

***Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia***  
**Incorporating Alice Springs Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc**

# **CENTRE SPOKE**

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## **Motor Enthusiast Club Central Australia Inc.**

### **Presidents Report**

**February 2014.**

Hi every one.

We had a great turnout to our breakfast meeting at Hungry Jacks. Whilst some of us had to wait a while to get our food, it is always a nice way to get the year started. We had two guests and future members attend.

I would like to welcome Les and Julie Smith back to the club. They have been out of town working for some time but now taken up permanent residence back in Alice. We will surely benefit from their knowledge and help in the future.

On a sad note we will be saying good bye to Coralie and Chris Boyd, and their Woolsley. Chris and Coralie have been a big help with club. They will be missed by us all, and I wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

Coralie had filled a new position in the club, as registrar, monitoring vehicles registered on club plates. This resulted from the changes passed at the AGM relating to those members with vehicles registered through our club. Those members, or their spouses, (who also legally part own the vehicle), will now have to attend three club meetings, or events to get their vehicle re-registered on club plates. Coralie has put in a lot of effort getting a system going which will allow better monitoring of this very important part of our club. Thank you very much for the hard work Coralie.

I shall be circulating the petition on behalf of the NTMC again this meeting for those who did not get to sign it at Hungry Jacks. The letter explaining the petition follows this report.

We have prepared the calendar for this year. Some dates may need moving, however I want to keep as close to these dates as possible, to avoid future confusion. We shall be visiting the RFDS facility at the airport as an activity after the March meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Coralie for organising this. After the RFDS visit members are invited to a bar-b-que, the location will be advised at the meeting. Please bring your own meat and a salad to share. Let's hope that the weather is nice to us.

Safe motoring.  
Tim.

## Calendar for 2014

9<sup>th</sup> March- Meeting at the Masonic Hall at 9am. Then a tour over the RFDS airport facility, followed by a short drive and bar-b-que.

13<sup>th</sup> of April- Motoring gymkhana. Destination and starting time to be advised.

11<sup>th</sup> May- General meeting at the Masonic Hall, starting at 9am.

18<sup>th</sup> May- Vehicle run for the National Motoring Day. The location is still pending.

8<sup>th</sup> June- General meeting with an activity to be advised.

13<sup>th</sup> July- General meeting with an activity to be advised.

10<sup>th</sup> August- General meeting with an activity to be advised. This date will clash with Bathurst and will be discussed, and possibly moved to a more appropriate date, at the next Committee meeting.

14<sup>th</sup> August- The veteran rally will be going through Alice Springs and we expect to be doing an activity with them.

14<sup>th</sup> September- General meeting with an activity to be advised.

12<sup>th</sup> October- AGM followed by a club activity to be advised.

All meetings are held at the Masonic Hall, Allchurch St. starting at 9.00am, unless advised.



The President / Secretary

Dear Sir / Madam

There is a process to be followed, to sell a motor vehicle to an overseas purchaser. Many historic vehicles have already left Australia and evidence suggests the process is not being followed in the vast majority of cases.

Legislation to cover this situation is the Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act, which was enacted to protect an illustration of Australia's past in a number of areas, including transport.

Both NSW State Councils – Council of Heritage Motor Clubs and Council of Motor Clubs – agree this legislation requires the support of the historic vehicle movement and possibly an effort needs to be made to re-examine how, and if, the current process actually works, and how it is understood by the population, in particular those thinking of selling a vehicle overseas.

We seek the support of the State & Territory bodies, clubs and individuals. You are encouraged to gather signatures of those who agree with the sentiments expressed on the head of the petition sheets. Signatories can be club members, their family members, or complete outsiders who agree with the sentiments expressed.

Attached is the petition, with two separate headings. The first page (*commencing with, "To the honourable ...."*) is essential at the front of all; the second page (*commencing with, "To the speaker ...."*) is adequate for all subsequent pages (2, 3, etc). Both pages, with their headings, are required and must be a part of the petition. A sheet without the appropriate headings will not be accepted by the government.

Please pass this petition, along with a copy of this letter (or a similar letter from your state or territory council) to all member clubs to pass on to all club members.

The Principal Petitioner is Wendy Muddell OAM, Curator of Australian Motorlife Museum in Wollongong, (a member of both NSW Councils). Wendy has advised, any costs and resources in this matter are being picked up by the Australian Motorlife Museum at Wollongong.

The goal is not to prevent all exports; the goal is to have workable legislation for the protection of Australia's Motoring Heritage, which will see Australia's history representative of this colourful phase of our past. So much has been lost already.

If you have any questions regarding this petition, please contact Wendy Muddell on phone 02 4228 7048 or mobile 0408 211 844

Yours truly

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