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HOT RODS: Leisure Company client Thomas Molloy with Leisure Company program officer Sarah Magley at the Triumph Car Club convoy. Picture: Les Smith

## Not breaking any promises for Wagga

## Vintage car show still goes on

BY JEREMY FROST

A CONVOY of Triumph cars rolled into Wagga on Friday in support of The Leisure Company despite hiccups with council that could have seen the event cancelled. About 40 Triumph Car

About 40 Triumph Car Club vehicles and 65 drivers turned out on the day to take people with a disability for rides in the vintage vehicles.

Event coordinator Graeme Oxley was surprised by what council required and continued with the event because of a promise made to The Leisure Company.

"The reason for coming here is to take some special needs people from the leisure company for rides in these cars because these type of people never get the opportunity to go in open top convertible cars," he said.

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issues of risk assessments, we had to have special insurance or public liability which was up to \$20 million and our club only had \$10 million.

"We had to increase that if we wanted to do (the event), which we did."

For two hours in the city, Mr Oxley said the club had to apply for permit to park outside the Riverina Playhouse, then pay a flat fee to park their vehicles at the venue.

Mayor Greg Conkey said it was a standard requirement for organisers of such events to meet council regulations before being given the allclear.

"There is a number of rules and regulations which unfortunately have to be in place for events like this," he said.

"There is a number of policies involved we need to cover off as far as insurance is concerned. They needed an insurance policy with \$20 million of cover and needed a few other things."

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The convoy drove from Uranquinty to Wagga on Friday morning, before heading to Cootamundra that afternoon.

About 20 people were taken for rides and Leisure Company program officer Sarah Manley was thankful for the car club's support.

"The Leisure Company is always searching for community events and activities and clubs that we can link up with so our participants can be more involved in the community," she said.

"We do have a lot of car enthusiasts so everybody is going to have a really fun time but also having that community involvement and community participation is really a positive thing for our participants."

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