

MINUTES

Central Australian Commercial Passenger Vehicles Advisory Committee (CACPVAC)

Date: Wednesday, 5 September 2012
Time: 9 am – 11 am
Venue: Greatorex Building, Alice Springs

1.1 Present/Apologies

Present: Chairman
Minibus representative
Eagle Training Services representative –
Private Hire representative
Motor Vehicle Registry
13CABS representatives-
Australian Hoteliers Association
Department of Transport
Disability Advisory Services

Apologies: Tailormade Tours representative
Tangentyere Council representative
Alice Springs Town Council representative
Tourism Central Australia representative
Alice Springs Taxis representative

1.2 Confirm Minutes from previous meeting

Previous Minutes were accepted

2.1 Outstanding Actions

- Contact NT police and CPV Unit for advice on the 'Aiding and Abetting' offence. **Action completed.** NT Police and all Minibus Operators attended a meeting on 17 August 2012 to discuss the carriage of alcohol in CPV vehicles in Alice Springs. Robust discussion resulted in improved understanding of the difficulties involved by both parties and a number of strategies were identified and agreed upon to increase cooperation.
- Distribute OHS information to members. **Ongoing.** ETS to action by next meeting.
- Draft letter's inviting new members to join the Forum. **Action completed.** Letter's of invite were sent to Manager 13CABS, Alice Springs Taxis and Australian Hoteliers Association. Ray Locheal AHA, Rod McLeod 13CABS and Nathan Fricker ASP Taxis have all accepted membership to the Forum. Letters of acceptance to Peter Solly TCA and Paul Alekna A&P Private Hire cars have been sent.
- Enquire if the Senior Citizens Group can produce new flood marker signage **Ongoing.** ASTC to advise.
- .Draft nomination form, promote and organise the annual CPV Driver of the year award. **Completed.** Nomination form was distributed to Industry and the Community on 2 August with only 2 nominations being received. The winner to be announced at the TCA Awards being held Friday 5 September. 2012 .
- TCA to source sponsorship for the CPV Driver of the year award. **Completed.** ATP and Peter Kittle Motor Company have sponsored the CPV Award.

- ETS and TCA to discuss Tourism participation in the CPV driver Training. **Completed.** TCA Officers attended the recent Driver training course conducted in August.
- TCA and Chair to discuss the proposed driver tourism taxi driver accreditation. **Ongoing.** GM of Tourism Central Australia has resigned and the new GM is yet to be announced. A new tourism representative will be required for the forum.

General Business

- 3.1** Andrew Pool has recommenced the installation of the CCTV systems. Operators advised on the introduction of the new system. The Department is waiting on the application from the second installer to commence installation
- 3.2** Industry has expressed concerns over the new seat belts laws that will come into effect next year. The forum noted the importance of ongoing education and enforcement for MPT to safely secure wheelchair passengers in vehicles. A current exemption exists in the NT for commercial operators. MVR will keep industry informed of any changes and impacts to existing operations.
- 3.3** ETS have scheduled an additional training course for December. The introduction of the updated Information Bulletin CPV 18A appears to have proven beneficial in encouraging new drivers to complete the training in a timely manner.
- 3.4** It was reported that MPT drivers believe that they are not receiving adequate financial incentives to provide priority service to MPT passengers. The NT has the Lift Incentive and Taxi Subsidy scheme that provides financial assistance drivers and passengers of MPT vehicles.
- 3.5** Industry expressed concern over the lack of information and signage at the Alice Springs Airport regarding location of ranks, costs of transfers and passenger vehicle options for airport transfers. Enquiry if the 'Getting Around Alice Springs' brochure will be updated and redistributed. Requested that the Department and Tourism discuss with Airport Management the options for improved information signage as industry approaches to date have not met with success. It was suggested that CPV Networks advertise transport services on the Lonely Planet Website to inform visitors of the CPV options available in Alice Springs.
- 3.6** The issue of companion dogs being transported in CPV vehicles is being investigated by DAS. There appears to be some confusion at present in regards to the legislative definition.

4. Action List

Please refer to Attachment A.

5. Next meeting

Anticipate 14 November 2012. To be confirmed closer to date.

Attachment A

Agenda No	Action	Action Officer
2.1	Distribute OHS information to members.	ETS
2.2	Enquire if the Senior Citizens Group can produce new flood marker signage.	ASTC
2.3	A new tourism representative to be nominated and invited to join the forum.	Chair
2.4	Financial incentives for MPT drivers to provide priority service to MPT passengers.	MVR and DoT
2.5	The Department and Tourism discuss with Airport Management the options for improved information signage.	DoT and TCA
2.6	Advice on the issue of companion dogs being transported in CPV vehicles.	DAS