

Welcome message from the President Peter Garnham.

I am the President of the National Historical Machinery Association. This Position is voted on every 2 years. The NHMA Committee is made up of 2 representatives for each state who sit on this Committee of Management, as well as the usual Secretary, Treasurer, and the like. There is a full List of Positions and contact details on this website for you to use .

I am Married to Kelly and have 4 Children and 9 Grandchildren

I am President of Maitland Steam and Antique Machinery Association and have restored, with help from Club members, a 1912 - 14HP Marshall Portable Steam Engine.

I stood for the Committee of the NHMA a number of years ago, to try and make the committee a bit more user-friendly and encourage enthusiasm into the committee, to get our hobby to attract younger members.

I am aware that many Club members join the clubs, to enable them to run their own engines, and participate at rallies, and that is really all they are interested in, and I agree with them.

The need is there for a co-ordinated approach to have this Association take care of the regulatory requirements, like sourcing proper Insurance Cover for both Volunteer workers and Public Liability. The Insurance Companies are very business-like and require supporting policies etc. to ensure we have a co-ordinated System that protects us and them as much as possible. For instance, safety standards etc, that we review every year, to show that we are managing ourselves across the country, so that club members can enjoy their hobby as they wish.

Also, to co-ordinate and assist the clubs to Run National Rallies and National Tractor Treks etc, for members across Australia to participate in and enjoy.

As part of looking at improving the interaction and usefulness of this website, we have through Ralph, our committee member and WA Rep, embarked upon a redesign and update of which the video forms part. Please, if there are any suggestions on what you would like to see etc, let us know. We would love for you to enjoy the site and keep it updated with your club activities and contacts, so that any travelling members can call in and see you if they wish.

I thank you for being a member of your local club, to forge our hobby ahead, and welcome you to this website.

Thankyou

Peter