

NHMA NEWSLETTER

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The NHMA President writes . . .

This, being my first Presidents report after elections at the N.H.M.A's A.G.M in Wellington N.S.W. allows me to personally thank our Past President Phillip (Ned) Morrison for his dedication and commitment throughout his term as N.H.M.A. President.

As a member of the N.H.M.A committee for a number of years holding Victorian State Rep. and Vice President Positions, I look forward to maintaining the policies and planning that has enabled the N.H.M.A. to increase its membership throughout Australia.

Forthcoming Federal Government changes to the Heritage Plant Code of Practice, in order to standardise Work Health and Safety throughout Australia, together with Places of Public Entertainment (POPE) legislation will keep us all on our toes.

With safety now paramount in our thinking we have seen tremendous changes to our hobby; our members have taken up these changes in order to protect our insurance and public awareness programs that the N.H.M.A. has placed before them.

The N.H.M.A. Handbook has now been distributed and I ask all clubs to ensure that this document is available to all members to peruse and understand.

Keep Collecting.

Alan Shepherd

It is that time of year again. Negotiations on the insurance costs for 2012/2013 have led to a great result. I am happy to report that there is no increase in the cost per member again this year.

This is largely due to the small number of claims that have been lodged. All member clubs should take a pat on the back; your nominated members have taken care and thought about safety, resulting in this great result. Please encourage your members to continue thinking of safety and acting safely!

Another bonus this year is the ability to claim on a larger range of non-medical expenses. Your club's Certificate of Currency [available about 31st July] will detail this information.

Affiliation Fees [\$3.10 per member] and insurance [\$13.40 per member] are now due. If your club wishes

to be affiliated only, the NHMA wish to have a copy of your club's Certificate of Currency. The Public Liability cover must match the NHMA cover of \$20,000,000.

Two NHMA Renewal Notices are attached to this Newsletter. A green page to replace the 2011/12 renewal notice that is in your club's NHMA Handbook and a white one to pass on to your club's membership secretary.

Please pay in full promptly, any club that does not respond by the 30th September 2012 will be removed from the members list.

Clubs that have constant 'late payers', are asked to act now on this annoying practice. The NHMA Treasurer and Secretary have been pondering this issue and are considering asking the Committee of Management to apply a late fee to all affiliations that are received after the 30th September each year.

NHMA National Tractor Trek: By the time this Newsletter reaches you the 4th NHMA National Tractor Trek will be almost upon us. The dates are 18th 19th & 20th July and the trek will be capably hosted by the Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Club. Please contact Cindy at cdmpc@bigpond.com if you have a late entry.

The 14th NHMA National Rally at Mudgee NSW is shaping up to be a BIG event. Much of the available accommodation in Mudgee is becoming hard to find, please contact the Mudgee Tourist Centre if you need assistance.

Rally updates can be viewed on the NHMA Website.

NHMA Website: Some of you may have noticed that the NHMA Website is now under new management. Many new items have been added and we are now sorting through the site and removing some of the unused pages.

It is now up to the member clubs to send in reports on club events [with photos if possible]; coming rally dates; club projects etc. Ralph is willing to put in the hard yards on this project, but he needs the co-operation of the NHMA member clubs.

Ralph is also keen to commence a 'before & after' page on the web that lists club events leading up to the 2013 National Rally at Mudgee and also club

events occurring after the National. Clubs with a rally being held about a month before or a month after should consider this offer, it is free advertising and will assist those attending from other areas to plan a 'rally tour'.

Webmaster, Ralph Thomas will be pleased to hear from any member club. Email is possibly the best way to contact Ralph: rwthomas@mail2me.com.au Other details to contact Ralph can be found in the NHMA Handbook; he is also a Western Aust. State Rep.

The NHMA Handbook has now been distributed to all clubs and those on the Committee of Management. There has been a good response from member clubs sending in the requested receipt for the handbook with some 102 clubs having responded at the time of writing. The remaining 78 clubs who haven't responded as yet might place this chore on their 'to do' list. Thank you for the encouraging remarks from many of the clubs.

2015 NHMA National Rally: There has been positive information from Tasmania. Although not signed & sealed at the time of writing, the vibes are good and it appears that a firm expression of interest will be sent in from the clubs across the gutter; thanks to some proactive work from the State Reps. good news!!!

2014 NHMA National Tractor Trek: As yet no expression of interest has been received. The NHMA Committee of Management would like a written expression of interest to the Secretary by the 30th September 2012. Expressions of interest will be accepted from any member club.

Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Association: Congratulations to this great club for their staging of its 100th Rally in November 2012. Many clubs have difficulty in staging a rally once a year, so it is no mean feat to stage two rallies each year. A large number of clubs are now arranging a visit to the 100th Rally which I am sure will be a resounding success.

25th Anniversary of the NHMA: After an email from Ralph, one of the W.A. State Reps, the committee is now aware that this important milestone will occur at the 100th Lake Goldsmith Rally which will be held on the 2nd 3rd & 4th of November this year. It was at a meeting of club representatives at the 50th Lake Goldsmith Rally 1987 that a decision was made to form the NHMA. A steering committee was appointed to prepare a constitution, investigate insurance cover and safety issues.

The original NHMA Constitution was adopted and signed off a year later on the 28th October by Jim Ross [Chairman] and John Norris [Lake Goldsmith club] &

Geoff Wishart [Reedy Lake/Kerang] of the Steering Committee.

In 1987 the Steering Committee members were:

Jim Ross	President	[Vic]
Geoff Wishart	Sec/Treas.	[Vic]
Allen Eatts		[South Aus.]
Ian Gordon		[Vic]
John Glynn		[Vic]
John Norris		[Vic]
Reg Schuster		[Qld]

Heritage Plant Code of Practice: No further information has been received by the NHMA on this matter. It is assumed that more will be forthcoming after the Federal & complementary State Legislation has been finalised. After this, it is understood that the Association will have to produce a 'compliance manual' to support the 'code of practice'. Until then clubs are asked to pay due regard to safety issues, and administration matters.

Merchandise: Member clubs and individuals can purchase NHMA Badges, NHMA Coffee Mugs and other items from Kevin & Kim Elphick. These items are most suitable for club awards etc. and are of great quality. These will be available at Lake Goldsmith.

Changes to the NHMA Safety Guidelines: As indicated in the last Newsletter [March 2012] some changes to the NHMA Safety Guidelines are being worked through. Kevin and a couple of others on the Committee have been busy reviewing the current guidelines [which have served the Association very well] to try and streamline the safety information provided for the member clubs. The time line is now this: the report of the sub-committee will be tabled at the Committee meeting set down for Saturday 3rd November 2012. If this meeting adopts the recommendations of the sub-committee, the secretary will then post the updated NHMA Safety Guidelines to all member clubs to place in the NHMA Handbook.

Until the new guidelines are adopted by the committee, the current guidelines remain in force.

Until the next issue, good restoring & best wishes!