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Your Club's Information for 2014 – 15 affiliation & insurance year is enclosed with this Newsletter Please read through carefully!!!

The Lockington Rally during which the NHMA Committee of Management meeting and the NHMA Annual General Meeting were held, was an outstanding success. See the NHMA web page for a detailed report.

The NHMA expresses its thanks to the Lockington Living Heritage Complex for its hospitality and co-operation that enabled these meetings to be held in a congenial atmosphere and the home cooked meals were a treat to all.

The Committee received a number of written requests and many important decisions/changes to the way we do things were made at the Committee of Management meeting. Could you ensure that you, the Secretary and your committee are fully aware of the following matters:

1. Affiliation & Insurance costs:

The Committee has decided that the Affiliation fee [\$3.10 per financial member per year] will remain the same at \$3.10.

However, as the result of two major claims on the Personal Accident policy last year, the committee decided to raise the insurance charges to \$14.90 [per member per year]

This makes the total payable to the NHMA \$18.00 per member per year [GST incl.]. [previously this was \$16.50]

2. Administrative Changes:

a). Full club contact list: Enclosed with your club's renewal information is a form requesting contact information relating to the Executive positions, [name, postal address, home phone, mobile phone and email address] from each affiliated club. Please fill this form out and return with your first renewal request.

b). Insurance Cards: So that the NHMA Secretary knows 'who has which' card – the names of individual nominated members will be written on the card by the NHMA secretary. The number of the card will be recorded on the list sent in by the club. The club name will also be written on the front of the card by the NHMA Secretary. Your club membership secretary will need to stamp the club name [using the official club stamp] on the back of the card and record the card number on the club record. Cards are not transferable.

c). No 'spare cards' will be issued. Should the request list name 33 requiring insurance, only 33 cards will be sent.

d). Information/Questions: The NHMA accepts queries from affiliated 'Clubs/Groups' NOT from individual members. This has happened too often in the past year and is becoming difficult to keep on top of. In many cases, the President/Secretary does not know of the queries that have been made.

The normal process is: Try and sort things out at Club level; if this cannot be achieved, contact the State Representative for your State; if no satisfaction is forthcoming, have the club secretary WRITE to the NHMA Secretary, who is obliged to respond or bring the matter to an NHMA committee meeting.

3. Risk Assessment/OH&S:

During the past 18 months or so the NHMA Committee of Management has been working toward a workable 'Risk Assessment Policy' that will simplify the process for clubs when applying to Local Government authorities for permission to hold events.

Legislation has been in place for a number of years that Councils may use should they need to. Many Councils are now taking up these options and the NHMA Secretary has been asked by affiliated NHMA clubs 'does the Association have a 'pro-forma' risk assessment form that can be used by clubs?'

There is now a positive response – enclosed with this Newsletter is a 'RISK ASSESSMENT' form that can be copied, filled in and sent to your local council. When completed, it will give firm information to the club organisers and the Council as to what are the risks identified and the steps your club is taking to overcome these risks. Over the next few months further information will be sent out – this document is for club use when organising an event, NOT individual participants.

4. Queensland Heritage Rally at Ayr, [Far North Queensland].

This is the sixth QHR that is being staged in this State, past QHR's have been outstanding events, and no doubt this year's event will be no exception. The host clubs are the Burdekin Machinery Preservationists, the North Queensland Machinery Preservationists and the Pioneer Valley Machinery Preservationists and will be held on 25 – 27 July 2014 at the Ayr Showgrounds, Ayr NQ. Please find further information on the enclosed flyer.

The Committee of Management has decided that the NHMA will be represented at the QHR by Vice-President & Treasurer, Robert & Julie Schoonderbeek; Secretary/Assistant Secretary – Ken & Christine Bock and NSW State Rep. – Kevin Elphick.

5. Leave of absence for the secretary: IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ WELL & COMPREHEND!!!

The secretaries will be absent from Victoria to attend the QHR, from the 8th July until the 14th August 2014.

Should your club/group have an event occurring before the 20th August 2014 – please act quickly and send in renewals early.

Cards will be available from about the 21st June to the 4th July & then from the 18th August on.

To assist member clubs, priority will be given to clubs holding early August events.

Certificates of Currency will be available via email from early August onwards.

6. National Tractor Trek.

The National Tractor Trek, hosted by the Hunter Valley Vintage Farm Machinery Club Inc was a very successful event. In the vicinity of one hundred tractors from far & wide enjoyed the varied program put together by Don Lean and his enthusiastic committee. Congratulations to the HVVFMFC for putting on a wonderful trek culminating in the Club's rally at the weekend. Thanks Don and thanks to your team – a great event – well done!

At the Trek, news that this would be the last 'National' event was circulated. Most of the participants were not very pleased with this news, even though the NHMA had indicated that each State would be encouraged to organise a State Tractor Trek in place of the National event. Phone calls, emails and letters were received by the NHMA Secretary asking that the Committee of Management reconsider their earlier decision and continue holding a National Tractor Trek during the 'year between' National Rallies.

This process has begun and at the next committee meeting a 'notice of motion' will be moved to rescind the previous decision on 'State Tractor Treks' & submissions be called for the hosting of the '2016 National Tractor Trek'. Participants are reminded that vehicles must be registered/on permit and any comprehensive

vehicle insurance is the responsibility of the owner. NHMA Public Liability insurance only covers vehicles while in a fenced compound during breaks/stopovers.

NHMA affiliated clubs [in any state] are therefore advised that **applications to host the 6th NHMA National Tractor Trek during 2016 are called for.** For more information, please check your NHMA Handbook or contact the NHMA Secretary. All submissions need to be in writing and with the NHMA Secretary by **Monday 1st December 2014.** The venue for the trek, will be decided by the 2015 AGM being held at Quercus Park during the National Rally, Feb. 27-28-1 Mar. 2015.

7. 2017 NHMA National Rally.

Doesn't time go quickly when you are having fun. The 2017 NHMA National Rally is scheduled to be held in Victoria [remember that a State by State rotation applies to Nationals] during 2017.

Any Victorian NHMA affiliated club is therefore advised that submissions are now called for the hosting of the NHMA Flagship Event. As this is always a large rally, clubs need to fully understand the planning, number of exhibits, size of camping area needed, financial resources, volunteers Etc. Etc.

Limited information is available from previous National Rallies that may assist your club or group of clubs in making a submission. For more information, please check your NHMA Handbook or contact the NHMA Secretary.

All submissions need to be in writing and with the NHMA Secretary by **Monday 1st December 2014.** The venue for the 2017 NHMA National Rally, will be decided at the 2015 AGM being held at Quercus Park during the National Rally, Feb. 27-28-1 Mar. 2015.

8. Thanks to clubs/contributors to the NHMA website.

There are now quite a number of interesting reports etc on the site & Ralph Thomas is only too happy to accept more articles from clubs on their activities – the sharing of information on activities is interesting to many who regularly visit NHMA site. This is a free service to all affiliated clubs – why not send your club Newsletter to Ralph and share experiences!!!

Recent NHMA Newsletters are also posted on the site – so if you have misplaced any copies you can check these out online.

9. Election of Officers:

President, Alan Shepherd; V-P, Rob Schnooderbeek and Secretary, Ken Bock were all nominated and re-elected at the AGM. State Representative for Tasmania, Brian Scott was also re-elected at that meeting. Thank you to all the above for the work & planning that has been given to the Association, health & happiness for the future.

Enclosures:

Affiliation & Insurance renewal information.

President's Report for 2013 [Because of limited space, Alan's report has been held over until the next issue]

Secretary's Report for 2013

Treasurer's Report for 2013

Risk Assessment Pro-forma that your club may wish to use.

Flyer for QHR – 25 to 27 July

Important Dates:

Farmall Rally 31st May – 1st June 2014 Bendigo, Prince of Wales Showground

Neighbouring Club Rallies across Aust. Various dates please participate if you are able.

Queensland Heritage Rally 25-27th July 2014 Ayr, North Qld.

NHMA National Rally 'Quercus Park' Tasmania. Feb 27 – 1 March 2015