



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

Welcome all to this update on the happenings of the NHMA since the last issue. Rally season is off to a flying start, and I hope you are all enjoying it as much as I am.

On the NHMA side of things we have successfully renewed our insurance policies for the year and all came in within the budgets allowed. It is always a good estimate based on advice as to where they should sit due to us having to set fees for the year before we know the costs, but the advice was good. Please ensure that your club has sent in the memberships and that you have received your card already as there are always a few slow renewals that come through. You will know that all is good if you have your card.

All clubs that have an ABN will have received a letter from the ATO regarding self-assessing for tax free status. The NHMA sought tax advice for the clubs to assist them in completing this assessment to allow them to carry on as they are. This will be available shortly and we may run a webinar for clubs to log into and receive all the 'good oil' on this. Your club will be advised by email with details

The 2025 National Rally launch was successfully carried out at Jondaryan. This was to get the support of as many sponsors, supporters, etc, as they can, to create a massive rally for our members. It's a huge task that will allow you to attend for three days or nine days - it will be up to you. I thank the consortium of clubs that have banded together for Steaming Under the Southern Cross.

As I write this report, I have three days left in my paid employment, and retire at the end of the week, I will still be working for the 'boss' I married some 48 years ago though. My contact details will change from 1st September 2024 and they can be found on the NHMA website.

Please read the rest of this page as it will detail all the happenings and, in fact, read the whole magazine as it is a great way to spend a couple of hours.

Please keep safe and enjoy our hobby.

*Peter

Junior Committee

Our Vice President has put forward a great idea to get younger people involved. He will be putting out a call for clubs to nominate a young member (18 and under) to help form a subcommittee that will be tasked with finding ways to get, and keep, younger people involved in the movement. Once he gets the nominations, then he will look at how the group structure will work. Please keep an eye out for the information to come to your club secretary.

Insurance update

The NHMA has again been able to negotiate a great deal with our insurance broker. We have been able to maintain our current insurance cover. The premium increase was less than market expectation which is a good outcome. Clubs that have renewed should have their CoCs already. If they need any interests noted, please let us know. This certificate should be available from your club secretary for you to present at any non-NHMA rally you attend.

19th National Rally Launch

The team at Jondaryan held an event launch on Friday, 23rd August 2024. It really created some interest in the event. It was like a mini rally with the three organising clubs, plus the Dalby Pioneer Park Museum, and the Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club Inc., displaying their gear. We had displays of heritage machinery from the Woolshed collection operating in the main machinery area. We had great media coverage including Channel 7 Toowoomba, Local ABC radio, and three newspapers doing stories. Toowoomba Regional Council Mayor, Geoff McDonald, formally announced the 2025 event and told the crowd how much he was looking forward to the event, and how good it was going to be for the local economy. The State Member and TRC councillors were there showing their support for the day and continuing support for the event. Thanks to everyone that made it a great day.

20th National Rally 2027

Even though we haven't had the 2025 National at Jondaryan yet, we thought it might be good for clubs to start thinking about the 20th event. This will be a special event, being the 20th, so it will take some time for clubs to get their head around what they want to do. The NHMA committee and the state representatives are there to help with advice and be on the Rally Committee. The NHMA helps with the funding, and the previous National Rally organisers are all willing to help with advice and guidance. Please have a look on the NHMA website for information on how to apply.

2025 AGM

With the National Rally being in August next year, the AGM will be held during the Hunter Valley Steamfest weekend on 12th and 13th April 2025. The exact details will come out closer to the time.

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**MEDIA LAUNCH FOR THE UPCOMING
NHMA RALLY 2025 AT JONDARYN WOOLSHED**

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