

## **COVID – 19 Situation Update as at 9th April 2020.**

To all Members, Competitors and Participants.

I wish to assure you that the MG Car Club (Newcastle) continues to take the current situation very seriously.

We continue to be guided by the Governments daily presentations with respect to any rules & guidelines that have been implemented. These have basically put the normal operation of the club into a state of shutdown, with all gatherings now out of the question.

You don't need me to tell you what the rules are, the media is becoming monotonous on that score, so there is no excuse for anyone doing the wrong thing.

We do get information that is very applicable to some of our members, the latest relates to the use of cars on "Conditional Registration" Courtesy of the Jag Drivers Club of Australia.

It reads: -

### **Use of Vehicles under Conditional Registration For Essential Purpose**

It has come to our attention that the NSW Police have pulled over a number of vehicles on conditional registration (H, D or J plates) and questioned whether their use is for essential purposes.

The Council of Motor Clubs (CMC) has sought clarification from the Policy Branch of Transport for NSW (RMS) and has received the following advice.

As long as club members follow NSW State restrictions, such as only going direct to the mechanic, the shops, medical practitioners, pharmacies or to work they are allowed to use HVS and CVS vehicles with the filled out log book.

That does not include trips to try the car out or charge the battery etc. As far as CMC interpret it. Those reasons could be considered spurious by any authority who pull a vehicle up and question its use.

There obviously can be no club events where people gather. CMC suggest that no club sanction or organise any such activity as fines are substantial.

Note that two unrelated people in the front seat of a vehicle are breaking the distancing rules. If they are not family or live with you then they are unrelated.

If you have not opted for the log book scheme, then you cannot use the vehicle as there are no club events and going for a maintenance run is not considered an essential use.

If you are taking such a vehicle to a mechanic, it is suggested it be for essential work and you have a prior appointment with the mechanic.

Go it alone is the safe way if you must go out in ANY vehicle.

It is suggested that members who do NEED to use a vehicle under conditional registration have a copy of this advice with them.

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We will keep you updated on any further relevant information that comes in.

This will be a long Easter break!

Regards

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