



# Welcome to the NHMA News Page

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**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.**

## **President's (Toolbox Talk)**

Firstly, Happy New Year, here's looking at a better 2022 for all. I do hope Santa was good to you all.

Since our last Newpage we have had a busy time with new memberships, over 8,000 now and several enquiries from new clubs and old clubs looking to return. I believe that this is a result of our new proactive approach and listening to the membership. This new direction is exciting and inclusive for all, and will be further enhanced by our state-by-state Zoom meetings as discussed below – we are looking forward to these meetings with a Representative from each Member Club. State reps are attending club events, meetings, and becoming more visible and prominent in our ability to get assistance when needed on a local basis. Our NSW reps attended the Cudgegong club meeting in January to discuss the 2023 National Rally and are now assisting the club in whatever they need. Please read the rest of this report to see the mammoth amount of work being done. I thank the committee for the workload being undertaken and their commitment. The 2022 AGM will be at Cootamundra, NSW, on 2nd April, Details will be forwarded early February – of particular note, we need a new Treasurer as Daryl is retiring. Regards Peter Garnham

## **Sub Committee Update Communications**

We have embraced social media more with increased use of our Facebook page(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/449877022247290>). With the ongoing Covid problem we are using the page to update members with events information in real time. We encourage you to join up and post your club's rally information with updates as things happen. We have updated our Web site: <https://www.nhma.com.au/>

There has been an increase of direct to State Representative emails for all matters, from new clubs thinking of joining, to insurance questions and requests for copies of Insurance

Certificates of Currency. We will be holding our first session of State-by-State Zoom Meetings for Member Clubs early February. These meetings will be for your Club's Committee representative to ask questions, and give feedback as well as making suggestions to grow our hobby.

## **Insurance and Safety Guidelines**

We have held Zoom meetings to discuss the way forward with our Insurance and Safety Guidelines to work out the best way to make it useable and relevant. David has had discussions about our current policy. It has now been agreed that our volunteer component covers not only members but non-member volunteers (not running machinery). This means that parking, working in the canteen, etc, is covered provided a daybook is used that they sign in to, and are given a safety briefing for the task they are to perform. We will have the Working Manual ready in time for discussion and presentation to our insurer before the 2022 renewals are due.

## **Membership and Banking**

The NHMA is moving forward with a new card and system. Starting from the 2022 renewal time, we will be providing a plastic card that will have a Member Club specific number as well as your permanent member number. This will help to streamline the membership process as well as making our record keeping simpler. We are going through several ways to make electronic banking work for you and us – we will of course still use the traditional ways for those that aren't comfortable with electronic banking.

## **Ian Stewart Award and the Wishart Award**

We encourage you to submit your 2021 Ian Stewart applications as soon as possible for 2021 and start looking at the 2022 nominations. The award is a great way to encourage young restorers to get on board with some financial assistance.

We have looked at the Wishart Award and set the new criteria. This award is

to recognise the Best Overall displays by NHMA Member and Non NHMA Member Clubs at a National Rally as well as the Best Junior Display for NHMA Member and Non NHMA Member. We will have more details of the criteria in the next TOMM NHMA News Page. The NHMA wants to encourage all historic machinery restorers to get involved and display your prized possessions.

## **Data Storage**

Currently the NHMA has 160 Member Clubs and almost 8,000 individual members. We have introduced a software programme which will allow the secure and accurate storage of all this information. The net result of these changes will make the club secretaries' work much easier when it comes to annual renewals as they will not have to compile a long list of names.

## **Committee Meetings**

We have really embraced the dreaded Zoom meetings with a Committee Meeting being held monthly and sub committee and special meetings being held when required (which seems to be weekly). It has made a big difference being able to make decisions quickly and answer Member Club's questions in a timely manner.

## **Regional Meeting**

Our Regional Meeting which will be our AGM will be held at Cootamundra, hosted by the Cootamundra District Machinery Restoration Society Inc. The meeting will be on 2nd April. The committee appreciates the invitation from the Society to hold our AGM in conjunction with their rally. The full executive will be up for election at this AGM. Nominations will be called for at a Member Level. The current Treasurer, Daryl Whateley, has decided not to stand for re-election at this time and the committee thanks Daryl for his leadership in this role. If you feel you would like to stand for any position especially the Treasurer's, please seek nomination through your club. We are all looking forward to getting out to meet the members of the NHMA.