



September MOCC meeting report

The QMSC was represented at the Motoring Organisations and Car Clubs meeting convened by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) in Brisbane on September 9. Unlike previous meetings, Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) registration was not a major topic, although it was noted that the Victorian logbook scheme is being tightened up due to problems. This includes more stringent requirements on modified vehicles, which will be specially identified using an 'M' series license plate. By contrast, DTMR made it clear that their objective was to keep the QLD scheme simple, and not increase workload or cost for themselves, clubs or owners.

We were shown samples of the proposed smaller SIV 'S' plate, using the US size base. It is currently undergoing testing prior to release, and has the S and 5 digits as in the current series. Small motorcycle size numerals are used. The plates will fit most imported vehicles, avoiding the need for cutting or bending.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition has just been introduced in the state. Fixed and mobile devices are used, enabling a fully automated detection, analysis and fine-issuing process. ANPR will also enable detection of misuse of SIV registered vehicles, for example frequent week-day use that is clearly not related to the guidelines. There will be hundreds of cameras in operation and a profile of your usage can be built up quickly.

DTMR were pleased with the results of their display at the RACQ Motorfest on July 13. Most questions from the public were in the area of modifications. QMSC provided a list of major enthusiast events for the next three months for potential DTMR participation.

QMSC raised a number of topics that its members had asked for representation on. We asked for an update on the Discussion Paper on Road Rules for Motorcycles (see e-Bulletin 8). This is progressing, with particular reference being made to the NSW situation, where some of the proposed changes were implemented on July 1. An announcement is likely by the end of the year. An update was also requested on the Federal moves to review the Motor Vehicle Standards Act, which governs all vehicle importing into Australia. A discussion paper has just been released, with public submissions welcome until late October. The document is available for download at : http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/mv_standards_act/files/MVSA-Options_Discussion_Paper.pdf. This is a significant issue which the QMSC will be analysing and participating in.

We also raised a common complaint about the need for a 'plain English' version of the Road Rules and their associated fines and points penalties. DTMR are already in this process and we will advise as these guides are released. It is important to note that the State Government requires DTMR to remove 20% of the volume of legislation that it is responsible for. Some of this will come from the Road Rules. This is even harder now considering that a new section had to be added recently for the Gold Coast Trams.

Technical issues were also raised, including the 100mm ground clearance requirements, which will be the subject of a future e-Bulletin. The next MOCC meeting is scheduled for early December. The Minutes of the September meeting will be posted online soon.



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