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Funeral Notice – Jimmy McGrath

Founding member Jimmy McGrath's funeral will be held this Friday at Pambula Cemetery at 11:00 am.

We ask all members to bring their club vehicle for display, so we can give Jimmy a fitting farewell.

A large turnout is expected, so please arrive early — by 10:00 am.

We are also seeking a few volunteers to assist with set-up, parking, and traffic control on the day.

Thank you for helping honour Jimmy's memory.



Working Bee 9th August

Two vehicles collected, thanks John & recovery team!. Load of scrap collected, thanks Bob & Lindsay. The old Pickup moved to workshop for remedial work, thanks Alec & helpers. Cars moved back to the Grenenger Shed. Learmont floor cleaned of very recent fluid leaks... Toilet block cleaned thanks Alec. Lunchroom tidied and thanks to Alex for the BBQ lunch:)















VW Engine block



Sandblasting unit



Front axle and suspension

VW Country Buggy

Engine getting a lot of attention, thanks Hans Basedow for your help and work done on it. Front axle and body being worked on by students and mentors Cliff, Alec, Tony and occasionally others. Sandblaster working too.



Reminder – British & European Motoring Heritage Lunch & Display!

Sunday, 24 August – 11:30am at the Seahorse Inn, Boydtown

Vehicles to be parked for display on the grass in front of the Inn.

Don't forget to join us for a celebration of the quirky, temperamental and delightfully overengineered that the Poms, Krauts, Eyeties and Frogs have contributed to motoring history!

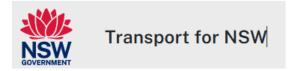
Whether you're bringing along a leaky Lucas-lit Land Rover, a rusting but racy Alfa, a suspension-surfing Citroën, or a Teutonically perfect (but somehow boring) Merc - we want to see it!

All members and their vehicles are encouraged to join in on the day.

Display kicks off at 11:30am, with lunch from 12 noon.

BYO car, appetite and stories of mechanical misadventure.

Rain, shine or electrical short - see you there!



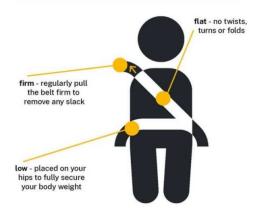
DRIVE Lite Historic and Classic Vehicles - August 2025

In the edition, we explain what historic and classic vehicle owners need to know about seatbelt detection cameras and share a new guide to help with registering Street Rods under the scheme.

Seatbelt detection: What you need to know

Seatbelt detection cameras are now operating across NSW. Cameras are capturing images and detecting whether drivers and passengers are wearing seatbelts. What does this mean for historic or classic vehicles that may not have seatbelts fitted?

How to wear a seatbelt correctly



If an offence is detected by a seatbelt detection camera, Transport will consider whether a vehicle complies with Australian Design
Rules (ADR) at the time of manufacture before any penalties are issued.

Drivers are responsible for ensuring passengers wear their seatbelts correctly. A penalty notice will only be issued if it is clear that a seatbelt offence has been committed, including evidence that a lap-sash or lap-only belt is not worn or worn incorrectly.

Wearing a seatbelt doubles the chance of surviving a crash. If a seatbelt is available, it must be worn properly. When

possible, passengers in vehicles without seatbelts should sit in the back seat for safety.

Additionally:

- Seatbelts must be roadapproved and comply with Schedule 2 of the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulations 2017
- Vehicles built to comply with Australian Design Rules (ADR) 4 and 5 must continue to comply
- If seatbelts are installed in a vehicle without original seatbelt mounts, they must be certified by a qualified engineer.

If you believe a fine was issued incorrectly, you can request a review through Revenue NSW

New Guide to registering Street Rods+



Certifiers must now refer to a revised guide for registering Street Rods in NSW applies from July 2025. It includes changes to legal references, document links and the removal of the seatbelt mounting section. The update to Version 2.0 of the NSW
Supplement to the Second Edition of the
National Guidelines for the Construction and
Modification of Street Rods in
Australia follows consultation with the Vehicle
Standards Working Group (VSWG).

Key updates in version 2.0 include:

- Revised legal references
- Updated VSWG member list
- Replacement of hyperlink text with referenced document names
- Removal of Section 9.5, Seatbelts and mounts

Originally published in August 2014, the guide has been reviewed and updated with input from the NSW VSWG, made up of representatives from Transport, NSW Police Force, industry and motoring enthusiast groups.

This guide supports consistent construction and modification standards for Street Rods across NSW and aligns with national expectations.

Visit the NSW Government website to read about Registering a street rod | NSW Government.