



Welcome to the **NHMA News Page**

To all our valued members and supporters, we will have an update on what's happening at the NHMA in every issue of TOMM – this will include the latest news and updates.

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President's (Toolbox Talk)

Welcome to this issue and I thank all those who have reached out to us through our secretary and thanked us for this initiative to make NHMA more inclusive and for keeping members up-to-date with our goings-on.

By the time you read this, we will have held our preliminary meetings with the insurance industry to start the process of renewals, and test the market on inclusions, as well as the ongoing inclusions that we have for our insurance cover. I must say that it is very enlightening to see market changes within the insurance industry and the harsh reality of how events around the world can impact even our relatively small policies within the industry. I cannot but stress how important it is to advise our insurers of any claim or even potential claim as soon as something happens, as the insurance companies need to be able to manage the process of a claim from the start to achieve the best outcome for all concerned. It's no good advising of an issue even two months after an incident – it's too late.

Our membership is gradually growing, and I would like to welcome the Mid North Coast Restoration Club NSW (Rusty Iron Rally) and also the Yorke Peninsula Classic and Vintage Tractor Pull Club SA. Welcome to the NHMA and I hope you get the value out of the membership that all our clubs are used to.

By the time you read this report, our second quarterly round of state meetings via Zoom will have taken place. I can only recommend that once every three months, you dial in on Zoom and participate and listen to updates and have questions answered. It only goes for an hour or so and I believe that they are more than beneficial.

The registrations for the National Rally, held by Cudgegong Club (Mudgee NSW), are open in August, which has even been made easier with online registrations as well. I am so looking forward to this rally.

The idea of state rallies in the off year to the National Rally has been floated and is being looked at currently – what a great idea for clubs to be able to host a state rally in their own town, especially when they don't have the ability to do a National. More to come on this.

Please enjoy the rest of the page – committee member, Bill Ives, has put a lot of effort into the committee including this page, and through feedback so far, it is appreciated.

Regards, Peter Garnham

Wishart Award

The NHMA Committee is pleased to announce the updated Wishart Award. Geoff Wishart was a great supporter of the heritage machinery movement from the beginning; he was a founding member of the NHMA.

This award was set up several years ago to pay tribute to Geoff and the efforts of restorers at the national rallies. The NHMA Committee is committed to carry on with this great award and has updated the criteria and added to the number of awards available. This award is to encourage not only NHMA member clubs and their members to put on the best displays possible but to encourage all heritage machinery enthusiasts.

We would like to encourage you to start thinking of the display you are going to bring to our next NHMA National Rally at Mudgee in 2023. The criteria for each award is set out below. We have set the criteria, so any club or junior has the chance to win the award.

Club Awards

- Best NHMA Club Display \$500 Perpetual Trophy
- Best non NHMA Club Display \$100 Certificate
- Criteria: Signage, Safety, Friendly Members, Public Appeal, Effort by Club
- Junior Awards
- Wishart Junior NHMA Member Display \$50 Certificate
- Wishart Junior non NHMA Member Display \$25 Certificate
- Criteria: Signage, Safety, Friendly, Skills Learnt, Contribution to Club
- Judging committee for the Wishart Awards:
 - One of each of the six (6) state reps
 - One representative from the host club

Eftpos Machines

We now have the EFTPOS machines mentioned in the last report. These machines are available for NHMA clubs. The machines will have a data chip in them, or you connect to Wi-Fi. They will come with spare rolls and chargers. The way it works is you need to contact the NHMA Secretary, David, to book the machines, and this will be on a first-come basis. Once the booking is done, David will post the machines to you during the week before the event. Once the event is over, you will post back in the material provided. The only NHMA cost to you will be postage. There is a dedicated NHMA Trust Account with Bendigo Bank that the transactions will go into. Once the

machines are returned, the funds will be transferred to you, less the postage (NHMA) and the Bendigo Bank's transaction fee of 1.8%. There is an understanding that if the machines come back damaged, then the borrower will be responsible for damages and that will be deducted as well.

State Representative and Treasurer

Our long-standing rep in WA has been holding down the fort for quite a while now and with all the changes we are making, it would be good to get Ralph some help. If you live in Western Australia and have a passion to see the NHMA grow and help represent your state's members clubs with a voice, please speak to Ralph or contact David. The commitment is now a monthly Zoom meeting, twice a year face-to-face meetings, quarterly state Zoom meetings, possibly being involved in a subcommittee, and growing our hobby. We still have a vacancy for the Treasurers position. Currently, we are running with a Secretary/Treasurer position. At the last committee meeting, we decided to make life easier for the Treasurer and, as part of our being more professional and business-like, we have engaged a professional accountant as our bookkeeper. This will make the new Treasurer's job a lot easier. If you are interested, you will have the bookkeeper, and the support and assistance from all the committee members. The commitment statement in the State Rep request will be that, other than any extra executive work, and presenting the financial statements at meetings.

We hope to hear from members for both positions, it is always good to have new faces with new ideas.

New NHMA Website

The new NHMA website is up and running with more information. It now has a more interactive menu where you can search a calendar of events by state, membership applications, NHMA updates, insurance and safety, and other information. We do encourage you to add your events to the calendar using the interactive form. See <https://nhma.com.au/>

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