

Revised Club Permit Scheme

Changes to Victoria's Club Permit Scheme will come into effect on 1 February 2011

How will it change?

Under the new scheme permit holders will no longer be restricted to club sanctioned activities when using their vehicles. Vehicles will be able to be used at any time for any purpose. However, they will be restricted to a total of 90 days use a year.

Club financial members will be 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 vehicles 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, no-one will be allowed to obtain a permit to drive their vehicle for more than 90 days each year.

How will it operate?

A logbook will be issued to permit holders to record the use of the vehicle over the permit period.

Vehicles will be able to be used without a logbook entry within 100 metres of the vehicle's garage address.

A windscreen label will be issued to assist in the identifying vehicles operating without a current permit.

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.

Clubs will be required to sign an Agreement with VicRoads that they meet certain obligations including that they notify VicRoads if they become aware of or reasonably suspect a pattern of incorrect use of a log book by one of its members. If this is not done, VicRoads will be able to revoke the club's approval to be part of the scheme.

What about inspection standards and vehicle definitions as referred to in last year's Discussion Paper?

It is expected that these changes, which include a new street rod inspection scheme and improved definitions of 'replica' and 'modified' vehicles, will be implemented after February 2011.

How will the changes be introduced?

In the lead up to February 2011 all current permit holders will be issued with a free 90 day logbook. The logbook will be able to be used until the current permit expires. It can be used for a maximum of 90 days irrespective of the permit expiry date. It will be a requirement that the current permit be carried with the logbook at all times.

No windscreen label will be issued until the current permit is renewed.

Will there be changes to number plates?

Yes, 'Slim-line' club permit number plates will now be available.

