




# 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 of TOMM. It is pleasing to see that this page is growing, which means that the projects that we have been working on are being completed by the committee to be able to report an outcome to you. For that, I thank the committee for their hard work allowing the Association to move forward. Special thanks to our secretary who, I understand, commits some 30 hours per week in a voluntary capacity, as well as his day job.

You should all have your new insurance cards by now and from feedback, they are being well received. I also hear that your clubs are liking the streamlined process that has been adopted. There are a few teething problems, but they are being fixed on the go and shouldn't happen going forward.

Regarding insurance, the policies have been effected, and increased to include Transit/Marine insurance from September. That means any of your displays that go on a truck or trailer have a level of cover. This policy sits as an extension to our suite of policies and we hope it does what it is supposed to in the event that something happens. A list of criteria will be sent to clubs surrounding this policy when available.

The NHMA has also provided most of the state representatives with a signwritten gazebo to set up at events they attend. This is to allow members to see where their representatives are if they wish to discuss anything with them - they will be easily recognised at events - but also please note, that your reps are also participants in the hobby so they may also have a display there as well.

The registrations for the National Rally at Mudgee 2023 should be open by now. Please make contact and get your registration in so that plans can be made for the compounds and other facilities. It's hard if it all happens at the last minute.

Our next round of quarterly meetings (your club secretary will get the invites) are on the 19th, 20th, and 21st September. I encourage you to log into one of these meetings. It is the same login for all three nights.

Regarding new clubs, I wish to welcome TADOMS to the NHMA. I hope you get the value out of the membership that all our clubs are used to.

You will have seen on our Facebook site that Bill Ives has started a list of 'Preferred Suppliers' to assist members with tracking down parts or services to assist in their

restorations - members do recommend them from their dealings with them, so we trust our members in this. There is also the question on there - Where can I get this? - so, this will build into a good resource for everyone's use.

It is exciting times in the NHMA.

Please enjoy the rest of the page, and in fact, the whole magazine.

Regards Peter

## NHMA Insurance Update

The NHMA is constantly seeking ways to improve the benefits that we deliver for our members. In what is a tight insurance market, we are pleased to be able to advise that we have managed to negotiate a Marine Transit insurance (transport insurance) package for our members. This insurance means that members' items (engines, tractors, displays, etc.) are covered for loss or damage from the time they are loaded at home until the time they are unloaded at the rally ground, and for the return trip home. Naturally, there are some conditions that apply to the cover, and our secretary has already provided those details to all club secretaries. This insurance forms part of each affiliated club's insurance package and is therefore available to all NHMA insured members. There is no additional cost for this insurance - it is an additional benefit that we have managed to negotiate for our members.

## Our New Team Members

### Treasurer

Richard Bird, from the Adelaide Hills Motor Restorers Club, has taken up the position of Treasurer for the NHMA. He is currently also the treasurer for the AHMRC. Richard has only been involved in restoring for the last 10 years following retirement, and is currently working on a number of engines, including a Series 1 Landrover, a Ferguson TEA20, a Furphy tank and carriage, and a 4-wheel, heavy-duty farm dray.

## Member's Benefits

The NHMA has long been known as just an insurance provider. We are trying to change this and come up with benefits on top of insurance for our member clubs and their members. The NHMA has in the past, and will continue to support events such as:

- National Rally (new agreement and funding package review in progress);
- National Tractor Trek.

We have already been able to introduce a couple of things so far, including:

- No rent EFTPOS machines;
- Marine Transit Insurance;
- Ian Stewart Award;
- Expanded Wishart Award (National Rally).

## Future ideas are:

- Partnering with a professional grant-writing company to help clubs with grant applications at no charge;
- New state rallies (new agreement and funding package review in progress);
- Partnering with suppliers to gain discounts for member clubs and their members.

We all want to see our hobby grow, as well as the NHMA, so if you have any suggestions for NHMA member's benefits, or suppliers we can partner with, please contact your state rep or the NHMA Secretary.

## We are growing

As mentioned by Peter in the Toolbox Talk, we have had new member clubs join. Over the last 12 months, these clubs have seen the NHMA grow by over 850 members. The growth is fantastic and the support from our existing clubs is a good sign that we are heading in the right direction.

We would like to welcome the new and returning clubs:

- Murray Bridge Riverboat, Rail & Steam Group Inc.;
- Rushworth Machinery Preservation Club Inc.;
- Bacchus Marsh & District Holden Car Club Inc.;
- Pally Pullers;
- YP Antique Tractor Pull;
- Mundoora Community Progress Association Inc.;
- Mid North Coast Machinery Restoration Club;
- TADOMS;
- Steaming on the Downs;
- Pioneer Park Museum Dalby;
- Riverina Trekkers.

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