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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.**

## **From the President (Toolbox Talk)**

Welcome to this issue of TOMM. There has been heaps happening since my last report that I am proud to share with all.

But first of all, after many emails and also mailed-out advice, I must raise that the official mail address has changed from Strathdale Victoria to PO Box 620, Neutral Bay Junction, NSW 2089. Can you please update your club records? Also, the preferred and quickest way of contact is via email to: [secretary.nhma@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.nhma@gmail.com) and the response turnaround is usually very quick.

The Management Committee has been working hard to get the organisation to the position of best practice and, as such, we are currently working on a Rally Handbook to be able to demonstrate that, as an association of member clubs, we take our hobby seriously and achieve best practice. This Rally Handbook will also be used as a tool to show the insurance market of our commitment to safety. We had some substantial increase in insurance premiums last year and need to reverse this trend.

Our membership is growing by a couple of hundred members per month, so that reinforces that events are starting to happen. Geez, even WA has opened their borders.

By the time you read this, we will have just had our AGM so, clubs, please check your emails, etc., for the latest news.

Please ensure you enjoy our new freedoms and get to as many rallies as you can because, what we have found over the last two years, is we can't take anything for granted.

Enjoy the rest of this page and, in fact, the whole magazine. It is still the go-to-book for our hobby

Regards, Peter Garnham

## **Ian Stewart Award**

We have great pleasure in announcing that Jack Cox is this year's recipient of the NHMA- IAN STEWART OLD MACHINERY YOUNG ENTHUSIAST AWARD. Jack is a member of the Lower Murray Vintage Engine and Machinery Club from Murray Bridge, SA. Jack's project is a 5hp Petter Junior 2-stroke engine. The club sent in a great report about Jack, stating what a

great member he is and how he supports the club and their activities. Jack is a very worthy recipient. It's great to hear that a 22-year-old is getting so involved with our hobby. For his effort, he will receive \$1,000 to help continue his restoration project.

This award has been established to encourage young enthusiasts to join our great pastime. We really want to see a recipient from each state and territory. Please speak to your club about sourcing the paperwork for you to apply. There is \$1,000 available in each state and territory.

## **Member Clubs' Benefits**

The NHMA is always looking to make improvements for our members and member clubs. One improvement we have been able to make is the loan of eftpos machines for your rally. We have been assisted by our banking provider, the Bendigo Bank. We will be putting together an information pack that will be sent to all clubs outlining the finer details. We are only looking at covering the cost for postage, and a deposit. There will be banking transaction fees involved which we will confirm with the bank. This has come about after a discussion one of our committee members had with a club. The club was saying how they hired eftpos machines for their rally and how much easier it made the collection of gate takings. The only downside was the hire fee for the machines. If you would like to know more, please contact the NHMA Secretary.

## **Quarterly Update Meetings**

We held our first lot of quarterly meetings in early February where we had approximately 20 clubs participating from every state and territory. These were Zoom meetings, held over four nights with the President, Secretary, and the two state representatives of the NHMA, taking part. The meetings are structured to give an update as to happenings within NHMA, and the movement generally. It then moves to a Q&A session. The response was very positive with the feedback received confirming that it is a welcome initiative. It would be great to have a representative for each of our 160 clubs take part, so, please

encourage your club's committee to take part. All clubs will receive a notice of the meeting with details of how they can log in included. If you are not familiar with Zoom, please contact the Secretary and he will get our IT person to contact you.

## **Sub Committee Updates**

### **Insurance and Safety Guidelines**

The Rally Handbook has been put together by the sub-committee over the last couple of months. This was presented to the full committee and a robust discussion was had to make certain that the best, most comprehensive, workable safety document was produced. This has now been presented to the insurance industry for their comments and risk assessment. We will see what comes back from this process before then making the document available for member clubs to comment. We will be going forward with the new document starting from the new membership year (1st July 2022). The plan is to review the document regularly, to keep pace with any industry changes and member club's requirements.

## **Membership**

Clubs now have the option to renew their memberships online, by sending the Secretary the details for their renewal. NHMA then raises an invoice and the club then pays via online banking. This is proving very popular with clubs. Clubs still have the option to post in their information with a cheque if they prefer.

## **Communications**

We want to hear from you. Here are the main contact details, however, if you want to contact your state representative directly, their details are on our web page.

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