

AOMC August Delegates Meeting

Saturday 22nd August - Maffra Community Sports Club

Summary and Key Messages



The August 2026 AOMC Delegates Meeting was attended by representatives from **50 clubs** and covered a range of issues affecting Victorian historic and enthusiast motoring.

- **Strong financial position:** AOMC reported approximately **\$352,000 cash at bank**, with finances considered strong and sufficient to support ongoing programs, including MembershipPLUS Insurance.
- **Club Plate Scheme:** VicRoads remains committed to the scheme and is investigating ways to **reduce administration and paperwork**, including a possible digital logbook. Stakeholders including the AOMC will be consulted before changes are implemented.
- **VicRoads relationship:** The retirement of John Lewis, a long-standing VicRoads contact was acknowledged, with an expectation that AOMC will continue its constructive relationship with VicRoads following the appointment of a replacement.
- **Copyright and AI:** AOMC is planning an **October seminar on copyright**, including the increasing risks associated with AI, use of material from websites/social media, newsletters, spam and hacking. Clubs are encouraged to send an executive member and newsletter editor.
- **Government revenue and road conditions:** Discussion papers are being developed on the impact of the transition to **hybrid and electric vehicles on government revenue**, particularly fuel excise, and on deteriorating road conditions and their impact on historic vehicles, wheels and tyres.
- **Club insurance:** MembershipPLUS renewals have been received by participating clubs with **no premium increases**. AOMC continues to emphasise good risk management, record keeping and sound club administration.
- **Vehicle research and registration:** The AOMC engine-number/vehicle-history team is handling around **12 enquiries per month**, with approximately a **75% success rate** in locating supporting historical registration evidence. Clubs are encouraged to promote this service.
- **Events:** The Club & Trade Expo has been **postponed due to insufficient registrations**, with AOMC intending to investigate the reasons for the lack of interest. The 2027 Festival of Motoring and British & European Motoring Event are proceeding – see dates table, with the former having raised approximately **\$60,000 for 2 charities over its last four events**.
- **Future events:** Planning is underway for the **2027 American Show**, with a weather-protected venue being sought. A regional delegates' meeting will also be held in 2027, with **Ballarat proposed as the location**.

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Ex-military/armoured vehicles: Concerns were raised about the possibility of Victoria following NSW in restricting ex-military armoured vehicles. AOMC will raise the issue at the **AHMF meeting in September**.

- **Club Plate compliance.** AOMC reinforced the importance of proper compliance and documentation.
- **Apprentice grants:** Applications for the **2026 Apprentice and Business support grants** are now open, and clubs are encouraged to promote the opportunity.
- **Industry changes:** The impending retirement of the editor of *Restored Cars Magazine* at the end of 2026, and the consequent cessation of the magazine, was noted. The decline in specialist **chrome-plating services** was also raised as a concern for restorers.
- **50th Anniversary:** Delegates were encouraged to circulate the AOMC's 50th anniversary booklet within their clubs, highlighting the organisation's longstanding contribution to Victorian motoring enthusiasts and its advocacy with government agencies.

Overall message: The AOMC remains in a strong financial and organisational position, with a continued focus on protecting and improving the Club Plate Scheme, supporting member clubs, advocating on emerging motoring issues, and adapting to significant changes affecting the historic vehicle movement.

Key dates for your Club Calendar

Date	Event
October 2026	AOMC Copyright & Marketing seminar — details to follow
16 November 2026	AOMC Delegates Meeting and Annual General Meeting – AHOC/JCCV Clubrooms Springvale
19 January 2027	Festival of Motoring — Cruden Farm Langwarrin
14 February 2027	British & European Motoring Show — Yarra Glen Racecourse
18 April 2027	Aussie Car Show – Manhattan Hotel Ringwood
16 May	National Motoring Heritage Day – Various events TBA
August 2027	Regional Delegates' Meeting — proposed Ballarat