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Preserving and Enjoying Motoring History

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Official response to the Transport and Public Works Committee Inquiry

The following points are largely related to a, b and e in the submission guidelines:

Our club is intentional in supporting the regional areas around us, small local communities, our own Roma town area, local charities with our activities.

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1. Holding “away” meetings at least 4 to 5 times a year in places such as Muckadilla, Mungallala, Yuleba, Mitchell, Wallumbilla, Injune, Surat and St George. This injects much needed funds into these communities as we get local groups to do morning teas and lunches. Members also purchase fuel/snacks en route to and in these locations. Number of vehicles 10 to 25. Number of people 20 to 40.
2. Deliberately establishing chapters in smaller areas thus enabling those places to have a way for a group of local enthusiasts to meet where there are not enough people to form a club. Currently we have chapters in Dirranbandi, Taroom, St George, Wallumbilla/Yuleba, Blackall, Injune and Charleville. These chapters have social runs which are published through the main club and it is a chance for like minded people to meet together and enjoy each other’s company. This also generates income for the businesses they visit on these runs. As more members gather these groups are now starting to support their communities by organising displays at local events and participating in parades.
3. Also holding club runs 11 times per year to various places around Roma and surrounds which also assists the places we visit economically. These runs are also a great chance for members to chat, interact and develop supporting friendships.

4. Holding a Biennial rally which attracts interstate and overseas visitors to Roma. There is an average of 40 to 50 vehicles with usually 2 people per vehicle. Next year (our 19th) is expected to be bigger than ever. We are anticipating 75 entries (approx 150 people). We do not collect for charity or advertise it is for a charity but as we are not for profit, if we make a profit, we donate it. Last rally it was Drought Angels (\$1000) previously it was Care Flight (not sure of amount). We source local venues/caterers/businesses and attractions for our rally. Entrants to our rally have subsequently planned visits to Roma on non rally years.
5. Partnering with local community groups such as Apex, Leo's (Lions Youth Group), Roma Historical Precincts and Roma and District Family History Society to hold our main yearly event for National Motoring Heritage Day. (This event has grown since we started doing it about 8 years ago.) These groups use the day to promote awareness and with Apex and Leos, to raise funds through food stall etc. Our run through town for this day includes four aged care facilities and by arrangement, residents are brought out to see the vehicles going past which brings them much joy. About 20 to 30 vehicles participate (40 to 50 people). The public attend which means that our event is an avenue to bring funds/awareness to the groups attending.
6. Supporting community events such as fetes and festivals with a display of vehicles which helps them retain the public at their events a little longer.
7. Doing a club run (from point to point only, with a display at the venue, and not for fee or reward for the owners) for the 2 local school formals in Roma and also some of our chapters have done this from time to time. This provides a choice of vehicles for the students and a great connection with younger people with historical motoring. Although we take no ownership of it, we suggest that students might like to donate to their local school charity as a way of saying thank you. Perhaps they do. 😊

Added to this, individual members source maintenance, parts, restoration services and fuel through local businesses. As we have just over 200 members currently, and with this number growing, the dollar amount represented here would be considerable.

Please see Figures 1 to 3 depicting some information to support this response.

Figure 1: Graph showing members by geographical location

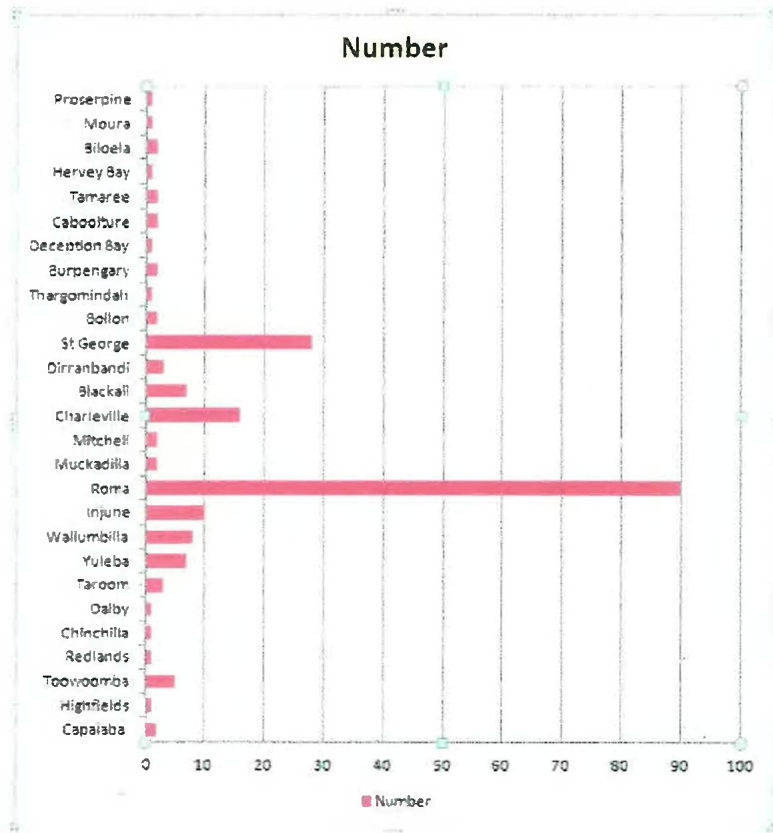


Figure 2: Graph showing numbers and types of historical vehicles (aged 30 years or more) owned by members (not all members have supplied information)

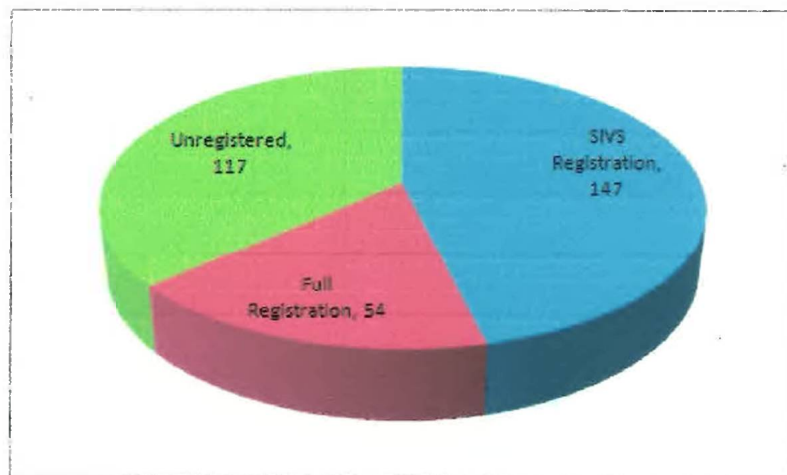


Figure 3: Statement of Intent and Vision - Updated 3rd May 2017



The wording of this response was submitted to a general club meeting on Sunday 17th November and all members in attendance were in agreement for it to be submitted by the President.

Conclusion:

We submit this document to demonstrate that the Roma Historical Motor Club Inc. is a positive influence on the local communities in which it operates due to our proactive vision and intention. The benefits are economic, social and physical.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Dawes

President

