

Meeting Notes of the AOMC Delegates Meeting

Saturday August 26th, 2023 at 1pm

Venue: Ballarat North Community Centre, Ballarat North

There were 57 attendees representing 41 clubs, 2 visitors and 5 zoom attendees.

Chair: Iain Ross, Vice President AOMC

Guest Speakers

Nick Scarff. A young enthusiast who is studying for a Degree in Design. His thesis is the marketing of early Jaguars in Australia. Member of the Jaguar Car Club and the Vintage Drivers Club. Nick gave an outline of his background with classic jaguars and his reasons for undertaking his thesis, highlighting the lack of academic histories on automobiles. He then gave an overview of his thesis, including a background on Brysons Industries who imported Jaguars in the 1960s.

Wayne Drew, President of the Ballarat Light Car Club. Wayne gave a presentation on the club and club activities. Club was founded in 1949 and runs various motorsport activities at a motorsport complex at Ballarat airport. This includes motorkhana events that is open to anyone over 12 yo. This teaches good basic driving skills. Club also holds off road rallies and a hill climb at Mt Leura in Camperdown. Wayne showed some videos of various club events and some historic footage of racing at the racecourse pre war.

Correspondence. AOMC secretary Tony Hall reported on several items of correspondence relevant to clubs.

- Incorporation Act information has been sent to clubs. AOMC have sought legal and accounting advice on the changes. Initially it looks like no effect for clubs, but we will notify of advice when it is received.
- Cheque books are being phased out, with banks ceasing to issue replacement books from November 2023. Clubs need to transfer to digital banking, or organise some extra cheque books soon.

Treasurers Report. Mark Fenton, AOMC Treasurer, reported that the AOMC finances are currently in a healthy position, and as of the end of July 2023 the AOMC Cash at Bank is \$ **342,611**.

This increased balance reflects the commencement of the receipt of annual membership invoices and shows that the AOMC is well placed to fund a range of initiatives identified by the organization's strategic plan. It has enabled the AOMC Committee to commit significant funds to a budget focussed on achieving these strategic outcomes

There are no areas of concern with respect to our ability to meet existing financial obligations while funding our strategic initiatives

With the end of the financial year for 2023 behind us, preparations are now underway to complete the financial reporting requirements for the upcoming November AGM, as well as to complete the Income Tax Returns for 2023. This reporting will be performed in cooperation with our financial accountants, mindful of the methodologies applicable to NFP and incorporated associations such as the AOMC and most car clubs. The requirements for tax reporting by NFPs were highlighted during the AOMC Management Seminar held in June, and efforts are being made to complete our own reporting in a way that potentially informs the preparation of reports by AOMC member clubs. Efforts are also being made to ensure any learnings from this process, as well as updates about the ATO changes to Income Tax Exemption reporting due in July 2024, can be shared in the form of additional targeted financial reporting seminars later in the year. This effort is ongoing.

A new financial reporting component is now being trialled to help quantify the community benefit contributed by the AOMC.

For example in 2022/23 the annual community benefit of AOMC operations to other NFPs can be summarized in 4 categories

COMMUNITY BENEFIT	NET
Car Clubs	\$5,000
Charities	\$15,222
Other NFPs	\$2,155
Service Clubs	\$4,895
Total	\$27,273

To be able to report significant community benefits in this way is useful to demonstrate the valuable contribution we make directly to the general community, and adds to our credentials as we engage with external parties in our advocacy role. In coming months AOMC member clubs will also be asked to provide data about their own activities

so that we can improve the reporting of the community benefits of the whole heritage vehicle movement. Stay posted.

VicRoads/Club Permit Scheme Report. AOMC have received reports of renewals being sent out without permit books. VicRoads have been contacted on this issue, but no reply as yet. Daryl Meek added that this will affect several thousand CPS holders. VicRoads are aware of the issue and this is the 3rd major issue with the contractor. Can be rectified by ringing or attending VicRoads branch. Several other delegates also noted this issue arising in their club, but was resolved by contacting VicRoads.

AOMC Events:

- * **Shannons American Motoring Show – Sunday 19th Nov 2023 at Caribbean Park.**
- * **Festival of Motoring – Sunday 21 January 2024 at Cruden farm.**
- * **RACV British & European Motoring Show – Sunday 18th Feb at Yarra Glen Racecourse.**
- * **Florence Thomson Tour – 26th to 28th April.** Based around Traralgon and touring the Gippsland region.
- * **National Motoring Heritage Day – Sunday 19th May 2024.** Looking to support various events around the state.

AMHF Survey. The link for this has been circulated to clubs via email. AOMC were not privy to the questions in the survey, but feel it is an important enough project to be involved in. Clubs need to communicate to members and share the link to gain the widest response possible. Clubs who have not received the email can get it by emailing to AOMC secretary Tony Hall at: secretary@aomc.asn.au

AOMC Seminars. Restoration and Club Management seminars have been held with good feedback from attendees. A lot of interest in ATO changes information from management seminar.

Engine number records. AOMC holds approx. 5 million records pre 1984. Over the past 3 months, 25 searches have been conducted. One search was for a Series 2 Land Rover which was a shell with no engine or chassis number. It was an ex paddock bomb. Philip was able to find the record for this vehicle so its history can be proved and it can be registered.

Delegates reports / General business:

Damian O'Doherty (Ballarat V&CCC) asked about the progress on insurance cover for small clubs. Tony Hall responded that a sub committee are working on this and have had several meetings with brokers. Work is still going on in the background and Tony is confident that an offer will be finalised in 2024 for the consideration of AOMC members.

Damian also asked about the joint effort with VicFed. Tony responded that there is a joint working committee from both organisations who have met with VicRoads, with the promise of further regular meetings. The joint committee have drafted a shopping list of issues that were presented to VicRoads. There have also been regular meetings of representatives of AOMC and VicFed that have been very cordial and constructive.

Iain Ross thanked delegates for attending, our guest speakers and especially thanked the Ballarat Vintage and Classic Car Club for hosting and catering the meeting. He declared the meeting closed at 2.45pm.