



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 #234 of TOMM.

As mentioned in the last report, our AGM has been held.

There have also been heaps of rallies since then - I cannot name them all but you would have seen them on the Facebook pages. I congratulate all the clubs that held their rallies and are keeping the hobby alive and well, but also for allowing us all to attend and do what we love.

The one thing that has been noticed from reports coming in is that, in some instances, the safety guidelines regarding the distance from the fence, and between engines, etc, are not being adhered to, so I ask all clubs, whether you are the host or a visiting club/member, to please adhere to these guidelines, as the last thing we need is for a claim to be denied because we didn't adhere to our own rules. It really doesn't take much to put this in place when setting up. Also, there was a post on Facebook regarding Dogs/ Livestock in compounds - the host club should probably do a risk assessment on this and either rule a decision of either in or out for their rally.

Red Tape Busters presented as a guest speaker at our last Quarterly Zoom Meeting that all clubs were invited to. It was very informative and assists clubs in the writing of grant applications. We will endeavour to have further guest speakers at these Zoom meetings. If you have suggestions, please let us know and we will try to organise it.

Insurance: At the time of writing this report our secretary has been busy with finalising discussions with our insurance broker regarding our insurance policies and what further can be value-added. We will not know the outcomes until towards the end July. We were told during discussions prior to the AGM that we should budget for a 10% increase so that means we have lifted our \$20 member contribution to \$22 for the coming year, which is still very cheap for what we get. We have had to guess what our membership will be for the 2024/25 year, the estimation was between 11,000 and 12,000 members. Remember, that we engage the insurance, pay for it up

front, and then spend the rest of the year getting our money back. Sometimes we win and sometimes we lose, but we ensure that everyone has the best insurance cover we can provide.

After our last meeting where we discussed Junior training and Certificates of Competency, we have come up with the idea of adding codes to our member cards so that other clubs can see the competency achieved (a bit similar to the codes on High-Risk Licences). This will be sent to clubs for comment. I believe that it will be a way to recognise the training and competencies gained. Even if you are not a junior but you are capable and can show that competency to your club secretary, they can then advise what you want on your card.

Our next Quarterly Zoom Meeting will be about 20th August - details will be sent to your secretary. Please try to dial in as we want to hear feedback and ideas to make our movement better for members.

Our next Face-to-Face Meeting will be at the Power of the Past Rally in South Australia on 9th and 10th November.

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

GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Our program has been paying dividends with NHMA clubs receiving \$70,000 worth of funding since the program started. This year, two clubs have received funding to fence their property, giving them a safer place to store their equipment and run their rally. The by-product of the fencing gives them the opportunity to have other groups use their facilities. Another club now has the funding to buy six large marquees and banners for their events as well as for the National Rally.

This program is available for all NHMA clubs to use. You just need to jump on the NHMA website, fill in the Expression of Interest form, and email it in. The committee will assess the proposal and either ask some more questions or send it on to the Red Tape Busters. To help the process along, clubs are encouraged to contact their local council, state, and federal members for information on grants in their area.

You would be surprised how many

grants are out there. We are very pleased with the way this has worked, and really encourage member clubs to take advantage of the program.

EFTPOS MACHINES

As part of our desire to help clubs, we have two eftpos machines available to borrow. If your club is running an event and needs these machines, please contact David, our secretary, and he will let you know if the machines are available for the time you need them. They have become very popular, so we recommend you get in early. We don't charge for the machines other than the cost of postage; the only other charges are the bank's transaction fees. David can give you this information when you apply for them.

19TH NATIONAL RALLY JONDARYAN 2025

The organising committee is working through the planning of this event. The Toowoomba Regional Council and the management of the Jondaryan Woolshed are right behind this event and are being very positive and helpful. The event is going to have an official launch on 23rd August 2024, at the Woolshed. This is shaping up to be a mini rally in itself, with local clubs looking at attending. Current and potential sponsors have been invited, as well as local, state, and federal government representatives. The media has shown interest in the day, and it has already been mentioned on local radio. So, if you are in the Toowoomba area and would like to come out and have a look or participate you would be most welcome. The committee is working with the council about the onsite camping and this will be open for booking on 1st November 2024.

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