



THE DINKUM OIL #37

A drop from the Council of Heritage Motor Clubs to keep you going.

KEY POINTS FROM CHMC DELEGATES MEETING - 21 March 2026

REPORTS SUMMARY

- **President:** Will not be seeking re-election at the October AGM.
- **Secretary:** CHMC PO Box at Queanbeyan to be closed.
- **Treasurer:** Car clubs are not tax-exempt, most should pay 25% tax on assessable income (bank interest, swap meet revenue). Member fees/related expenses under mutuality are not taxable. A tax agent is recommended when club tax returns are challenging
- **Registrar:** CHMC has 95 clubs, with 8,170 members and 10,798 vehicles. 2 more clubs welcomed at meeting: Highway 1 Motoring Club and Coalfield Classic Vehicle Club.
- **Youth Awards:** 4 inspiring applications received, nominated by their CHMC clubs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Next Meeting:** Delegates & AGM, 24 October 2026 – Armidale Bowling Club.
- **2027 CHMC Rally:** Hunter Valley region; details being confirmed.

TFNSW LIAISON – KEY COMPLIANCE POINTS

- **Log Book Recommendation:** Recommended by all 4 peak bodies. Misinterpretation of Club Runs (Code G094) is the most reported compliance issue for HVS & CVS in NSW.
- **Form 1259:** It is a criminal offence to stamp and sign an ineligible vehicle, i.e. creating a false document to a public authority. Club officers and vehicle operator share equal liability.
- **Eligibility Committees are essential:** Vehicle eligibility is the club's responsibility. AIS only checks roadworthiness - the club confirms age, model and eligibility. Clubs must be able to prove they have sound practices in approving vehicles for conditional registration.
- **VSI 6:** The essential guide for all club scrutineers, eligibility committees and committees.

PRESENTATIONS SUMMARY

- **TFNSW – Matt Cafe, Manager Partnerships: VSI 6 & Seatbelt Guidelines** (VSI 6 updating to include new seatbelt retrofit pathways for pre-ADR vehicles).
- **Registration Compliance Crackdowns:** TFNSW and Police targeting non-compliant registrations, clubs not sighting vehicles, and suspected daily-use of historic vehicles.
- **Non-Compliant Vehicles:** Tractors and non-compliant ex-military vehicles cannot access new HVS registrations (only renewals) pending their own schemes, their on-road use not supported due to safety concerns; TFNSW still consulting with relevant sectors.
- **"Fit and Proper" Club Checks:** Stricter requirements coming for maintaining and forming clubs.
- **"Back to Basics" Vision:** Genuine club culture - meetings, social events and real club runs. Historic rego must not be used as an easier or cheaper registration pathway.
- **Peter Wright: CHMC Registration Resource** Introduced updated CHMC guide which includes processing procedures, vehicle eligibility and inspections, imported vehicles, kit cars, Fact & Vehicle Sheets, brake testing and mudguard requirements.
- **Peter Wright: Updating Club Governance** Covered Fair Trading NSW, Transport NSW and ATO obligations. Clubs must hold an AGM, lodge annual FairTrading returns, maintain proper registers, and align their constitutions with the NSW Incorporations Act. Non-compliance may result in de-registration and loss of Approved Club status with TFNSW.

All clubs will receive copies of Meeting Minutes, Reports, and the Vehicle Registration Resource

More information - Council's website: www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au Facebook: [@CHMCNSW](https://www.facebook.com/CHMCNSW)

