

NHMA NEWSLETTER

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Please take Note: Enclosed with this Newsletter is your club's notice of the 2012 Annual General Meeting. Attached to the notice are nomination forms for executive & State Representatives. Tasmania is the only state with a vacancy occurring this year.

This year the executive decided to hold the AGM at Wellington, NSW, nearby to Mudgee, so that the Committee of Management could view the 14th National Rally Site.

All nearby clubs are urged to attend the Wellington Vintage Fair and on the Saturday [3rd March 2012] night attend the NHMA AGM. A good roll up would be nice!

NHMA AGM Elections:

Three Executive positions fall vacant this year as the President, Vice-President and Secretary have completed their two year term.

Only one State Representative position becomes vacant; Brian Scott will no doubt be seeking re-election. Nominations should reach the Secretary at PO Box 304, Strathdale, 3550 by the 18th Feb. 2012. Nomination forms are attached to the meeting notice that is enclosed with this newsletter.

NHMA Badges:

Kevin & Kym Elphick report good sales of both the NHMA Rally Badge and the NHMA Hat or Lapel Badge. These are quality badges and are proving popular for awards to club personnel and trophies. Kevin & Kym's contact details can be found in the NHMA Newsletter # 59.

NHMA Tractor Sub-Committee:

As you would have read in the last issue [# 59]: ***"Fencing of static tractor displays:*** *The NHMA is now setting up a sub-committee to address this issue. If there are acceptable ways around this problem the Association is hopeful that this will come from those with tractors. This committee of five members, will be known as the NHMA Tractor Sub-Committee who will report back to the NHMA Committee of Management. Kevin Elphick, NSW State Representative has agreed to chair this committee. So, here is your opportunity to come up with some positive input."*

Unfortunately, there was a poor response to this proposal: the Committee of Management will now discuss this issue at its Teleconference Meeting on the

30th January, 2012. It must be understood that any decision of the Committee will apply to all clubs across Australia.

NHMA Insurance:

There have always been stragglers and new members requiring insurance through the NHMA insurance arrangements. Please note, that the cut-off date for the insurance year is the 30th April 2012. **As in the past couple of years, no requests will be processed after this date!!!**

Club Vehicle Certifiers & Registrars: Currently, nineteen clubs have responded to this matter. If your club wishes to utilise this aspect of the insurance cover offered, it is suggested that you look at item # 7 in the last issue and then contact the NHMA Secretary with the details required.

Coming National Events:

The 4th NHMA National Tractor Trek gets underway from Biloela, Queensland on the **18th, 19th & 20th July 2012**. The host club, [Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Club] has a proven track record for big NHMA events as this club hosted the National Rally in 2007 which was an outstanding success. Please contact Cindy Cooper on 07 4992 5910 or email cdmpe@bigpond.com

The 14th NHMA National Rally will be held at Mudgee, NSW on the 19th, 20th, & 21st April 2013. Contact Steve Garland 02 6372 3899 or email info@nhma2013rally.com.

President Phillip writes

Most clubs appear to have enjoyed the Christmas break and are now getting back into full operation. Our Association has some challenges ahead for the next couple of years, but with a full committee now in place, I am confident good decisions will be achieved for all clubs. I look forward to our committee meeting at Mudgee and the AGM at Wellington, NSW. Firstly to have a look at the site of the next National Rally and secondly, to meet up with as many as possible at the Wellington Vintage Festival and the AGM.

Kindest regards,

Phillip