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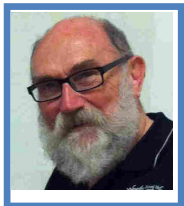
Representing those Western Australian Historic Motoring Clubs, that choose to foster the restoration and preservation of their marques of vehicle, to government and the wider community in conjunction with the AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC MOTORING FEDERATION (AHMF)

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This issue is dedicated solely to Code 404 topics

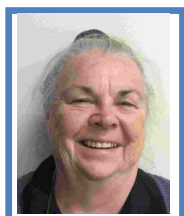
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CODE 404

Seat Belts.

In Australia, front-seat seat belts became compulsory in 1969, and belts were required on all seats by 1971. It's also been compulsory to wear a seat belt since 1971.

Prior to 1969 most vehicles were manufactured without seat belt mounting points. However some were, particularly those imported vehicles where the fitment of seat belts was compulsory in the country of origin. For instance in 1963 California had front seat belt laws and so the majority of US manufactured vehicles had factory fitted mounting points to the front seat area.

In regard to WA there is no legal requirement for a vehicle manufactured prior to 1969 without seat belt mounting points to have seat belts installed. There has been recent anecdotal evidence of the new breed of private AIS examiners requiring vehicles to have seat belts fitted that were not designed to have them. There appears to be a lack of understanding or even training of these AIS to follow the rules set out in the Department of Transport (DoT) business rules that each and every stakeholder has access to.

There are times when an owner may wish to fit seat belts to a suitable vehicle in order to take children or grandchildren for a ride in an older vehicle. **BE CAREFUL:** any fitment of seat belts to any vehicle that did not have them fitted at the factory **MUST** be engineer designed and fitted by an appropriately licensed person or organisation. Failure to do so could be catastrophic should the vehicle be involved in an accident where serious injury or death occurred. You could literally "Lose your House".

Children and seat belts

Children aged 0 to 6 months must be restrained in a rearward facing child restraint (e.g. infant capsule).

Children aged 6 months to under 4 years should be restrained in either a rearward or forward facing child restraint with in-built harness.

Children aged 4 years to under 7 years should be restrained in either a forward-facing child restraint or a booster seat restrained by a correctly adjusted and fastened seat belt or child safety harness.

Within our concession there are **NO** circumstances where a child aged up to 7 can ride unrestrained in any vehicle.

Children 7 –16 may ride unrestrained in the rear seat of a vehicle not fitted with seatbelts however they must not ride unrestrained in the front seat of a vehicle unless all seat spaces in the rear have been filled by same age children.

Please Note: where ever a seat belt is fitted it must be occupied before riding in any other unrestrained seat. i.e. The situation we had before where some vehicles have front seat belts and not rear belts. In this case any child aged 7-16 must occupy the front seat before riding unrestrained in the rear.

Other Code 404 issues

Be aware of your responsibilities and your rights in regard to licensing under this concession. Recently a member wishing to licence a 1957 vehicle was required by the AIS to fit windscreen washers. He did so as it was easier than arguing with the examiner. **NOT REQUIRED.** Our concession only requires that the vehicle comply with the standard at which the vehicle was built. Owners may add period accessories and there are some minor modifications that owners may undertake as detailed in the Code 404 Concession Handbook.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Code 404 Delegate Maurice Davin is retiring due to ill health but has updated the magazine with the following. Also the new CMC1 form will be posted on the website.

The new CMC 1 form now clearly and separately addresses both the club membership status of the vehicle owner and the vehicle unmodified compliance. It also allows the club involved to authorise a knowledgeable person to sign off that a vehicle is unmodified in circumstances where the Registrar may not be familiar with the vehicle concerned.

The latest edits to the Code 404 Information Booklet include:

- Clause 1, page 5. Removal of reference to a Statutory Declaration from the Introduction;
- Clause 8, page 11. Clarify that impromptu events are over a one-day period;
- Clause 15.1, page 15. Insert new wording for Condition 089; (see licence papers)
- Clause 8.1, page 12 and Clause 20, page 17. Clarify that any suitably licensed driver may drive a vehicle on a test drive; and
- Insertion of the new CMC 1 form at page 24.

There will be a number of handbooks available at the June meeting that will have an insert of the amendments. These are the original booklets with the blue cover and A5 in size.

FEEDBACK

The CMC welcomes your response on the information provided in these Bulletins. Suggestions for topics to be included that clubs and members may put forward are also welcomed.



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CALENDAR of EVENTS

2019 2019 2019 2019 2019

2018

May	5	VCC 60th Anniversary Luncheon
	19	National Motoring Heritage Day
	19	British Car Day - Gingin
	26	Classic Cars and Coffee. #3 Carpark, Hackett Drive UWA. 8.30am - 10.30am. \$10 per car
June	16	Classic Cars and Coffee. #3 Carpark, Hackett Drive UWA. 8.30am - 10.30am. \$10 per car
	16	VCC Winter Rally
	17	Council of Motoring Clubs General Meeting, 8pm Bassendean Community Hall
July	7	American Day Independence Run. American Car Club
	21	Classic Cars and Coffee. #3 Carpark, Hackett Drive UWA. 8.30am - 10.30am. \$10 per car
August	19	Council of Motoring Clubs Annual General Meeting, 8pm Bassendean Community Hall
	25	Classic Cars and Coffee. #3 Carpark, Hackett Drive UWA. 8.30am - 10.30am. \$10 per car
September	1	York Motor Show
	22	Classic Cars and Coffee. #3 Carpark, Hackett Drive UWA. 8.30am - 10.30am. \$10 per car
October	6	Rotary Club of Como, Classic Car Display. Wesley College
	20	Classic Cars and Coffee. #3 Carpark, Hackett Drive UWA. 8.30am - 10.30am. \$10 per car
	21	Council of Motoring Clubs General Meeting, 8pm Bassendean Community Hall
November	17	Classic Cars and Coffee. #3 Carpark, Hackett Drive UWA. 8.30am - 10.30am. \$10 per car
	24	Celebration of the Motor Car. Cottesloe Civic Centre
December	29	Classic Cars and Coffee. #3 Carpark, Hackett Drive UWA. 8.30am - 10.30am. \$10 per car

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