



## March 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 March 10. Following are some highlights :

From Monday, March 16, new smaller S plates will be available for use on vehicles in the Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) scheme. These plates use the US size baseplate, and will be more suitable for a range of imported vehicles compared to the existing S plates, which are actually longer than standard issue plates. Around 50% of the SIV population currently use S plates, the others a range of PPQ products. The price for the new smaller plates will be the same as the longer plates at \$28 a set. This provides a good opportunity to improve the presentation of your imported vehicle by replacing your cut or bent S plates with something that fits. A new number combination will be supplied. Not all Transport Customer Service Centres will have both types from the start date, but they will be able to order them in. Meanwhile, plans to make the green and white standard issue plates (issued from 1977 to 2001) acceptable for the SIV scheme are also progressing.

QMSC brought up a number of topics under the heading of Safety Initiatives. This stemmed from the last meeting's safety presentation, particularly looking at ways in which the MOCC members could assist DTMR in achieving its objectives. We raised issues relating to driver attitudes, and a particular need to remind enthusiast vehicle owners to consider time-based replacements of perishable components on their seldom-used vehicles. We are still very concerned about the area of vehicle modifications, and to this end we are proposing a new means of liaison, whereby enthusiasts who have significantly modified vehicles can volunteer to assist others (particularly younger enthusiasts) in following the correct technical and administrative processes in properly modifying their vehicles. Meanwhile, DTMR will be having trade stands at some of the larger SE Queensland car events in future months, to improve opportunities for enthusiasts to ask questions. We'll keep you informed about our proposed initiatives in this area.

Don't forget that the new motorcycle road rule amendments were implemented on 1 February, allowing greater freedoms. Full information on these is available at <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Queensland-road-rules/Changes-to-road-rules.aspx> <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Vehicle-standards-and-modifications/Vehicle-standards/Vehicle-standards-instructions.aspx> may also be worth reviewing to update your knowledge on a variety of modification topics.

The next MOCC meeting will be held in early June.

## QMSC event calendar - full of events to enjoy

The QMSC calendar certainly hasn't petered out. This one-stop calendar for all motoring enthusiasts has over 300 future events listed with more being added frequently. Clicking each event title opens up a new window with more details, often including a link to another website or Facebook page. Please spread the word - this is the only event calendar worth looking at for the maximum number of options on any weekend. Click <http://qmsc.org.au/index.php/event-calendar> and see what we mean!



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