



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 #233 of TOMM.

We are really into rally season now, as can be seen listed in TOMM, on the NHMA Facebook page, and also in the coming events on the calendar on the NHMA website, which is all very encouraging. Major events that have taken place lately include Steamfest Maitland NSW, Steamfest Sheffield Tasmania, Mount Alexander Vintage Rally, Longford Tractor Pull, Bundaberg Yesteryear Rally, and the Canberra and District Engine Club Rally, just to name a few. It would be great to be able to line up a travel route and event itinerary between all the towns so that in retirement, one could hook up the van and use the itinerary to travel around Australia from event to event. It may be a pipe dream but it would be great to do. Whilst there doesn't seem to be clubs with events in the Northern Territory or north Western Australia, there must be enthusiasts there.

The National Tractor Convention and Treks has taken place (please see the report a bit further along on this page), along with our AGM, at Deniliquin, as well as the details of The Ian Stewart award.

The nominations received were:

NSW - Angus Redwell, Manilla Club; Josh Menz, Henty Club; Jeremy Adams, Corowa Club; and Josh Magregor, New England Antique Club.

VIC - Kai Johnson, Dovetown Club; and Josh Hunt, Geelong Club.

SA - Johnny McIntosh, York Peninsular Club; Lachlan Bull, and Liam Marshall Lower Murray.

The winners announced at the AGM are listed further on this page.

We held our Quarterly Meeting on 14th May. The meeting featured a representative from Red Tape Busters giving some insight into grant writing. This is the first of these information sessions we have organised. If you would like to hear from an expert on a specific subject please let us know and we will do our best to make it happen. Our secretary has been busy advancing discussions with our insurers regarding further member benefits within and alongside of our existing insurance offering, so hopefully by renewal time, we will be able to extend these to our members in the upcoming renewal period - more to be revealed on this if it all works out.

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

*Peter

NATIONAL TRACTOR CONVENTION HELD BY DENILIQUIN COLLECTORS CLUB

I arrived on the Thursday night in Deniliquin and there were tractors, trucks, caravans, and tents everywhere - I quickly joined in, attended the welcome social, and had a great pre-event get-together.

On Friday morning, with all tractors lined up in their four groups, a 'toolbox meeting' was held to explain the format for the day's run, alongside the rules to be upheld, to ensure a safe return for all.

On Friday afternoon, with the return of the tractors, it was dinner at the Golf Club and an early night in anticipation for the Saturday runs.

Saturday morning came, and the lines were again in place. After the 'toolbox talk', the tractors headed out for that day's events (minus the 'broken' tractors from the day before). Again at the Golf Club, in the afternoon upon their return, the NHMA AGM was held which was well-attended.

The AGM resulted in Vice President Jayme Marshall and Secretary David Toyne being re-elected to these roles for a further two years. All the statutory items for an AGM were covered off, plus a great Q&A forum was held with all in attendance, as well as those that attended via the Zoom link.

The rally dinner was also held at the Golf Club on the Saturday evening, and a great time was had. This was followed by the announcement of The Ian Stewart Award recipients and runners-up before the usual raffle was held.

Sunday morning saw a more localised trek held for those not getting away early.

All in all, it was a great weekend, and I must thank the Deniliquin Collectors Club for their expert running of the event. We look forward to a nomination for the 2026 Convention.

*Peter

IAN STEWART AWARD 2023

This year saw our nominations grow to nine, which is fantastic. These were spread out across three states, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. The quality of the presentations was excellent, and all these young restorers should be commended for their efforts. This year the winners were:

- NSW - Josh Menz
- VIC - Josh Hunt
- SA - Lachlan Bull

This award is to encourage young restorers to get involved with their own restorations and their clubs' activities. We

are very encouraged by the growth we have had in nominations but there is still room for more. We really want to see entrants from every state and territory take up the challenge and put in a nomination. All the details are on the NHMA website.

SAFETY NOTE

We are always happy when clubs write in and let us know of ways to make our hobby safer.

We received an email from the Adelaide Hills Motor Restorers Club Inc., about a safety issue that they have resolved.

This is an extract from their email:

"For some time, it has been the practice of placing a mesh guard around the rotating propellers of marine engines used for out of boat displays.

It has always been considered that the primary function of these guards is to prevent body parts from coming into contact with the blades.

A recent incident at an engine rally demonstrated that the guard must also serve the function of containing the propeller should it become loose on the driving shaft or the shaft breaking. In this instance the shaft fractured at the attachment point to the engine's flywheel, causing the issue. The propeller and shaft were contained to the immediate vicinity of the engine by the guard. There were no injuries to either the public or the operator."

Thank you to Bev Hunter, Secretary AHMRC Inc., for taking the time to let us know about this great outcome and we will be looking at adding your suggestions for the construction of these guards to our Rally Handbook and Safety Management System

If you have any safety suggestions, please contact your state representatives or David, our secretary, whose details are below.

David Toyne
NHMA Secretary
PO Box 2024
IDALIA QLD 4811

Email: secretary.nhma@gmail.com
Mobile: 0447 015 991
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/449877022247290>

Website: <https://www.nhma.com.au/>

