



AUSTIN HEALEY OWNERS CLUB of VICTORIA (Inc)

BASIC CLUB RULES AND INFORMATION at 2017

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- 1. Membership**
Open to any owner, or ex-owner, of an Austin Healey 100, 100S, 100/6 or 3000, or any car genuinely badged Healey, including Austin Healey Sprites, Healey Elliots, Westlands, Duncans, Abbots, Tickfords, Silverstones, Nash Healeys or Jensen Healeys.
- 2. Family Membership**
Partners are included in the membership fee at no additional cost. Children if under 18 years old can obtain membership at an additional fee if they reside at the same address. Once over 18 years of age they require their own membership.
- 3. Associate Membership**
Open to people who do not own or who have not owned an Austin Healey or otherwise badged Healey as required for Membership but who are Healey enthusiasts. Associate membership does not entitle such members to hold a committee position, vote at club elections, or be eligible for club or competition championship points.

H (Historic) REGISTRATION PLATES

Eligibility

The Victorian club permit scheme allows financial members of car clubs that are recognised by VicRoads to make limited use of historic vehicles on the road network.

A club permit can be issued to, amongst other vehicles, Classic and Historic vehicles defined as manufactured after 31 December 1930 but more than 25 years before the date of the application for a club permit.

Club permits are issued for 12 month periods and vehicles are issued with specific club permit plates. Your car club membership must remain current for the period of your Club permit as both will have different expiry dates.

Any financial member of the Austin Healey Owners Club is entitled to apply to the Vic Roads Permit Officer for the issuing of a "H" Plate. Changes to the Victorian Club Permit Scheme came into effect on 1 February 2011. These permits now allow the member to use the vehicle at any time for any purpose other than for the carriage of goods or passengers for hire or reward.

Club financial members are able to apply for either a 90 day permit or a 45 day permit depending on how much use they expect to make of their vehicle over a 12 month period. If a person obtains a 45 day permit but later decides that this is not enough, another 45 day permit may be purchased later on. However they will be restricted to a maximum of 90 days use per annum.



A logbook will be issued to permit holders to record the use of the vehicle for each day that the vehicle is used over the permit period. Vehicles will be able to be used without a logbook entry within 100 metres of the vehicle's garage address.

The logbook must be carried in the vehicle at all times the vehicle is in use and kept up to date.

Applying for a Club permit

To apply to Vic Roads for a Club permit, you will need to complete a Club Permit Application form (available from VicRoads offices and website), together with:

- Written verification from the Club Permits Officer (Brian Aitken 0419-025-858 or 8759-6845) that the applicant for the club permit is a member of the Austin Healey Owners Club and that the vehicle be safe and driven on the road.
- A current certificate of roadworthiness (**RWC**)
- Proof of ownership (receipt, full previous registration renewal in the Owner's name etc)
- Photos of the car as described on the Club website with date taken visible in the photo (most cameras have this feature).

Send the application form, together with the other required documents to Brian Aitken, 59 Sanders Road, Frankston South, 3199, **together with a stamped self addressed envelope**. Brian will certify the application form and return to you, (provided you have supplied him with a stamped self addressed envelope) so that you may then attend a Vic Roads office where you will pay them the Permit fee.

VicRoads Registration

Lastly, take the signed application form and original RWC to a VicRoads office. There is no need to present your vehicle for inspection. Pay your fee, obtain your log book and H plates and you are ready to go!

Usage

VicRoads may suspend or cancel a permit if the permit holder fails to comply with the permit conditions or engages in conduct which threatens public safety or undermines the integrity of the permit scheme. Any breach of the conditions of use of the permit **may result in the permit being revoked, or the Club being removed from the list of authorised clubs**, and will be treated very seriously by the Club Committee. .

Awards

Our club is driven by the enthusiasm and participation of our members, thus we recognise outstanding contributions in a number of areas.

MEMBER RECOGNITION;

- **President's Award**

The office of President requires an enormous commitment of time and effort, plus a range of expertise that would often be beyond a single individual.



The President's Award is given at the discretion of the President and recognises an individual's high level of support for the position. Only one award is given.

- **Club Champion Awards – Male and Female**

Each year we recognise our most outstanding male and female member for their contribution to the club. These awards are made based on both a subjective basis and attendance at our club activities. The winners are selected by the committee of the day but rarely from their own ranks. Like the President's award, they recognise unstinting commitment to the club and its activities but differ from that award in that they may not necessarily be supporting the direct responsibilities of the committee. Recipients have generally been very visible across the broad sweep of club activities.

These two awards are considered amongst the most prestigious at our annual Presentation Night and are only awarded when there is a Committee consensus that the awards are warranted.

- **Donald Healey Memorial Centennial Trophy**

The "Donald Healey" trophy is awarded on a purely subjective basis driven by one's activities in using an Austin Healey in some outstanding manner in open competition. Past winners have generally campaigned their Healey's in open track competitions such as Classic Adelaide, Targa Tasmania or other such open events. Selection is most often based on good results or an outstanding showing in strong, more modern, competition, and/or persistence and good sportsmanship in these circumstances.

- **The Editor's Award**

Our club produces a monthly magazine under the masthead of "Hundreds & Thousands"

This is the public face of our club and as such helps form much of the perceptions of our group.

Our Editor makes an annual award for the member seen to be doing most to raise the presentation and or content quality levels of the magazine. Once again this is judged on a subjective basis and the award may result from project work, a short term series of articles or consistent contributions.

- **Concours D'Elegance Awards**

Our club regularly holds a Concours D'Elegance competition. Awards being presented in the various vehicle categories based on which vehicles are eligible for club membership.

Additionally we make three associated awards;

- The **JOHN HOPE (perpetual) TROPHY** is awarded for the most original Healey on



display at the annual Concours. John was another early member of the club who was particularly interested in Originality of our cars. This trophy commemorates his memory as does the continuing membership of members of his family.

- Special Interest Vehicle award caters for modified cars that would not stand the test of Originality, yet based on a Healey and modified in a sympathetic manner.
- Cars on display at the Concours D'Elegance, but not entered for judging, are eligible for entry in our "Show n Shine" and the winner receives the **Show Car Award**.

All awards are presented at our Annual Luncheon, usually held at the Club Rooms to mark the end of the year, have some fun, and recognise outgoing and incoming Committee Members for their service to the club.

Along with the many Club drives that are organized, AHOC Members can also participate in a National Rally. These are usually held each Easter and are shared annually to rotate the venue between the five States.