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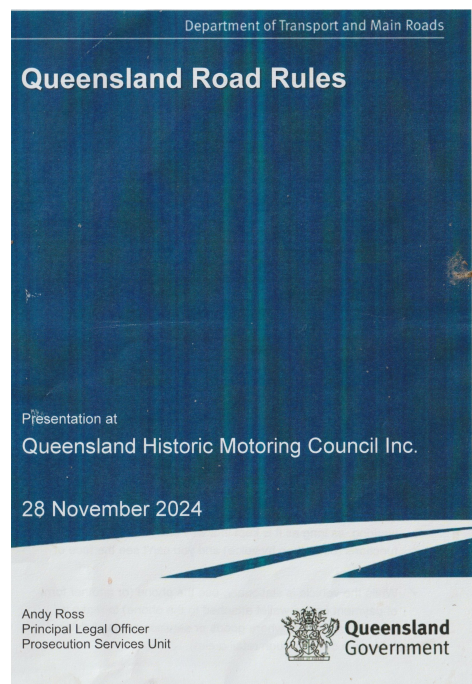
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At our November Meeting we had a guest speaker, Andrew Ross, from TMR talking about usage of seat belts, mobile phones and driving. It was an interesting talk and he produced a leaflet reproduced in its entirety below



Using mobile phones

Section 300 of the Queensland Road Rules

'The driver of a vehicle must not use a mobile phone while the vehicle is moving, or is stationary but not parked.'

- Includes a mobile phone whose telephone function is not capable of being used
- 'Use':
 - Means hold the phone in the driver's hand, or rest the phone on any part of the driver's body
 - Whether or not:
 - It is on or operating
 - You are using a function
 - It is supported by another part of your body or another thing

What you *can* do

- ✓ Have a phone in a cradle, as long as you don't hold it in your hand or rest it on your body
- ✓ Have a phone in a pocket of your clothing or a pouch you're wearing, as long as it is kept in a way such that you can't use its functions (other than by voice) and you can't see the face of phone
- ✓ While the vehicle is stationary, use the phone (or another form of payment from a wallet attached to the phone) to make a payment at a place where goods or services are lawfully paid for (e.g. a drive-through retail outlet)

Driver's seatbelt obligations

Section 264 of the Queensland Road Rules (drivers)

'The driver of a motor vehicle that is moving, or is stationary but not parked, must wear an approved seatbelt that is properly adjusted and fastened in the way required under section 267B(1).'

Section 264A of the Queensland Road Rules (passengers)

'The driver of a motor vehicle that is moving, or is stationary but not parked, must ensure each passenger in or on the vehicle—

- (a) is wearing an approved seatbelt that is properly adjusted and fastened in the way required under section 267B(1); and
- (b) complies with the other requirements applying to the passenger under section 265 or 266.'

- An obligation on you, as a driver, to ensure your passengers are properly restrained
- This includes wearing their seatbelts as designed
 - Lap straps worn low across their pelvic area
 - Diagonal straps worn across the front of their chest, from alongside their hip to over the opposite shoulder
 - ✗ **Not** under their arm or behind their back
- Historic vehicles
 - **Generally**, if your historic vehicle is **not fitted with seatbelts** as there was no such requirement at the time of its manufacture, the occupants will be exempt from the seatbelt requirements.
 - **However**, your historic vehicle will need to have approved restraints and anchorage points installed, for **children under 7 years of age** to be able to travel in the vehicle. This modification must be performed by an Approved Person, then certified with a modification plate attached to the vehicle.
 - **If seatbelts are later fitted**, occupants **must** comply with the requirements by properly wearing their seatbelt.



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