



December MOCC meeting report

QMSC was part of the Motoring Organisations and Car Clubs meeting convened by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) in Brisbane on December 9. Outlined below are some highlights.

- ▶ Karen Lehr of Transport's Safety Unit briefed participants on current road safety initiatives, in line with the Road Safety Action Plan 2013-2015 (<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/~media/Safety/roadsafety/Strategy%20and%20action%20plans/roadsafetyactionplan.pdf>)).

Rather than the 'shock' tactics of the past, the approach is now more participative, with the community being involved to produce a wider ownership of the subject. For example, major corporations with road fleets are being partnered with to help achieve better outcomes in their companies.

There are also opportunities for involvement by 'road safety supporter organisations' which can include car clubs and groups. It was noted that, even though the annual road toll has declined to just under 250, the injuries from accidents each year are remaining constant at around 6000 (<http://jointhedriver.qld.gov.au/>).

- ▶ Transport asked whether the green and white standard issue plates could be added to the acceptable plates for SIV registered vehicles. Vehicles with these plates are now entering the 30 year bracket (plates being issued from 1977 to 2001). They advised the plates would have to be in acceptable condition and no option is available to remanufacture them. Currently, your original pre-1977 black and white plates are acceptable for SIV registration as an alternative to S plates or PPQ personalised plates. This was agreed as a worthwhile historic initiative and will be implemented. Also on the subject of SIV plates, the US-size S plates have now passed all necessary testing, and are in the final stages of approval. These should be rolled out soon.

- ▶ In very good news for motorcycle enthusiasts, the submission on Motorcycle issues covering Road Rule 271 (foot pegs), lane filtering and helmets has now been completed. Changes will be applicable from 1 February 2015. Full details are now online at <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Queensland-road-rules/Motorcycle-road-rules.aspx>.

- ▶ Transport advised of changes to the certification of newly imported vehicles built before 1989. From 1 October, duplication has been removed with pre-ADR (1969) vehicles; now only requiring a safety certificate for registration and no longer certification by an Approved Person (blue plate).

1969 to 1988 vehicles will require a blue plate with code LO1 (previously LO8) <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/~media/Safety/Vehicle%20standards%20and%20modifications/Vehicle%20standards/Vehicle%20standards%20instructions/L260.pdf>.

The following November change in motorcycle mudguard requirements could also be of interest to members (<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/~media/Safety/Vehicle%20standards%20and%20modifications/Vehicle%20standards/Vehicle%20standards%20instructions/VSIM4motorcyclermudguards.pdf>).

The next MOCC meeting will be on 10 March. The Minutes of the December meeting can be viewed at <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Registration/Registering-vehicles/The-special-interest-vehicle-concession.aspx>.



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