

# The Club Permit Scheme Explained

**How to obtain a Club Permit.** (taken from the VIC Roads Web Site)

1. Complete the “Club Permit Registration” form available from VIC Roads.
2. Provide written verification by the Club’s authorized person that the applicant for the Club Permit is a member of the Car Club
3. In the case of a Club Historic Vehicle (that is not a street rod) a current RWC or a letter from a scrutineer authorized by the Club, stating that the vehicle is safe for use on the road. John Zeigler is the authorized person the issue “Safety Checks”. **[According to VIC Roads this is still acceptable]**
4. Pay the necessary Fee.

In some cases the vehicle may need to be inspected. Check with your local VIC Roads office.

**When can you drive your Club Permitted Vehicle?** (taken from the VIC Roads Web Site)

- In connection with official activities organized by an association approved by VicRoads, such as car rallies.
- In the preparation of the vehicle for such activities.
- If authorization for special private use has been granted.

**What must you carry in your Club Permitted Vehicle at all times?**

- Your current Club Permit issued by VIC Roads.
- A) Your Club Newsletter in which the event you are on is Gazetted (included in the Club Calendar) or
- B) Your special private use authorization.
- (Recommended only) A copy of the Permit Scheme explained.

**When do you need a special private use authorization?**

For any reasonable private use deemed suitable by your Club, some examples are:

- To use as a wedding car, but **NOT** for hire or reward.
- To attend your local school Fete.
- To attend a fund raiser for the local CFA.
- To attend an open day at HMAS Cerberus.
- To go to a Swap Meet not gazetted in your Club Newsletter.
- To travel to and from another Club’s sanctioned event.

**Who can issue an authorization for special private use?**

- Only the Club in which your Club Permit Vehicle is recorded with VIC Roads. In the DVHCC Inc. these are available from John Jenkins, Peter Matthews and Irwin Sinclair.

**Some examples when you are not covered by the Club Permit Scheme.**

- The usual obvious ones. Hire or reward, shopping, visiting, going to work, etc.
- Detouring before or after a Club Run for any purpose.
- Traveling in a direction or location that is contrary to the official Club activity.
- Traveling the day before or the day after the official Club activity.

You also may not be covered if your Vehicle is found to be in an un-safe or un-roadworthy condition.

## **Some Frequently asked Questions.**

1. Can I use my Club Permit Vehicle for a family wedding?  
Yes, with a Special Use Authorization from your Club, but not for hire or reward.
2. Can I tow a trailer with a Club Permit Vehicle?  
Yes, subject to normal rules for towing a trailer. Remember the trailer should be registered in its own right. NOTE: A trailer may be eligible to be on a Club Permit.
3. Can a learner driver learn in a Club Permit Vehicle?  
Yes, subject to the normal rules for learner drivers.
4. When can I test my Club Permit Vehicle?  
When in conjunction with a Gazetted Club Run. "In conjunction with" is open to interpretation. Use your common sense. To test the brakes would be OK, to drive 20 kms to fill up with petrol would be questionable. To drive to the service centre would be OK, to pick up the meat for the Club BBQ would be not acceptable.
5. Can I attend an Interstate Event in my Club Permit Vehicle?  
Yes, if the event is in your Club Calendar or you obtain a Special Use Authorization.
6. Can I take parts to sell to a Swap Meet in my Club Permit Vehicle?  
This is a grey area. Technically you are using the vehicle for reward, so the answer is no.
7. Can any licenced driver drive my Club Permit Vehicle?  
Yes. Including a "P" Plate drivers or Learner drivers subject to the normal rules and engine capacity. Also check your comprehensive insurance policy
8. Can "P" Plate driver or Learner driver operate a LHD Club Permit Vehicle?  
No. Only fully licenced drivers are permitted to drive any LHD vehicle.
9. Can I park my Club Permit Vehicle in the street or on public land?  
No. Not without meeting the requirements of being on a Gazetted Club Run or having a Special Use Authorization.