



Federation

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FEDERATION COMMITTEE REPORT TO MEMBER CLUBS

To be read to Members and included in your newsletter.

Dear Members,

There has been much discussion in recent months around issues affecting the historic vehicle movement, including the future role of representative groups. The Federation Committee meeting and Delegates meeting has just been held in Maryborough and from this we wish to communicate some important matters.

Since 1970, Federation has worked tirelessly to further the aims of the historic vehicle movement. Quarterly meetings are held around the State, which gives all Clubs the opportunity to attend, to discuss items, promote activities, acknowledge milestones, share and resolve matters of concern, and be advised of national events and concerns. Refreshments are provided at no cost to the Delegates present, as well as a financial contribution to the host Club.

Federation remains active in the support of grass roots motoring, running five free picnic days across the State with prizes allocated on participation to encourage attendance and enable interaction with other Clubs. More recently we were delighted to be able to support the Motorshow of Support in Warrnambool to raise funds for those affected by the fires. We have run and still do major statewide tours each year, alternating between the Federation Tours for all with vehicles up to 25 years old, and the Golden Oldies Tour for Vintage vehicles.

Oscar Wilde's quote of "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery" certainly applies here given the number of Tours that have been created since.

From these Tours Federation has donated over \$10,000 to Cancer research as we know this touches everybody.

Federation has conducted the world class Bendigo Swap Meet for over 40 years. This provides vital funds to support the ongoing work of the movement, distributing funds to Clubs who provide volunteers, together with providing trophies for your Club's invitation events, and financial assistance via Capital Grants to further your Club with long lasting benefits.

Federation has also organised Australia Day in Melbourne for 40 years from the early days of the Cavalcade through to the static display in the gardens until recent restrictions have made it unviable.

With no remuneration paid to officers or staff, no offices to maintain, all work is being done voluntarily, because we are all part of the movement and don't seek any personal benefit. Federation has had no trouble filling positions on committee. All this has allowed your Club's subscription to remain at a very low rate of just \$100.

Federation is a foundation member of the Australian Historic Motoring Federation which is made up of nine councils from all States and Territories that meet to discuss issues affecting or enhancing the movement on a national basis.

Federation has provided Presidents and Secretaries over many years as well as financial support when necessary. We currently have two Committee representatives as trustees of the Robert Shannon Trust, and two Committee people helping with the 2020 National event in Albury and helping to run this national body.

Federation has always looked to national issues that affect us all. Some other representative bodies have not participated in the last 4 meetings, three of which were phone meetings and one in person at the Bendigo Swap.

At the AGM of the AHMF held in August it was resolved the AHMF would write a letter of support for the removal of Luxury Car Tax on the importation of vehicles older than 25 years. AHMF were also seeking support of the 9 councils, together with a financial contribution. Only 2 councils supported in this manner and Federation opted to not provide any financial support, given the small numbers affected. Some members in Victoria and Queensland have voiced their concerns with Federation not individually supporting this campaign, however we were prepared to stay with the AHMF support as obviously were the 6 other councils who took the same view. There was no mention from Delegates or a motion of support or opposition at any of the more recent Federation meetings.

We enjoy a good relationship with VicRoads, have been involved in the reviews of the Club Permit Scheme, have regular consultations when needs arise and are in discussions about pending issues. We are constantly protecting the scheme and providing details of vehicles not being used in the spirit. Certainly we had concerns over the 5 year review of the CPS and our concerns then are the ones we are all dealing with now.

Regretfully there seems to be rumours and discussions in some clubs and sectors that there should only be one overall group representing the movement in Victoria. Presently there is the ASRF, CAMS, AOMC and Federation, these bodies work in differing manners to support all Cubs throughout the State. Surely no one organisation has all the answers, and expectation of this is not reasonable, however Federation has recently been targeted on matters, including some Clubs who have used their President's Reports to criticise and mock Federation without any appreciation or understanding, and with limited knowledge other than hearsay or inaccurate third party information.

In the future Federation still has a lot to do. We will continue with the Picnic days, continue with the Bendigo Swap, Federation Tours, the 2020 AHMF Tour, and holding Delegates Meetings across the State.

We will continue to meet with other State bodies and VicRoads on matters affecting the movement, but most importantly we will be there at grass roots level, and continue to work on your behalf for the benefit of all members to ensure the best outcome for all the movement, supporting the historic vehicle movement and assisting your Club as we have done for nearly 50 years.

With all of this in mind, we look forward to your continuing participation and support.

Do we have the support of your Club and members for Federation?