

The Club Permit Scheme

An outline of vehicle eligibility, application and renewal procedures, conditions of use, responsibility and obligations of Permit holders and club officials & penalties for non-compliance with permit conditions.

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The Club Permit Scheme was introduced as a means of encouraging the restoration and use of older vehicles at Club events by providing significantly reduced cost Third party insurance, subject however to restrictions on the use of the Permit vehicle. Without this type of scheme many older cars would remain unregistered and garaged and would not be available for view or use at Club events by enthusiasts. This document summarises the key points of the scheme and outlines the responsibilities of owners.

1. GETTING STARTED

Before you contemplate an application, be aware, the Club Permit:

- IS NOT registration of the vehicle;
- IT IS a PERMIT for the RESTRICTED USE of an unregistered vehicle for which the appropriate Transport Accident Charge and Permit Fee have been paid;
- DOES NOT permit the vehicle to be used for HIRE or REWARD.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF VEHICLE

Both motor vehicles and motor cycles are eligible for this scheme. There are three vehicle classes:

- **Veteran:** Manufactured before January 1, 1917;
- **Vintage:** Manufactured after December 31, 1916 and before January 1, 1931;
- **Classic & Historic:** Manufactured after December 31, 1930 and more than 25 years prior to the date of the application.

It should be noted that there is provision for the issue of a Club Permit for Left Hand Drive vehicles manufactured prior to January 1, 1969.

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Three steps are involved:

- **Financial Members only:** To make application for a Club Permit through the Maserati Club of Australia, Inc. the applicant is required to be a financial member of the Club at the time of application.
- **Complete the Application Form:** The required application forms are available through the Club or can be obtained from any VicRoads office. The form is to be endorsed by an authorised Club Official and accompanied with ONE of the following:
 - Roadworthy Certificate**, or
 - Official Club Letter** issued by an authorised Club Official stating that after a safety check by an authorised Club official the vehicle is considered to be safe for use on a public road.

A photocopy of the completed application should be provided by the applicant for the Club records.

- **Issue of Plates:** The applicant is to take the relevant certificate(s) and letter with payment to VicRoads and await the issue of the Red plates. The applicant should then advise the Club of licence plate number issued for that vehicle.

4. CONDITIONS OF ISSUE

The following conditions of issue are laid down by VicRoads:

- The permit is not transferable.
- The Application form must include the name of the Club and the signature of an authorised official before payment can be accepted.
- The permit is issued to allow the use of the vehicle for Club activities or for the purpose of repairing or servicing the vehicle in connection with Club activities.
- VicRoads must be notified in writing by the holder of the permit of any change in address or membership of the Club.
- The permit does not allow an unroadworthy vehicle to be used on a highway.

5. RENEWAL PROCEDURE

The Club Permit has a duration of 12 months and a renewal permit is forwarded to the holder of the permit in the same way as normal road registration is sent. The following procedure applies:

- **Authorised Club Official to Sign:** It is required that the renewal be signed by an authorised Club Official.
- **Financial Members Only:** The Club Official must be satisfied that the holder of the Permit is currently a financial member of the Club. A photocopy of the authorised renewal permit is to be kept by the Club.
- **Return Renewal with Payment:** The renewal permit is to be returned to VicRoads with payment for the renewal period.

6. USE OF THE CLUB PERMIT VEHICLE

There are three different circumstances in which the Club Permit vehicle may be used:

- **Advertised Events by Authorised Clubs:** Not all car clubs are authorised to issue Club Permits. Holders of a Club Permit are permitted to use the permit vehicle to participate in the advertised events of authorised clubs including, club meetings, social and competition events. To participate in events of clubs not authorised to issue Club Permits, see "Special Use Authorisation" below.
- **Maintenance:** To maintain, repair and test the vehicle so as to be suitable for use in an advertised event of an authorised club.
- **Special Use Authorisation:** To participate in an event not promoted or organised by an authorised club, (eg Grand Prix Rally, Targa Tasmania, or similar) OR for any length route or duration of private or social use, in any state other than WA, a "Special Use Authorisation" must be obtained from the Club through which the Club Permit is obtained and renewed. One copy of this authorisation is to be sent in advance of the contemplated use to the Association of Motoring Clubs and one copy is to be retained by the applicant to be carried in the vehicle at all times during the period of special use. Some event organisers may also require a copy.

7.. RESPONSIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS OF CLUB PERMIT HOLDERS

The following responsibilities and obligations must be observed by Permit holders:

- **Maintenance:** Maintain the permit vehicle in a manner that ensures the vehicle is in a safe condition for use on a highway.
- **Club Membership:** Maintain financial membership of the Club at all times whilst holding a Club permit.
- **Not transferrable:** Be aware that a Club Permit is not transferrable with the sale of the vehicle.
- **Keep Permit in the Vehicle:** Ensure that the Club Permit is carried in the vehicle at all times.
- **Change of Address:** Notify the Club and VicRoads immediately of any change in address. It is not a requirement of VicRoads that the applicant for renewal of a Club Permit be a member of the same car club used in the original application, but, it is a requirement that the car club official issuing the renewal authorisation is an authorised officer of a club authorised to operate under the Club Permit Scheme.
- **Liability:** The final responsibility for the road worthiness and safe use of a permit vehicle rests with the permit holder or driver of the Club Permit Vehicle and not the issuing Club. A Safety Inspection by the Club is not a warrant as to the continued safety for road use of the permit vehicle.

8. STATUTORY PENALTIES

The Conditions of Use of the Club Permit are to be adhered to at all times. Statutory Penalties, if you are convicted of an offence are as follows.

- 505 Driving without Permit in the Vehicle (2 Penalty Units);
- 218 Unauthorised Retention of Number Plate(s) (2 Penalty Units).

One Penalty Unit = \$100. Using a vehicle outside the Club Permit Conditions may incur a \$500.00 fine.

9. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CLUB

The Maserati Club of Australia, Inc. as a car club authorised by VicRoads under the Club Permit scheme adopts the following procedures:

- **Safety Inspection:** Unless an application is accompanied by a Roadworthy Certificate a safety inspection will be conducted by an authorised Club official.
- **Authorisation:** The authorisation of a Permit application or renewal will be provided by the Club Official authorised to maintain the Club membership records upon receiving advice that any required safety inspection has been passed by the permit vehicle.
- **Special Use Authorisation:** Will be issued to the applicant, with a copy to the Association of Motoring Clubs, by the Club Official authorised to maintain Club membership records.
- **Records:** The Club Official authorised to maintain the Club membership records will maintain records and copies of the permit applications and renewals and any "Special Use Authorisation" sought by permit holders.

To ensure Club Permit holders are not disadvantaged by the few that may not comply, each authorized Club has accepted the responsibility from VicRoads to impose penalties on members who hold Club Permits and use them outside permit conditions.

10. CLUB IMPOSED PENALTIES

Acting under Rule 7 of the Rules of The Maserati Club of Australia, Inc., the Committee may by resolution suspend, fine or expel a member for use of a Club Permit outside permit conditions or may notify VicRoads of the abuse and/or expulsion.

11. AUTHORISED CLUB OFFICIALS

The following Club officials are authorised for the Club Permit Scheme by VicRoads:

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| ■ Jim Reark | Phone: (03) 9515 0311 |
| ■ Andrew Ogg | Phone: 0418 360 762 |
| ■ Peter Eames | Phone: 0412 341 092 |
| ■ John Maher | Phone: (03) 9593 2175 |
| ■ Mario Lombardi | Phone: 0412 377 224 |

Safety inspections where required will be performed by Andrew Ogg, Peter Eames or Mario Lombardi or John Maher. Jim Reark presently is the Club Official authorised to maintain Club Membership records, and authorise applications, renewals and "Special Use Authorisation" in relation to Club permits.