



Welcome to the **NHMA News Page**

To all our valued members and supporters, we 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 #232 of TOMM. I really enjoyed reading the last magazine, especially the article on the Clarendon Classic, another event we participated in and in fact, where we had our second face to face meeting for the year. The pictures were great and, with my passion for steam, I enjoyed seeing the good roll-up of portables and traction engines - well done on the article. I particularly liked the interview you could watch, via the Content Cog, of Nigel Hely's Marshall.

I was heartened to receive some very positive comments from members for the last article on tractor modifications, plus I did get a call from a modified enthusiast, who was fine after I told him that I love seeing the modified and super-modified on display at events. All I say is, have the right insurance to cover yours, and our, backsides. So, after this feedback, our team have included here what the insurance actually gives us and maybe a few frequently-asked-questions. In other words, we have heard some of the 'can't do's' previously, so now we'll include some of the 'can do's'.

The rally season for me, is starting to come together, with my club event being Maitland Steamfest, where we put on the Rally Ground component. It will be big, with approximately 11 traction engines, and about 13 portables, in steam. As well, there will be the vintage farm equipment, the tractor pull, the tractor club-run blacksmith displays, the military vehicles, truck displays, and much more, so if you are in the Hunter Valley on 13th and 14th April, Maitland is the place to be.

Two weeks after Maitland, we are off to Deniliquin for the National Tractor Convention and NHMA AGM.

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

*Peter

AGM

The 2024 NHMA AGM will be held at the Deni Golf Resort, Deniliquin, on Saturday, 27th April, at 4pm. All NHMA members are welcome to attend. The principal business of the meeting will be to receive the

audited accounts of the association, to get an update on the activities of the NHMA for the past year and proposed activities for the coming one, to elect the association's vice president and secretary, and to be advised of the proposed insurance fees for the coming year.

All member clubs have been circulated with their meeting packs.

IAN STEWART AWARD

One of the highlights of the AGM will be the announcement of the recipients of this great award. We are pleased to say that we had nine applications this year, with multiple entries from some states. At the time of writing this, the subcommittee is working through the applications to choose the recipients. This is not an easy job with the quality of the applications received. We are looking at upgrading the criteria for this year's round to make the application process clearer. Once the changes are made, the forms will be available on the website.

THE GOOD WORD ON INSURANCE

As Peter said, we have highlighted some of the issues that could arise at rallies. Here are just a couple of the highlights of your insurance:

- **Volunteers Cover** - NHMA maintains a volunteers insurance policy for both it, and its member clubs. This insurance provides a range of benefits for volunteers injured whilst working at an event for NHMA or a member club.

- **Committee Cover** - is Professional Indemnity for Directors and Officers.

- **Transporting our equipment to rallies** - our policy covers members equipment whilst it is being loaded, transported, and unloaded, to and from a rally.

- **Can we have trailer rides?** - Yes, but the Rally Coordinator has to carry out a risk assessment to identify the risks and mitigating actions associated with this activity.

- **Are non-NHMA Associated Clubs welcome at NHMA Club Rallies?** - Yes, we encourage all heritage machinery groups to participate. The only proviso is that they supply a copy of their club's Certificate of Insurance, as we would do at their events.

- **Is there a place where all this**

information is readily available? - Yes, the Rally Handbook and Safety Management System document is available on the NHMA website: <https://nhma.com.au/wp1/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/NHMA-Rally-Handbook-V4.0-January-2024.pdf>

These are just the highlights; we recommend all members of NHMA member clubs have a read through the Rally Handbook to dig deeper into these highlights. There is plenty of useful information to help make your rally a fun, safe place to be.

FACEBOOK

Our Facebook page is growing; we now have 1,441 members - this is great but when we have over 10,000 registered members we are pretty sure that a few people haven't joined yet. If you are on Facebook and want to join up, jump on Facebook and type in NHMA - National Historical Machinery Assoc and it should pop up. We have rally updates posted daily, as well as information and rally photos from members. This is a great way to get information out in real time. If you are a member already, just share the information to your friends, or just add them and we will approve it at our end. It would be great to see most of our 10,000 members join.

QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE

If you have any questions or suggestions to do with the NHMA, you are always welcome to contact one of our State Representatives or the Executive. We are all willing to talk to you so you can get an answer as quickly as possible. All our details are on the website: <https://nhma.com.au/>

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