

Council of ACT Motor Clubs Inc.

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Council Communique

June 2020

Affiliation Fees due by 30 June

Affiliated clubs are reminded that affiliation fees are to be paid to the Council not later than 30 June. Club secretaries and treasurers are urged to read the instructions for 2021 renewal/affiliation on the Councils website at: <u>https://CACTMC.org.au</u> Clubs are also reminded that random deposits made with the best intentions and no reference (number/short name) is not helpful to the Council Treasurer to identify the club paying its fee.

Failure to pay the affiliation fee by 30 June may render club members with Concessionally Registered Vehicles (CRS) unable to use their vehicles.

Canberra to host Australian Historic Motoring Federation Conference in August – club support sought

Council president Mark Saunders is appealing to affiliated clubs to provide help and support in making the conference a success.

"Council needs help in a number of ways, included meeting delegates to escort them to their accommodation and to the conference venue.

Clubs who can assist in the organising of the conference should contact the Council via email at Info@CACTMC.org.au

Luxury Car Tax

In a move that came right out of left field, the Australian Historic Vehicle Interest Group (AHVIG), the organisation that was started 3 years ago around reform of the Luxury Car Tax (LCT), received notice that their third pre-budget submission for the removal of LCT on the importation of historic vehicles has been added to the agenda for consideration by the Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue.

This might not mean much at this stage, but it's certainly a big step in the right direction.

Further details and a list of coming events is on the Council's website at <u>: https://CACTMC.org.au</u>



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Holden archives

The Automotive Historians Australia, (AHA) wrote to Holden's Managing Director, Kristian Aquilina, raising the subject of the fate of any Holden archives and the historical and concept vehicle fleet.

Kristian has responded with the following: "Preserving our history, artefacts and archives is an integral part of an orderly and respectful wind down of the Holden business. It's something close to my heart and we have very good people working on this important plan."

The AHA also wrote to the Assistant Director of Movable Heritage, with a copy to the Minister, Paul Fletcher, about retaining Holden's heritage within Australia.

It has been good to see Holden's immediate response on this issue and national press announcements that they will protect their heritage here. Kristian Aquilina does say his employees come first and that the archives will be dealt with once this has been taken care of.

Dr Mathew Trinca, Director of the National Museum of Australia, has been asked by Minister Paul Fletcher to chair an advisory committee to assist Holden place their archives in appropriate establishments.

There are currently four Holden retirees documenting what archives exist and digitising as much as they can. There is also a GM Archivist who will advise on digitising the business records and will no doubt be part of the team deciding where any archives might be housed.

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