



# 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.

## President's Toolbox Talk

It gives me great pleasure to write this report at the end of this insurance year, into the lead up to the new year.

In the last report, we provided the information of our new Committee members and ran out of space so this issue will focus on the award winners and the Ian Stewart award recipients. Also, by now, all the Junior members that we know about, have received a letter from the NHMA advising of their ability to participate and get more involved in their clubs and the NHMA. Please read later in the report.

By now, our secretary has relocated to Idalia, QLD (just out of Townsville), and the transition has appeared seamless from our end but please use the new mailing address when needed as it will save us on redirection fees.

By the time you read this, all our insurance policies have been renewed and all will be good to go, plus you should have received your new insurance/membership cards don't they look great!

All clubs' rallies are forging ahead, according to our Calendar and Facebook page. Sydney Antique's Clarendon Rally in NSW has nominated to hold our second face-to-face meeting for 2023 there, which will be a great event to hold our meeting at. Steve Muscat is the man coordinating this for us.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the report.

\*Peter

## NHMA 2022

Last year, 2022, saw our member clubs grow by eight. The last few years have seen a great turnaround, with our growth of member clubs, which in turn gives us over 10,000 member club members as our base. This helps us all by increasing our buying power with our insurers and other suppliers.

We would like to welcome the following groups who have joined in the last 12 months:

- Mid North Coast Machinery Restoration Club Inc.;
- Toowoomba & District Old Machinery Society Inc.;

- Echuca Steam Preservation Society Inc.;
- Trafalgar Truck Restorers Club Inc.;
- ACMOC Chapter 29;
- Dungog Tractor Trekking Society Inc.;
- Sydney Antique Machinery Club Inc.; and,
- Pine Rivers Historic Machinery Restoration Society Inc.

## Renewal Time

June-July was our renewal time and at the writing (30th June), we have had over 3,000 renewals. If your club is looking at joining the NHMA, it is a \$10 club joining fee, then it is \$20 per member. In the past we were known as just an insurance agent, but now we are so much more, with member club benefits growing all the time. We have introduced a number of initiatives in the last year or so, and we are always looking for new benefits, which include:

• Ian Stewart Young Restorers Award to encourage younger people to get involved in the hobby. The awards criteria are available to look at on our website. It has a monetary component of \$1,000 per state and territory.

• National Rally Wishart Award has been revamped so it now covers NHMA and Non-NHMA clubs.

• Rally Handbook and Safety Management System (approved by the insurance industry).

• Standard operating procedures for several tools and other equipment (as a guide not compulsory) - this is being added to as time goes on.

• Grant Writing assistance program (NHMA Funded Grant Writer).

• Plastic membership cards.

• Free use of two (2) EFTPOS machines (only charges - postage and bank fees).

• Electronic banking.

• Updated website.

• Facebook page.

• Free transit insurance for your load to and from rallies.

## Face-to-Face Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Sydney Antique Machinery Club's rally, the Clarendon Classic, held over the 16th and 17th September 2023

weekend. We are looking forward to seeing and meeting as many heritage machinery enthusiasts as possible at this great rally. Please come up and say hello. We will be holding a meeting on the Saturday; the time and venue are just being worked out. We will put the details on our website and Facebook page as soon as they are available. We encourage you all to come along and ask questions and give us suggestions on how we can help grow our hobby for everyone. It's also a good chance for any club wishing to join the NHMA to make contact so we can have a chat with you and answer any questions you have. We should have state reps from every state at the event so, whichever state you are from, your state rep can be involved. Just contact the NHMA secretary to arrange a time.

## Training

The committee is keen to see some competency-based training courses be developed for use by clubs. These courses will be non-compulsory but aimed at helping clubs operate their equipment in a safe way. We are in the early stages of this process but hope to have a Heritage Steam Plant course up and running by the end of 2023 or early 2024. This will be the first, then we will look at Tractors, Stationary Engines, and Belt Driven Machinery. The committee is very lucky to have people with skills in these different areas as well as knowledge on workplace health and safety and current training procedures. With that said, we are not the be-all and end-all, so we will be asking for advice from clubs and individuals, as we get further down the track.

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