



## Welcome to the NHMA News Page

To all our valued members and supporters, we will have an update on what's happening at the NHMA in every issue of TOMM this will include the latest news and updates.

The first BIG news is that the NHMA will be going through a few changes as we will be reviewing our systems and procedures over the next 12 months. We have set up a number of subcommittees to look in to the following areas:

### Communications

Clear direct communication to NHMA Committee Members by email, as well as virtual and more frequent committee meetings to speed up communication to our members.

### Insurance and Safety Guidelines

Our insurance policies will be reviewed; safety guidelines will be reviewed.

### Membership and Banking

Electronic banking, membership data, streamlined membership card system.

**Ian Stewart Award and the Wishart Award** – increase awareness, update guidelines.

### National Rally and Tractor Trek

Review funding, operating assistance from NHMA for host club, help with risk management, give host clubs confidence in NHMA's support to apply for, and host and showcase. Make NHMA events inclusive for all heritage machinery groups and individuals.

### Data Storage

Embrace technology to decrease the burden of hard copy files – 4% of clubs currently haven't supplied an email address. These email addresses will make communications quicker while still maintaining appropriate written records.

### Committee Changes

We also pay tribute to our outgoing Secretary and Assistant Secretary – Ken and Christine who have stepped down after many years holding these positions. I must say a huge thank you for the many years of commitment and volunteer work that has been carried out.

I am pleased to introduce Mr David Toyne to you as our new Secretary. The committee held their first virtual meeting on 16/10/21 and appointed David to the position until the next AGM. David has been involved in vintage machinery and the scene for over 30 years and is a member of a number of NSW, QLD, and Tasmanian clubs. David will bring a wealth of knowledge from his business career to the position.

### Committee Meetings

To speed up committee business and decision-making, it has been decided to hold a minimum of two virtual meetings and two face-to-face meetings at a club rally somewhere in Australia per year. It is envisaged that monthly virtual meetings will take place for the foreseeable future.

So, all of this is in play at the moment, and all I can say is onward and upward – again, watch this space.

Peter Garnham – President

### Regional Meeting

The committee feels that it is important to get out to regional clubs as well as city-based groups. With this in mind, we are looking for expressions of interest from clubs to hold our next AGM in April/May 2022.

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## NHMA Ian Stewart Old Machinery Young Enthusiasts Award

The Ian Stewart Young Enthusiast's Award was established in 2020 to perpetuate the memory of Ian Stewart, who was instrumental in the formation of the NHMA through his TOMM Magazine in August 1986.

The NHMA has established this award to encourage young Machinery restorers to gain skills, qualifications, tools, or heritage studies.

The purpose of the Award is to encourage people between the age of 10 (Insurance age) and 25 to become involved in the restoration and preservation of historic machinery.

The NHMA award is available to 1 nominee per state (and Territory) to the value of \$1,000, so in total, \$8,000 across Australia. For full terms and conditions go to our website <https://www.nhma.com.au/> or contact your local NHMA Member Club.