



# Welcome to the **NHMA News Page**

To all our valued members and supporters, we will bring you all the latest news and updates on what's happening at the NHMA in every issue of TOMM.

## **PRESIDENT'S TOOLBOX REPORT**

It gives me great pleasure to write this report for issue #231. By the time you read this, the festive season and new year have been done and dusted - I hope it was good to you. I really enjoyed reading the last magazine, especially the article on the Rusty Iron Rally. I attended this rally and apart from the big display of International to celebrate its 100 years, my memories are with the hot air engine and the braid-making machine. Regarding my report, I cannot stress enough the importance of rally organisers to ensure that the rallies run to the guidelines as set by us and adopted by our insurers.

Since writing the last article, I had the good fortune of visiting a member's shed with his tractor collection and a display shed with a painted concrete slab that you could eat your lunch off. His collection of Fergie tractors are impressive, both the past projects and the projects sitting in his storage shed awaiting overhaul. In the display shed, they are all fully restored and operational and have some very good paint jobs, and although some are not traditional colours, they look great. He has also built one with a V8 Chevrolet motor which looks and sounds great. He displays this tractor but does not enter any of his collection in tractor pulls or other activities - we all know that we don't cover modified tractors under our policies. V8 Fergies are easy to pick, but there are also some modifications that greatly boost the performance but are not as obvious - without harping on about this for those members that have them, I hope you have good separate insurance.

On the NHMA front, whilst some of us got a break over Christmas, our finance team were hard at it from 1st January 2024 to get the MYOB files and other documentation to the auditors to ensure that all is ready for our AGM at the National Tractor Convention in Deniliquin in April. From the preliminary reports, we are travelling good. We have purchased some tear-drop banners to go to each state rep, to go alongside the marquees at events, so it's easier for you to find us

on the rally ground. We are still working on various training documents and also some safe operating procedures, so all is progressing well. Our membership is at about 10,000 and growing with enquiries every month from new clubs. We have also had enquiries about our Marine Transit insurance - we only cover from home/storage bay to a rally ground/event and return. We do not cover, for instance, for travel to another state to pick up an engine to add to your collection - that is commercial freight.

It was pleasing to hear about another successful grant application from one of our clubs; realistically, the agreement with Red Tape Busters has returned multiple times our investment to member clubs so it is worth continuing. At our last meeting we unanimously agreed to confirm our agreement with RTB for this coming year, but have included the building of a webinar training presentation so that clubs can also use this information for local sponsorship applications. I look forward to seeing this completed and available to all our clubs.

Please read the rest of this page and, in fact, the whole magazine as it is the 'Go-To' for our hobby.

Please keep safety as a top priority, but also please keep the enjoyment in our hobby, because that is why we do it.

\*Peter

## **NHMA GRANTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The first year of our grant assistance program has come to an end. Our clubs have had a great boost to their bank balances, with over \$20,000 worth of grants as a result of successful outcomes. We have again partnered with Red Tape Busters in 2024 to give you, our NHMA clubs, another 12 months of assistance. There are still a couple of grants that were applied for in 2023 to still be decided so, hopefully, the money going to our clubs will increase. Not all grants were successful but that is the way grants work, we just want to give our clubs the best opportunities we can. The clubs that missed out this year all said they found

the experience to be very beneficial and it gave them a better understanding of the way grants need to be written. One club used this experience to write their own submission and were successful. In 2024, we are looking at a webinar on grant writing, facilitated by one of the Red Tape Busters team - so we hope we get a good roll-up of clubs to get on board. If you are looking at grants, please use the paperwork from our website to send us your proposal so we can help you raise some much-needed funds.

## **SUPPLIERS LIST**

We are always looking at information on suppliers and service providers to help you restore your next great project. On our website you will find a growing list of people and businesses that could be of use. This is a two-way street though so if you have any contacts for people you can recommend, please email them to Allan via [secretary.nhma@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.nhma@gmail.com) with your suggestions.

## **NATIONAL TRACTOR CONVENTION**

Not long now and the National Tractor Convention will be upon us. The reports so far are that this is going to be the best one yet, with entries rolling in. If you haven't entered yet, the details can be found on the NHMA website: <https://nhma.com.au/tractor-trek/>. We will be holding our AGM at the event with more details when they come to hand. We are all looking forward to this great event and meeting as many of you as we can.



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