club could make its own decision.

### **Liaison with TMR**

5. Our good working relationship with TMR continues with regular quarterly liaison meetings conducted with the TMR policy staff. Additional focused liaison undertaken by our TMR Liaison Officer has further enhanced that relationship. Club viewpoints for the enhancement of current registration arrangements are always welcome.

### **Australian Historic Motoring Federation**

6. AHMF is made up of Councils from all States and Territories. QHMC has been prominent in its contribution to agenda items at the 2009 AHMF AGM with the majority of our recommendations being approved. As a result, with revised business protocols adopted at the AHMF AGM in September 2009, we will be receiving a half yearly update of AHMF matters this coming year, followed by each State and Territory being given a clear opportunity to contribute to the national agenda. It is anticipated that the agenda for the 2010 AHMF AGM will be available by July 2010 to allow for timely discussion at State and Territory level.

### **RACQ HMC Rally**

7. Up until 2009, the Council had sponsored the CC Rally each year which is normally held on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June. In 2008, RACQ came on board with sponsorship funding and in return was granted naming rights to the event. The rally became known as RACQ CC Rally. As of the 2010 event, the rally name reflects the Council's name change and is now known as RACQ HMC Rally. We need our clubs to consider running future HMC rallies. The Council provides a sponsorship payment to the organising club to assist in commencing its planning and the major sponsor also provides generous sponsorship funding. The 2010 event will be conducted and hosted by the Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club (BVVC) from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June in and around Bundaberg with the theme *It's Magic*, and is open to all your members and their vehicles. Interstate visitors are also most welcome. Entrants can write to BVVC at P.O. Box 1420 Bundaberg QLD 4670 or email the organising committee at [ianjefferies@bigpond.com](mailto:ianjefferies@bigpond.com)

### **National Motoring Heritage Day**

8. The third Sunday of May is on the calendar to stay. We have fully supported the AHMF initiative of National Motoring Heritage Day (NMHD) since its inception in 2007. We encourage our affiliated clubs to conduct local events in order to get the vehicles out and about and seen by the wider community on the day. This can be as simple as a club day run, or can involve other historic or heritage organizations in the region. Local press releases work well to keep the local community interested. A number of clubs around the nation have taken up the NMHD concept and run with it in their own way and they are to be commended for doing so. We are always on the lookout for ways to raise the profile of the historic vehicle movement and NMHD events conducted widely across the State is one way of achieving this. Please make your NMHD plans known.

### **Country Regional Liaison**

9. Last year, we initiated country regional liaison visits by having a member of the management committee visit a country region to mix with the local members of the movement and to address any burning issues from the country member clubs. To date we

have been to Far North Queensland and have two further visits requested for other areas. We would like to conduct country liaison visits as often as required. Annual invitational rallies are an ideal venue for these visits.

### **Historic Vehicle Museums**

10. Queensland does not have the benefit of public car museums and the club movement relies on word-of-mouth information to seek out the committed private individuals who have established their own private collections. We need to develop ways to inform affiliated clubs of such collections so that small club group visits can be undertaken by prior arrangement with the owners of such collections. I invite you to share any museum details with the QHMC committee.

### **Open Invitations to attend Club Runs**

11. Some of our clubs conduct runs on an 'open invitation to all' basis. Last year we encouraged our club delegates to nominate one of their runs annually where they specifically extended an open invitation to all Council-affiliated clubs to a run on a particular date. This is an easy way of getting like-minded people together where the only expense is the reproduction of a few extra run sheets. Some of our clubs have been inviting *specific clubs* to their runs for years, but the concept of general open invitations on day runs has not yet caught on. We encourage your club's involvement in the concept.

### **Midweek Runs**

12. I note that some clubs already conduct midweek runs and as more of our members reach retirement age, we can expect to see more of these opportunities. We encourage our clubs to provide as many run events as they can manage, in order to keep our old vehicles running well and the added bonus of getting like-minded club members together.

### **QHMC Delegates**

13. We need your delegate to attend the QHMC general meetings every two months, and to then report back to your club committee and seek further instructions, and for them to ensure that the Council News segment finds its way to your club magazine. We can then confidently advocate on behalf of all clubs at State and Federal levels as required.

### **Registration Fees for Veteran Vehicles**

14. Is there a need to work towards a reduction of registration and associated fees for Veteran vehicles? If you have Vets in your club, or if you have an opinion or suggestion, please provide direction to QHMC on the matter.

*David James*

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President  
QHMC