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2nd Tuesday of each month  
Drag-Ens Hot Rod Club  
17 Childs Rd Chipping Norton 7.00pm  
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Membership due 1st July  
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## **Important Notice all 55,56,57 Club members**

With **HVRS & CVS** Concessional registration schemes

We have noticed lately that there have been quite a few members not addressing their renewal of RMS Permits for registration until they are close to or overdue.

It would be remiss of us not to let you know if you drive your car after the due date that you are driving an unlicensed vehicle and there for liable for a fine if you are caught.

The RMS sends out renewal notice's one month before the due date and a notice of cancelation one month after that date so the responsibility is all on the operator (Owner) of the vehicle the correct original form (HVRS 1259) or (CVS1835) these must be dated 2019.

You are encouraged to obtain your pink slip well before the due date of your registration and once done it has an expiry use by date of 42 days after the date of issue,

So, it makes sense that you get prepared early for the renewal. Once you receive the renewal notice proceed to get your pink slip ASAP.

This gives you time if there are any repairs are needed, then TYPE in the left side of your original Historic 1259 or for Classic vehicle 1835, with your renewal notice and make arrangements with one of our plate registrars for a suitable time for them to sign off and apply the club stamp and signature. Or make arrangements to see one of them at our club meetings.

**Gary Wright 0409 55 56 57, located Camden registrar 1@chevclub.com.au**

**Ken Taylor 0403 510 439, located Padstow registrar 2@chevclub.com.au**

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Once this is done for **Historic** vehicle's you now only have to go to the RMS with the 1259 form and the original pink slip and pay the due fee.

For **Classic Vehicle Scheme** you need to post the original 1835 form to the ACMC, or you can scan it and send it after its been filled in along with a copy of your pink slip (do not send the original pink slip you will need this when going to RMS to renew registration) and enclose a payment of \$25 by cheque or electronic transfer (no cash payment to be sent in post) to.

Attention the Secretary ACMC ; Mr Terry Thompson; Postal address; PO box 419 Bexley 2207. Banking details **Account number 157 374 299 BSB 633-108** and wait for ACMC return mail it should take around 5-7 days. If you don't receive it within 10 days please contact the plate's registrar as the ACMC will not notify you if there is anything wrong.

We repeat (do not send the original pink slip you will need this when going to RMS to renew registration). Then go to the RMS and pay the due fee.

Thank you Gary Wright, Aldo Mazzucco and Ken Taylor Club Plate Registrars.



# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi Members,

Here we are again - it's July and the month of the AGM.

Please come along to the AGM which will be held on Tuesday the 9th of July at 8pm.

Whoever wishes to put themselves forward for any of the positions are most welcome to do so and we need as many members as possible on the night in order to cast their votes.

Also, a friendly reminder as mentioned last month if you have **not paid / renewed your Club Membership as at 30 June 2019 and you are on Club Rego** please note that you are now driving an unregistered vehicle because you haven't paid your membership to date.

I wanted to thank all the members who came to the breakfast run despite the bad weather. It was much appreciated.

Thanks also to Gary and Kay Wright who braved the weather and still used their car that morning.

Please do not forget our weekend away at Bathurst on the 10th of August. Can you please let either myself or Bevan know and we will then give you the information for the weekend away.

See you all on the 9th of July.

Regards

John Fenato



# MINUTES

Minutes of GENERAL Meeting for No.519 of the

## 55'56'57' Chevrolet Club Of Australia INC.

Held on *Tuesday 11/06/2019* at Drag-Ens Clubhouse Milperra.

Meeting opened at: 8.00pm

Attendance: 28 members

Visitors: - NIL

New Members-Alan Miller'55 Stepside & '55 210 post

Meeting Chaired by: John Fenato, President

Present - Committee members- John Fenato, Frank Mamone, Bevan Joseph, Bryn & Rhonda Miller & Ben Marks

Apologies: Ric May, Michael Rich, Chris Coombes, Adam Nichols, Campbell Osman, Aldo Mazzucco

Vale- Bernard Roach ('57), a relatively new member who we featured as his car ownership story a few months ago, has been sick and Gary Wright to arrange for flowers, club to

reimburse Gary.

USA – Jammie Hollywood, a USA identity

Previous Minutes read and accepted by – Bryn Miller & Gary Wright

### Monthly Treasurer's Report:

Monthly financial report shown to members on request as well as being witnessed by a minimum of two members at each meeting. Signed by Ken Taylor & Paul Contas.

The bank statements have been shown. Opening balance \$23,167.00

Out Goings \$713.00 Income \$1,350.00. Balance \$23,804.02 & Term deposit (due for renewal end June).Accepted by meeting members Gary Wright & Rick Malone

### Mail Correspondence

NSW Corvettes Unlimited June issue

The Bowtie -Victoria May

Chevrolution Chevrolet Performance Assoc SA -May



# MINUTES

Blacktown Retro Drive in flyer

## GENERAL

Peter Bryen has NOS parts for sale

June Magazine handed out by Ben Marks.

John Keogh has suggested that the club gives out membership cards with contact details printed on back.

Aldo to manage the stickers/labels

**Reminder from the last few meetings a decision was made to feature our clubs' members cars on the front magazine cover. Ben Marks has asked that members send him a good resolution photo of their cars so he can size the correct settings for that page,**

## CLUB SANCTIONED and General Events of Note. Events and Club Invitations

### Future Runs TBA

*1<sup>st</sup> Saturday monthly Camaro/Firebird Mystery Cruise New meeting place at Windsor Road Northmead Hungry Jacks*

A quick look at upcoming events, generally all year round:

1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Cars under the stars.

1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Smeaton Grange

1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Kellyville Cars & Coffee

## **May.**

**Hot Rod Show Rose Hill**, the event was very well attended and there were many groups of cars shown, even hosting about 30 tattoo shops who were all very busy plying their inky trade all over various parts of the body.

Charlie Pace (Top Convertible) and John Keogh (2<sup>nd</sup> top Sedan) won awards for their class. Suggestion from floor- to have a club display for 2020 show – consider options. To have a club run to show and park out in the external car park.

## **June**

15<sup>th</sup> June Drive In Nite -Retro festival – American Graffiti

2<sup>nd</sup> June Sweet & Savoury Café Austral numbers indicated 15, meet at 9.00 at the venue. Please support the run.



# MINUTES

## Xmas In July / August Cruise

**Tentative time July or in early August 2019** weekend trip to Bathurst. At the meeting JF asked who would consider run, 8 members showed hands. Trip to be arranged for Sat, Sun and possibly return on Monday.

BJ to also invite the **CCNSW** along and to have a combined run to boost numbers

BJ discussed accommodation types

Motel that would be most suitable is with a club rate of \$110.00 per night.

There is parking directly outside rooms walking distance to Panthers club and 2 pubs.

Cruise to the track and museum mentioned.

Historical buildings could be included for a small entrance fee.

**Post meeting\_ BJ has confirmed that the motel is booked out in July. We need to set a date in August. BJ to investigate and advise next meeting.**

## CCS Date -20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

*Onslow Park, the same location.*

*New raffle books are ready for members to sell any additional books as a bonus for the day.*

*No books handed out as yet, to be sold on the day*

*New Flyers handed out for new date for the event. Member's asked to hand out flyers please.*

## CVS & HVRS Schemes

Issues arisen from CMC meeting, BJ has already sent out CMC minutes. Basically affiliated clubs are to be financial with their relevant organization's. Our club is aligned with AHMC

and our members are to be financial by end June

**Raffle** Won by the following members

1<sup>st</sup> John Buttergrieg

2<sup>nd</sup> John Keogh

## Meeting BBQ

Members should confirm attendance so catering can be arranged. We had enough for the night and no left overs were taken home. John supplied pork belly chops and sausages, biscuits, bread and coffee & milk.as usual.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Bevan Joseph

Secretary





# EDITORS NOTES

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the July edition of our magazine.

Well John Keogh has been at it again. He attended the Rattle 'N' Hum Car Show at Castle Hill waving the flag for the 567 Chev Club and wrapped up the day with Best Car In Category. Congratulations bud.

The new Camden Car Show Flyer has been updated with a few changes and the new date. So please start spreading the news.

This months cover car is owned by our resident secretary Bevan Joseph. Bevan works tirelessly for the club and I hope you enjoy the story of his car on pages 16 & 17.

If you have any news of upcoming car shows or events, please let me know so I can include them in the events page.

Until next month

Happy Cruising

Ben Marks

Editor



# Upcoming Events

## 1st Saturday night each month

'Grange Classic Garage' - at Euro Cafe, 24 Anzac Av, Smeaton Grange. 4pm-late.

'Cars Under The Stars' - Greenway Plaza. 1183 The Horsley Dr Wetherill Park 5pm til late.



## 1st Sunday Morning each month

'Cars & Coffee' - Kellyville Plaza, 40 Wrights Rd Kellyville. 7am to 9am

## 2nd Sunday each month

Sundown Car Fest, Penrith Homemaker Ctr 6pm -10pm

'Cars and Coffee' - Hubertus Club, Luddenham



## Last Saturday night of each month

Harry's Cafe De Wheels Liverpool. 6-10pm. \$10 entry

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Sanctioned Club Runs for Historic & CVS Vehicles are highlighted with the club logo

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**7th July** Backtown Swap Meet. Fairfield Showground, Smithfield Rd, Prairiewood

**28th July** Windsor Hot Rod Show, Windsor Leagues Club, Rifle Range Rd, Windsor. 7.30am-2.30pm



**28th July** East Hills Charity Car Show. Kelso Oval, Marco Ave, Panania



**3-4th Aug** 34th All Holden Day, Hawkesbury Showground, Racecourse Rd Clarendon. 6am-3.30pm



**1st Sept** Rat Day, Mitchell Rd Cronulla. \$5



**8th Sept** Canley Heights RSL & Sporting Club 19th Annual Car Show. 26 Humphries Rd Wakeley. \$20



**15th Sept** Appin Wheels Festival, Appin Public School, Appin NSW



**20th Oct** Camden Car Show



**8-11th Nov** National Chev Festival, Ranmark S.A





Harry's Cafe de Wheels Liverpool

# Monthly Meet

Last Saturday of each month from 06:00 PM  
All Cars \$10 entry All Bikes \$5 entry

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# Combined Club Run to Bathurst

I am proposing a combined club run for Xmas in August to Bathurst NSW

Date- 10th & 11th August 2019

Meeting Point McDonalds car park @Caltex garage M4 Westbound Eastern Creek 8.00 am for 8.30am departure

Leaving Eastern Creek travelling up and over the mountains to Bathurst on early on Saturday morning, stopping along the way at a few interesting places. Either the Famous Garage at Mt Victoria (for those in the know) for a quick look Or maybe at The Lolly Bug Shop Little Hartley. Venues To be confirmed!

We will visit the famous Mount Panorama Race track stop for a photo moment at the top and at the Motoring museum. maybe a few more places, finishing up at one of the great pubs in Bathurst, walking distance from the Hotel. Historic Abercrombie house for morning tea Sunday morning,

Accommodation-The Country Lodge Motor Inn Motel has over 20 rooms that could be used. They have offered a discounted rate for the club @\$110.00 per night twin share. There is secure parking outside your room. Book Direct

145 William Street, Bathurst NSW 2795 -Contact number 0263314888

Leaving later on Sunday for the return trip to Sydney

Thanks, from

Bevan (Events), Matte Reynolds (CCNSW President) & John Fenato (55 56 57 President)



\* A big thanks to Club member Ken Taylor who emailed this interesting little article to me which was first published in our magazine way back in 1977.

# Chevrolet

– More than Just a Name

On the morning of June 6 1941, in Detroit, Michigan, a man whose name was emblazoned on more than seventeen million automobiles died in almost complete obscurity. And, if not in poverty, at least in extremely modest circumstances considering the wealth of his name-sake company.

Louis Chevrolet, inventor, automobile designer, speed equipment manufacturer and a very accomplished racing driver, was laid to rest in Indianapolis not too far from the famed brickyard, scene of two of his personal racing triumphs. Mourned by personal friends, paid brief passing tribute by the Detroit newspapers, many people were reminded by his death and of his association with the Chevrolet automobile since 1911.

Born in 1878 in Switzerland, Louis showed a mechanical gift, and at an early age began tinkering and inventing. His first invention was a wine-barrel pump designed to lift the clear wine out of its ageing cask and leave the undesirable dregs undisturbed.

Later on he built, patterned on his own prototype, fast racing bicycles. Fascinated by the sight of an early automobile, he moved to France and went to work for an auto manufacturer, coming to the U.S.A. as a representative for this concern in 1900.

Today, Louis Chevrolet would have been labelled a “hot rodder” or a “street machiner”. He liked speed and could coax more power out of an engine than most of his contemporaries, so it was natural for him to turn to racing. His career, from 1905 to 1920 was distinguished by his hard and heady driving.

Louis and Arthur Chevrolet in Louis’ Frontenac racing cars qualified in the 1916 Indianapolis, and Louis challenged the leader very hard but dropped out with a burnt rod. In the following year, Louis and his other brother, Gaston were back with new cars and Louis duelled for the lead in the first half of this 500 mile event. A steering knuckle failure finally forced him back into 6th position. When racing resumed after World War I Louis was honoured by driving and building the first American race car to win the 500 mile classic since 1912.

In 1920 and following years Chevrolet built racers were showing their supremacy over the once European dominated race tracks, but Louis, like many others, discovered that building limited sale racing cars was a hard way to make money.

His business associations with American automobile manufacturers began in 1911, when William Durant, a wheeling-and-dealing corporation executive, brought Louis Chevrolet into the business to build a medium-priced car. Chevrolet’s name, famous from his racing exploits, was attached to the car he supervised the design and construction of.





The first Chevy was a six-cylinder model. It was discontinued shortly after its release and the name "Chevrolet" was transferred to another car, originally called the "Little", built by the Republic Motor Co., which Durant had bought.

Durant, busy putting together an industrial empire, and Chevrolet, interested more in building cars than corporations, came to a parting of the ways in 1915. Chevrolet, the man, went on to continue his racing career and to start a speed equipment business for hotting up T-model Fords. Chevrolet, the company, as part of General Motors, was by then experiencing tremendous success.

1916 saw the production of the model 490 (so called because it sold for \$490) which was continued through to 1929. Powered by a four cylinder overhead valve engine. A willing plugger, and even capable of being modified into something a little more potent, it did not attract the enthusiasm of the speed fanciers. They devoted their time to the Model T, and later, the Model A. For these cars Louis Chevrolet had produced custom double overhead-cam hot-up cylinder heads.

The venerable Four was succeeded by a new Six in the 1929 Chevrolet. This engine displaced 194 cubic inches and in many ways resembled the Four (such as identical valves). The most significant feature of the six was the material from which the head, block and pistons were made and the source of the nickname "The Cast Iron Wonder".

The Six, in slightly altered forms, survived the depression, a World War and into the age of jet aircraft and atomic bombs. It was the staple of the Chevrolet line right up to the mid-fifties.

In 1930, when the tide of depression turned, Chevrolet lost only half as many sales as Ford in the depressed market. Chevrolet took over sales leadership, to loose it again only in 1935, 1957 and 1959.

Major body changes occurred in 1937 and again in 1941, the latter marking the disappearance of running boards; headlights also sank into the mudguards. By now Chevy was a much more modern car than Ford, the latter having only the V-8 engine in its favour – and it actually developed only 5 hp more than the "Blue Flame" 6.

Other notable milestones were the Corvettes of 1953 built in Flint and planned to have only the first 300 prototypes in fibreglass. 1955 saw the rebirth of the Chevrolet V8, the now celebrated small block. From 1955 to the current models saw Chevrolet heavily involved in model diversification and the options game. In 1959 came the El Camino Utility, 1960 the Corvair, 1962 the Chevy II, 1967 the Camaro and in 1970 the Monte Carlo.

There you have it – an outline of Chevrolet, the man behind the name, and the car that lived up to the name – an innovative leader in its field.



# Bevan Joseph's 1968 Chevrolet Impala



I would like to introduce you to our Secretary, and all round top guy, Bevan Joseph and his 1968 Chevrolet Impala. Bevan has been one of the driving forces behind the scenes of the '567 Chev Club for many years now. To say his love for the club runs deep is an understatement. Likewise does his passion for his prized Impala.

Growing up, Bevan used to go for a ride in the neighbours Impala. This Impala was driven from the Northern Beaches to Grenfell in country NSW, with the family pet bird in the back seat most of its life. At the age of 90, the lady owner passed away. Not long after, the husband approached Bevan and said, "here are the keys to your car"! It was 2009 and it had just 55,000 original miles on it!





Bevan drove the car for 4-5 years before he could finally convince his good friend, and also Club Member, Garry Wright to help with a complete refurbishment.

Garry then enlisted the help of fellow car guru and club member Chris Lowger. Between the three of them, the car was dismantled, painted and had all the mechanicals completely reconditioned/rebuilt. It was then re-assembled and reupholstered, all within 5 months!



Since then, Bevan has travelled over 20,000 trouble free miles all around the country. Along the way he celebrated his 60th Birthday in style with this awesome Impala birthday cake (middle right pic) thanks to his partner in crime Flora.



With lots of more miles planned in the future, I am sure Bevan, Flora and his Impala are up for the trip.





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## HISTORIC AND CONDITIONAL (MODIFIED) REGISTRATION

### HISTORIC AND CONDITIONAL (MODIFIED) REGISTRATION INCLUDING 60 DAY LOG BOOK

To be eligible for historic & conditional registration you must be a member of an RMS approved automotive car club such as ours. Membership of our club is \$80 per annum.

Historic and conditional registrations are both eligible for the 60 day log book trial. The trial allows you to drive your vehicle on 60 individual days at your own discretion. Club events and club sanction runs do not impact on the 60 day log book use.

Fees for concessional registration are set by the RMS & are currently \$51 for registration including green slip plus a once off payment of \$40 for new plates. Conditional registration also attracts an additional annual fee of \$25 to the ACMC.

Personalised plates need to be surrendered, transferred, or placed on hold; the latter attracts a holding fee & any other ongoing rental costs. It is hoped that the RMS may allow personalised plates with conditional registration sometime in the future.

Historic registration (H Plate) is essentially for vehicles 30 years or older that have not been modified, some consideration maybe allowed for manufacture/dealer approved accessories, Limited safety upgrades and unavailability of original parts. In our club registration requires an annual Pink Slip.

Conditional registration (D Plate) is also available for vehicles 30 years or older that have been modified. The RMS have issued a set of guidelines (VSI No.6) that address many examples of what modifications may or may not require certification by an RMS certified engineer. For example an engine capacity increase greater than 20% or a total wheel and tyre diameter increase by more than 7% would require certification. Modified vehicles that do not need certification must have a once off Blue Slip, than an annual Pink Slip. Vehicles requiring certification require an engineer's report confirming the current modifications plus a Blue Slip, than an annual Pink Slip.

Please refer to the overleaf flow chart for further guidance and feel free to contact one of our three Plate Registrars for more information.

Kind Regards,

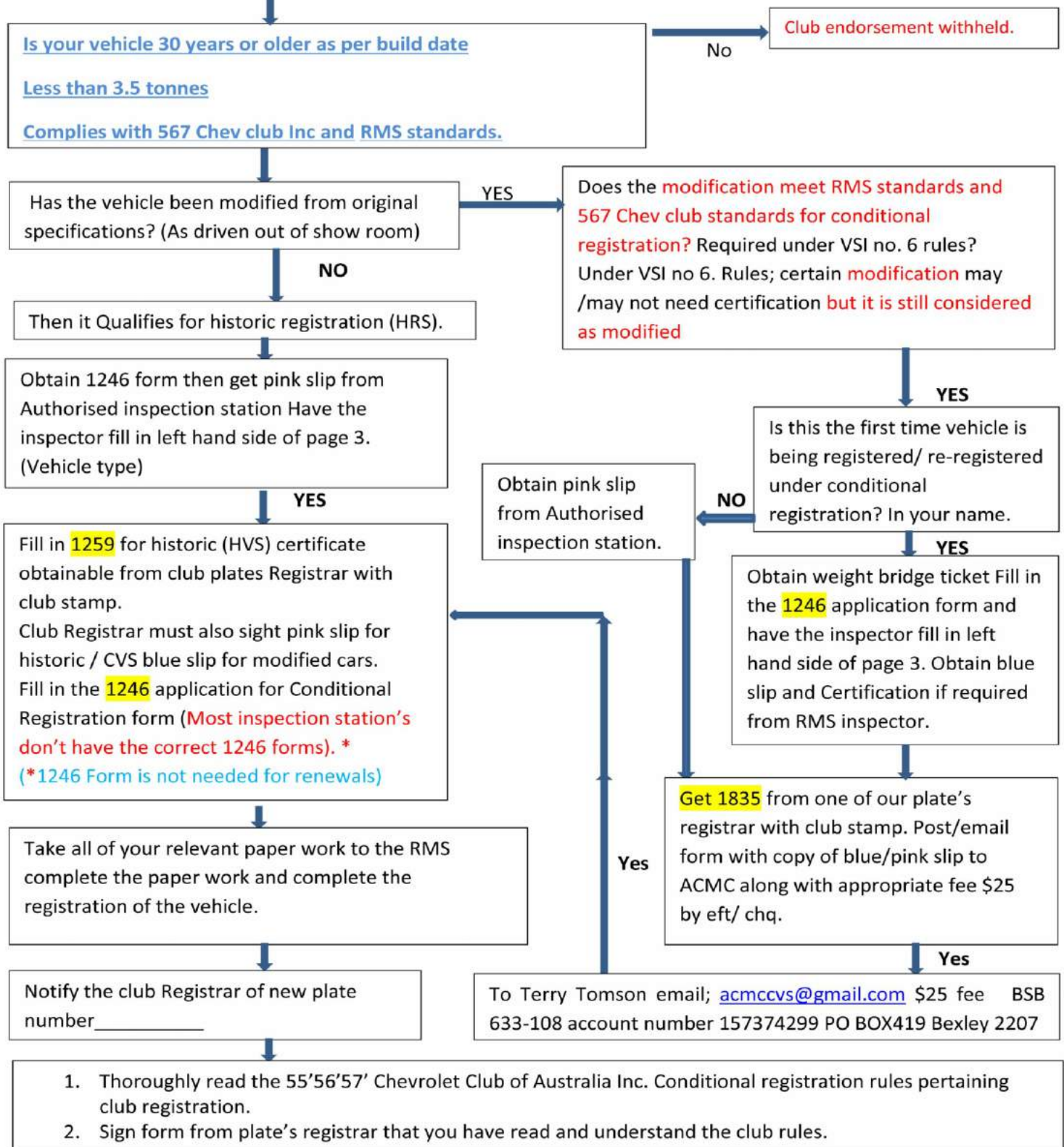
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## The 55'56'57' Chevrolet Club Of Australia Inc. Process for conditional registration schemes

Regardless of whether you are renewing or applying for the first time for Historic or Classic vehicle registration before you proceed you must be a financial member of the Club, live in N.S.W. and hold current NSW drivers licence, the vehicle must be garaged in NSW

Thoroughly read all of the Roads and maritime services (RMS) rules pertaining to the conditional scheme to determine if your vehicle complies with their requirements that suit your vehicle check [RMS web site](#)  
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