

To all NSW HMA Clubs

Happy New Year to all! Here is your first bulletin for 2024.

Member Survey: Thanks to those clubs that have completed the survey so far. We urge all clubs to do it as it will give us great feedback to guide us in advocating on your behalf. The survey is quite simple, there is no personal information required, and the information will remain confidential.

Here is the link to it: <https://forms.gle/CCX3dSED8rQgdvXM8>

If you have no firm information on some questions, please provide an estimate or your best guess - you know your historic vehicle community better than anyone else. If your answer is nil, just enter 0 (zero).

The survey is designed to give us some idea of future trends, but we need 60-70% of our membership to respond to give us reliable statistics. Refer to the discussion on page 2 of this bulletin. We know the figures shown are very rubbery, but without your input we can make no better estimates.

Please take the opportunity to give feedback at the end of the survey.

Responsible Person / Registrar's liability:

In the previous Bulletin we alerted clubs to the potential liability of club officers who sign Section 3 of the 1259 Declaration Form declaring that "The vehicle is in a safe operating condition". When the club performs inspection, the person doing the inspection almost certainly has a duty of care to ensure that the standard of the safety inspection is that of a qualified and authorised pink slip examiner, otherwise they should not accept the task. Similarly, the Club has a duty of care to only appoint someone capable of doing the task and risks being sued otherwise.

Insurance: HMA uses A J Gallagher as its insurance provider, and its Management Liability product may suit clubs. We strongly urge clubs to carefully confirm with Gallagher that it meets their needs. Contact details are:

A J Gallagher Adelaide Office at this link: <https://locations.ajg.com/au/sa/adelaide/95-grenfell-street>

Phone number: 08 8172 8000. Mention the Car Club Insurance product and that the club is a member of NSW HMA (for a small discount).

Prize for first sighting of the new CVS Number Plate: We were advised in December that the new format plate was in manufacture and stocks would be in the hands of Service NSW offices as soon as they are available. At this stage we do not even know the letter suffix they are using. We are offering a year's free membership to the member club who sends us the first sighting backed up with a photo. Email to secretary@historicmotoring.com.au.

Regards,
Ian Browning, Secretary

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What do the numbers tell us?

NSW HMA represents a quarter of all clubs on the Transport for NSW "List of Recognised Clubs of NSW", so we can expect that we have a total of around 20,000 vehicles registered in the two schemes.

Current HVS and CVS registrations: Our best guess at current registration numbers on the schemes is:

HVS about	70,000		
and CVS about	6,000.	Total no more than	80,000

We are certain that, given a credible definition of HVS eligibility, as well as the new CVS plates and other possible improvements to CVS processing there could be a further migration from HVS to CVS of at least 10,000 vehicles

Other 30-year old vehicles on full registration in NSW **Possibly as many as 200,000**

This year 1994 vehicles become 30-years old.

This annual boost to the eligible numbers will reach a peak in the near future.

More-modern vehicles will largely fail to achieve 30 years of age.

We are aware that there are many vehicles eligible for HVS and CVS (within our clubs) that remain on full registration for various reasons.

Some are protecting original or personalised plates.

Numbers unknown.

Laid-up vehicles: We know that many club members have one or more old vehicles suitable for restoration that may eventually enter the schemes.

Numbers unknown

Additionally, outside the clubs, there are many thousands of old vehicles available for parts or restoration.

The total number of restorable laid-up vehicles is:

Probably at least 100,000.

Conclusion: In all we could have a total of around 400,000 vehicles over 30 years of age in NSW and that number is approaching a peak as the annual inflow reduces.