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ITEM: 94 Rural Fire Service - Historic Vehicles**FILE NUMBER:** GF010/007 Pt.02/GMA/OGG25LAX.G11**REPORT:**

A number of members of the Rural Fire Service have indicated an interest in reserving some of the older vehicles that form part of the history of the Service movement. While there have been a varying number of vehicles, some stand out, such as the World War II Blitz's that were predominant in the post war period; Land Rovers; Studebakers and some of the Bedfords.

One of the Bedfords that has now been taken out of service was obtained for the Grose Vale Brigade in the early 1960's. The Fire Control Officer has identified the vehicle as one of some historic significance, and indicates that if the brigade involved is prepared to enter into a suitable agreement, then the vehicle could be maintained by the brigade. Accordingly, the following has been developed as a suitable agreement:-

"This vehicle has been identified as an historical item within the development of the Bushfire/Rural Fire Service.

In retaining the vehicle, the Rural Fire Brigade acknowledges and agrees to the following:-

- 1. The vehicle is accepted in 'as is condition'.*
- 2. It is the responsibility of the brigade to maintain this vehicle in a safe working condition. Costs of an annual inspection by Council's plant foreman must be met by the brigade.*
- 3. The Rural Fire Brigade will be responsible for all expenditure (including normal running expenses, i.e., fuels, oils, etc.) on the vehicle with no funds being provided from the Rural Fire Service or Council organisations.*
- 4. Any charitable collecting undertaken by the brigade for the purposes of expenditure on the vehicle is to be so identified when the collection takes place. This is to clearly separate persons providing donations for day-to-day Rural Fire Service activities and that of maintaining and retaining a historical vehicle.*
- 5. The brigade will be responsible for housing of the vehicle; however, it may be possible to house such vehicle in an existing Brigade/Council owned station at the discretion of the Fire Control Officer. It should be recognised that this storage space may be required for other purposes from time to time, and housing of this vehicle will then be the responsibility of the brigade.*
- 6. The retained unit is not to be used for any fire fighting or associated operations, including training by the brigade, and only for the purposes for which its insurance/registration set out, i.e.; street parades/displays. Any such activities must be authorised by Council's Fire Control Officer. The brigade will be responsible for such registration/insurance. Copies of all such documents will be forwarded to Council's Fire Control Branch each year."*

It is recommended that the agreement be adopted by the Council and used where the brigades request, and the Fire Control Officer agrees to the retaining of a vehicle of historic significance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the agreement for rural fire brigades retaining historic vehicles as agreed to by the Fire Control Officer.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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