

# Vintage and Historic Vehicle Registration for the Ulysses Club Inc.

## Preamble:

For many years throughout Australia, there has existed provisions for restricted road registration for historic vehicles, amongst others, which are over thirty years from the date of manufacture.

Prior to 2002, individual enthusiasts, or marque clubs controlled the issue of club's plates with individual colour schemes and the club's own name plate through arrangements with the various State Authorities.

Recently there has been a change in the governing arrangements whereby each State now issues an individually numbered plate with common colours. This has negated the potential for duplication of numbers between the various clubs and the different States.

As a result, the individual owner is now responsible for his/her own registration through their club and thus opens the way for nationally functioning clubs like the Ulysses Club to access this system.

Particular to the Ulysses would be for expressions of interest to be invited to undertake the co-ordination of "special interest groups" for each State, region or area subject to the interest generated. By having such a facility to register a vintage motorcycle, would then permit members to have usage, whilst limited, of machines that would otherwise languish in the back of the shed.

The following Guidelines are drawn from various Vintage Vehicle Club Guidelines and Regulations from the State Transport Authorities as a means of providing an understanding of the requirements to register a vintage vehicle.

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## TABLE OF SUBJECTS AND GUIDELINES:

- ◆ **PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION FOR VINTAGE MOTORCYCLES.** The classification for such vehicles through most states are for vehicles over 30 years old from that vehicle's manufactured date. Victoria has a limit of twenty-five years.
- ◆ **VALIDATION** of the vehicle's age is the responsibility of the supporting Club and the Certificate should be on the Club's official documentation, and presented when applying for registration.
- ◆ **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:** Special Interest groups for each State to have a convener to liaise with their State's Transport Authority or Licencing Controller.
- ◆ **LOCAL ULYSSES GROUP "REGISTRAR"** The Registrar is to hold the "Run Book" or "Day Book" for the purpose of recording those attending the Run using their Vintage Plates. See also Approved Use.
- ◆ **MEMBERSHIP.** Owners must be financial members of the approving Club or Organisation.
- ◆ **LICENCEING.** The Licencing is controlled by each State's Special Interest Group convened from interested members and a person or persons act as liaison with the Ulysses Groups to their State Authority for the initial purpose of seeking Authorisation. Should there be insufficient interest from an individual group, the applicant may be referred to their nearest Special Interest Group member.
- ◆ **INSURANCE:** Third Party Insurance is included in NSW Registrations, however this may vary between the various states. Whilst Comprehensive insurance is not compulsory it would be up to the Governing Body to determine the requirement. The NRMA in NSW have such provision for Historic Plates.

◆ **INSPECTION FOR ROADWORTHINESS.** Road worthiness is in accordance with normal RTA requirements, being fully roadworthy in accordance to particular requirements i.e. acetylene lamps, etc. and inspected by the Club's nominated inspection officer or RTA approved inspection station and issued with the Pink Slip.

◆ **NOMINATED INSPECTING OFFICER:** Should there exists within the Group or area if appropriate, an individual considered by the Licencing Authority of suitable qualifications to act as Inspection Officer then that person may act as the Inspecting Officer or Registrar for purposes required by the Licencing Authority. Should such a person not be available, a normal roadworthy inspection is undertaken with the approval documentation held by the Group's Registrar. (note: Refer NSW Guidelines)

◆ **APPROVED USAGE:** Most organisations have an agreed set distance or indicate "reasonable" distance travel for the purpose of road testing or vehicle upkeep. Should a member live some distance from a service station, then the "most direct route" is the agreed distance. Should the vehicle have to travel outside the agreed distance for special servicing, then the Registrar is to be notified and the travel arrangements noted in the Run Book. An approval number is to issued and recorded. The vehicle must at all times carry the Certificate of Approved Operations (for NSW. Other States as required).

◆ **AUTHORISED CLUB EVENT:** Such events are those listed in the Run Calendar or where outside the Calendar, those approved at a General meeting or noted in the Run Book.

◆ **CONDITIONS:** For NSW there are two Conditions for Historic Vehicle.  
G094 - To be used only in conjunction with an authorised club event or maintenance  
OL3 - Registered operator must be a member of an authorised motor club.

◆ **OTHER RESTRICTIONS:** Likewise for most States, a vehicle cannot be used in conjunction with or for the purpose of hire or monetary gain. Queensland identifies usage as rallies, special events exhibitions, ceremonial purposes involving immediate family members, for example weddings or school formals, (immediate family means parents or carers and their dependants only and generally does not refer to extended family relationships, such as nephews and nieces,) providing no fee is charged.

#### NOTES PARTICULAR TO NEW SOUTH WALES

[www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/registeringavehicle/conditionalregistration/index.html](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/registeringavehicle/conditionalregistration/index.html)

- Initial inquiries indicate that in order to become a recognised Organisation, a minimum of five (5) financial members who must have vehicles which comply with the requirements and which will be registered with the first twelve months of the operation of the Plate register.
- The nominated club must have a business postal address with NSW.
- An RTA approved inspection station for the issue of a Pink Slip performs the initial inspection for road worthiness and for the first two- (2) years of operation.
- After the first two- (2) years, the club or group may nominate a qualified or competent person to certify the road worthiness of the vehicle. This is by way of the Historic Vehicle Declaration Form, which accompanies the Application for Registration form.
- The initial application for recognition to the NSW RTA is to include the Constitution of the Organisation identifying the provisions and directions for the use of the Historic Registration plates.