



THE DINKUM OIL

A drop from the Council of Heritage Motor Clubs to keep you going

TOWING

- Council has had a number of enquiries relating to towing car trailers laden with a car.
- The enquiries generally relate to second or third hand reports of incidents where people transporting vehicles on trailers have attracted the attention of the Police.
- The incidents appear to result from a Fair Trading regulation, requiring transport of a vehicle using a trailer fitted with a fixed or removable winch, or carrying a vehicle which cannot drive onto the trailer under its own power, to comply with Tow Truck Industry requirements.
- The issue is complex, and involves Transport for NSW (which registers vehicles), Fair Trading (which regulates the Tow Truck Industry), and NSW Police (which administers road related activities).
- CHMC Committee has concerns about the reports and has referred the general nature of them to both the Government Departments and the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation (which includes Fair Trading).
- The Minister has advised CHMC:
 - A draft Regulation was published by NSW Fair Trading in August 2019 for public consultation.
 - The draft Regulation included licensing exemptions for transporting various types of vehicles who do not represent a risk to consumers and businesses.
 - CHMC feedback on including historic and classic vehicles in this exemption list has been captured and will be considered as part of the Regulation remake.
 - Fair Trading expects to be able to finalise the Regulation by the middle of 2020.
- Some local Police have indicated that there is no issue with transport of vehicles on Car Trailers provided that it is not a business transaction and it conforms to load limits and security requirements,
- Should any Club have **first hand** experience of difficulty relating to towing of a car trailer on public roads, it is requested to relate that experience to Councils RMS Liaison Officer, Peter Wright, before or at Council's AGM at Temora on 4th April

CHMC ANNUAL RALLY

- The Committee is keen to reinforce the importance of the traditional CHMC Annual Rally and encourages Clubs to consider hosting the 2021 Rally.
- Committee members are willing to assist any Club which may have suitable facilities, but may need background assistance in hosting the Rally.

For further information contact:

Peter Wright (RMS Liaison) phone 0417 250 798 regarding Towing, or

Kathy Booby (CHMC Secretary) phone 0418 235 797 regarding the CHMC Annual Rally

More information about this, and other items of interest, can be found on Council's website:

www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au

