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QUEENSLAND HISTORIC MOTORING COUNCIL (Inc) **QHMC BULLETIN 1 of 2013**

To: QHMC Club Delegates and Affiliated Clubs
Subject: Queensland Motoring Councils

QHMC has been approached by two recently formed Councils/Confederations which are each, individually and separately, moving towards setting themselves up as 'umbrella' groups representing broad sections of the wider motoring hobby. They are Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs Qld (ACMC (Qld)) and Queensland Motorised Sports Council (QMSC).

Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs (Qld):

On 5th February this year, a delegation of 10 QHMC committee members and ordinary delegates who attended by open invitation the first ACMC (Qld) meeting in order to observe and report back to our clubs. Other groups represented were the Australian Street Rod Federation, the Street Machine group, four wheel drive clubs, a proposed motorsport venue representative, plus a cross section of representatives of individual clubs which cater for all vehicle types and thus are not affiliated with other State-level representative groups such as QHMC, as well as individuals. The main agenda items of the meeting were the formation and incorporation of the ACMC (Qld) branch and consideration of a submission to the Queensland Government regarding the proposed 'Hoon' laws.

ACMC NSW has been established since around late 2011 and is NSW based. In NSW it grew out of discontent with the NSW government on the part of motoring hobbyists. The ACMC goal is to represent enthusiasts in order to consult with government, industry and other motoring organisations. ACMC NSW has appointed Mr Alan Hay as Patron. Mr Hay will be standing for the Senate at the next Federal election. Also ACMC NSW has established a line of communication with the NSW Minister for Roads and Ports as well as officers of the NSW Transport Department.

The ACMC NSW website is - <http://www.confederationofmotorclubs.org.au/>

The interim committee working on the incorporation of ACMC (Qld) is headed by Sharyn Littler and at present ACMC (Qld) discussion coverage is only on the Warrior Films web site, Grunt Files, which Sharyn edits. - <http://www.gruntfiles.com.au/>

The founding members of the ACMC (Qld) committee have invited QHMC to join ACMC (Qld) as a member group. Your QHMC committee has made no commitment.

Queensland Motorised Sports Council (QMSC):

Concurrently, we are also observing Queensland Motorised Sports Council (QMSC) which was formed around early 2012. QHMC was invited to affiliate with QMSC at that time but was busy with our seat belt issue, so the QMSC issue was put on hold. I attended an information session at Qld Raceway on 16th February. Items discussed were the aims and objectives of QMSC, groups and clubs attracted to QMSC, what QMSC offers in return, and the Hoon laws. I will be reporting my observations back to the QHMC extraordinary GM on 28th Feb 2013.

The QMSC web site is - <http://qmsc.org.au/> . Following the information session, some of the information on the QMSC website is being updated and this should be completed by February 22.

QMSC has invited QHMC to join QMSC as a member group. No commitment has been made.

General Comments:

Is there a limit to the number of State-based representative 'councils' which can be formed and yet still remain cohesive and credible? Credibility is key to successful relationships with government departments and ministers. QHMC has represented the 'historic vehicle' component of the wider motoring hobby for decades now and has successfully done so in a moderate and measured manner. ACMC (Qld) is untested but says it will be representing 'all facets' of the wider motoring hobby. QMSC appears to have adopted a business-like approach to matters and also declares that it represents all facets of motor sports and hobbies.

At the January meeting it was voted to convene the extraordinary QHMC general meeting on 28th Feb 2013 to receive and consider the committee's report on both ACMC (Qld) and QMSC, to discuss the issues involved. No decision will be made without consulting all QHMC-affiliated clubs.

While every club will be sent as much information on this as possible, all delegates are urged to attend this meeting. If anyone has any questions please contact me and I will endeavour to answer or obtain an answer. All clubs must be fully informed before any decision is made.

I strongly recommend that you familiarise yourself with the content of the sites mentioned above.

I stress that no final decision will be made at this meeting.

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