

## ALL ABOUT IMPROMPTU EVENTS

There has been some confusion as to what is required to create a valid Impromptu Event (IE) under the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme (SIVS or Historic Registration). You cannot create a valid IE 5 minutes before you drive out the gate. The requirements appear here:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/registration/fees/concession/special-interest/restrictions>

Importantly, you must invite other club members to attend and you have to be specific as to a meeting point and time. You must allow sufficient time to let others get there.

Set out below are the VCCQ "Published Guidelines" for creating a valid IE, which comply with the Government requirements. It is absolutely vital these be followed as otherwise you will be driving uninsured, for both compulsory 3<sup>rd</sup> party, and comprehensive insurance purposes. It's when an accident occurs you will be likely to be found out. Bear in mind ALSO that automatic number plate recognition is being rolled out in fixed locations and in police cars and it won't be long before at the press of a button all instances of a SIVS vehicle being used will be available.

This is a great privilege which gives us among the best historic vehicle use entitlements in Australia but it must not be abused or we will lose it. Chocks away!

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### **VCCQ (Updated 23 Oct 2020) PUBLISHED GUIDELINES FOR CREATION OF VALID IMPROMPTU EVENTS (IEs) (Revised to accommodate changes in Facebook's method of creating events, and a few other details)**

1. Members should log into "VCCQ Private Members Page" on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/277276602992526> (You need to apply first to become a member of this page.)
2. Click on Events + Create Event
3. You then get options for "online" or "in person" – click the latter.
4. Left hand column opens up
5. You must nominate (in order - following the prompts – some have found 2 comes before 1):

- (a) Location - Meeting Place: either at the start of the run, or a destination. The meeting place must nominate an address so others can find it, and you. This can be the final destination (eg 9am on [date] Mt Glorious Café 1850 Mount Glorious Rd, Mount Glorious QLD 4520 for coffee) or a start point for the run (eg 10am on [date] Caltex Plainland 4414 Warrego Hwy, Plainland QLD for run to Toowoomba airport and home).
- (b) Event Name – you must use “Impromptu Event” in the name
- (c) Date and time to meet  

You **must allow enough time** between creating the IE and the meeting time for members to get to the meeting point. Obviously, what is appropriate for getting together for coffee at a café will differ from that required for a 2 day overnight event away from home, where people will need enough time to make accommodation and other arrangements to go on the run.
- (d) Description – say where you are going (Ignore the image box etc). Include your phone number so others can contact you if late or lost.
- (e) Click “Save” – invites come later
- (f) Click “Create Event”
- (g) A box opens up on the right showing only you have been invited. Above it click “Invites”, then “Guest Lists” opens and you then click “Select All” at the top of the left hand column.

Follow the prompts to complete creation of the event.

- 6. As with every other club event, it is prudent to print out (ie on paper, or save to your phone for off line access) the document evidencing the event you are on. It is too risky to simply rely on your phone to show the police if you are pulled over, as batteries can go flat and you don't have to go far from home, no matter where you are, to find black spots with no phone/internet reception.
- 7. Every event must comply with all the requirements for SIVS use on the TMR website here  
<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/registration/fees/concession/special-interest>