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Welcome to a refreshed Wheel Torque, which is part of our wider modernisation programme. With this issue we are now publishing as a purely electronic newsletter as we work towards bringing our members even better service. The next few newsletters will cover important information regarding the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022, plus results from the inaugural NZHCVS Survey, so buckle up and enjoy the journey.



New Zealand Historic & Classic Vehicle Survey Project (NZHCVS)

Michael Anderson, Project Lead

Clubs will have seen emails from the FoMC in recent months inviting participation in our inaugural historic and classic vehicle survey, the biggest project the FoMC has ever undertaken in its 29-year history. Following is a summary of the project to date.

After Covid-19 impacted the start of the FoMC's inaugural survey, we finally managed to get it back on track and on time, with inputs from various parties as we built the seven associated questionnaires. We had to arrange financial backing and got it to the start line on the 19 June 2023, working through to the 31 July 2023.

The process involved liaising with all our Member Clubs with a briefing on what we wanted to achieve. They each completed the Club Executive Questionnaire online and distributed to their membership the Club Members' Questionnaire, also completed online. The results have provided a comprehensive amount of data to the survey company Glasshouse Consulting Ltd (GCL) for analysing and reporting on.

Additionally, GCL conducted questionnaires with the General Public, Car Museums, and Restoration and Customisation Services (Trades and Services around Historic and Classic Vehicles). The Project Team also surveyed owners of Private Collections, and the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association also undertook an associated survey with their members.

At this point we expect to have results available to share with our Member Clubs soon, followed by extensive communications with the public and key stakeholders. We know we will have many positive announcements as a result of this survey, in support of our collective interests.

Many thanks to our Member Clubs for your participation. We are also very grateful to those of you who contributed financially to this complex project. Also thanks to the FoMC Project Team and GCL, in particular to Colin Yee and Duncan Stuart, for many hours of demanding work to realise this important project.

How the survey was created:

Glasshouse Consulting Ltd (GCL) is a market research company in Auckland with a long association with the motor vehicle industry, including having done work for Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. The NZHCVS Project Team of Michael Anderson, Chris Dyer and Garry Jackson have worked closely with them from December 2022.

This collaboration refined requirements, timelines and developed the questionnaires. The survey was modelled on and adapted from the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) surveys, which have been undertaken over the past 15 years or so. The FoMC found the FBHVC's material invaluable and thanks them for their assistance.

FoMC keeps pushing for extended WoFs & CoFs for members

Regular Wheel Torque readers will be aware of the Federation's long-running efforts to bring about 12-month warrant and certification periods for qualifying historic and classic cars, and motorhomes having CoFs. All are currently subject to 6-month inspections despite the lower mileages and higher presentation and maintenance standards that are part of our lives as enthusiasts.

The pathway for these negotiations has been long and involved and is largely beyond the Federation's control. Significant progress, albeit in small steps, has been made with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. We are now at the point where the Federation has been asked to supply to the NZTA a list of 2000 FoMC members' vehicle details, currently on the 6-monthly inspection regime, to be used in an internal NZTA evaluation for the proposed 12-month WoF and CoF trial.

Within all these negotiations, the FoMC acknowledges the close involvement and support from both the VCC and the MCA.

Progress is currently on hold due to personnel changes within the NZTA, the appointment of a new Director of Land Transport (the key decision maker) and changes of transport ministers. At our 2022 FoMC AGM, the then Minister Michael Wood indicated broad support for this initiative. We continue to maintain direct communication with all of the parties as we progress this goal and immediately following the coming General Election we will continue to pursue this.

The Federation remains committed to pursuing 12-month WoFs and CoFs for our members' vehicles which are of a suitable standard.

FoMC 28th Annual General Meeting: 18 June 2023

On 18 June, 41 delegates attended the FoMC's 28th AGM held at the Vintage Car Club in Petone.

Along with the designated AGM business, two guest speakers were invited.

"From Hobby to Heritage in the USA"

- Casey Maxon: Senior Manager of Heritage, Hagerty Drivers Foundation

Casey spoke via video from Kansas, USA. His presentation "From Hobby to Heritage in the US: Leveraging a Century of Government Heritage Programs to Elevate the Automobile" was originally presented to the FIVA international symposium on 29 April 2023.

This was a fascinating talk on how Hagerty are promoting the historical aspect of classic vehicles in a way that gives them the same prominence as heritage buildings enjoy.

"Incorporated Societies Act 2022"

- Steven Moe: Partner, Parry Field Lawyers

Steven spoke about the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and how member clubs should attend to the necessary changes to their constitution.

Clubs have until April 2026 to complete the revisions to their Constitutions and Financials so they have time to get them right and shouldn't panic.

We highly recommend you [view Steven's presentation](#) (46 mins long). It is an excellent overview of the Act from a car club perspective covering what is required and why they should remain (or even become) an Incorporated Society.



FoMC Secretary Chris Butler's Citroen 2CV Special outside the VCC Petone for the AGM and showing off the new FoMC flag.



AGM top table (left to right): Chris Butler (Secretary), Harry Duynhoven (President), Tony Bartlett (Vice President) and David Raven (Treasurer).

The Incorporated Societies Act 2022



Incorporated Societies Act 2022

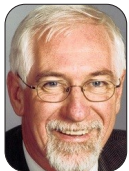
There are several significant points to the new Act, and the FoMC has formed a small Working Group that is attending a number of webinars over the coming months and we aim to provide detailed, and easily digestible information packs for member clubs over the next six months.

The intention is that each pack will cover a specific aspect of the Act that your Committee can discuss and act upon, so that they are fully prepared to submit their new Constitution and Financial documents.

For example, two key points regarding the new Act:

- **Financial requirements** are based on "Tiers" and the annual financial requirements will depend on the annual income of the Incorporated Society. These have only recently been finalised.
- **Additional requirements** include the need to submit an annual "Statement of Service Performance" in the form of bullet pointed statements (such as a Mission Statement and what goals have been set and met). Again, these requirements vary depending on the size of the Incorporated Society and are being finalised.

A full explanation of all Incorporated Societies Act 2022 requirements will be communicated separately over coming months and more information will also be provided in future Wheel Torque newsletters.



President's 28th Annual Report

Hon Harry Duynhoven

Thank you for the opportunity to present my final report as President of the NZ FoMC.

F&C
2023 AGM

It seems as though it's been a long year since the last AGM, but it has been shorter as we steadily get back to our usual timing for the AGM, following Covid-19. Next year we are due to have a South Island AGM.

Worldwide, we are seeing a real surge in the interest in all forms of classic and vintage motoring - historic racing, motorcycles, commercial and military vehicles and large numbers of people attending events. The Federation has seen an increase in the number of club events and vehicle restorations. Most of the restoration shops are "flat stick". NZ craftsmen and women have an enviable world reputation for quality and innovation. We have to keep our attention on this, because if we don't, we may lose these vital skills in our economy and that is one of the things I'm sure our current survey will show up.

Last year, coming out of Covid-19, we noted how much our clubs valued and appreciated the guidelines we provided through the update newsletters.

This year, our focus has been on trying to complete more projects that were disrupted, including the Classic and Historic Vehicle Survey.

As you heard this morning [during the AGM], we are at the point where we are requesting clubs to take part and encourage their members to complete the survey questionnaires. A huge thank you to Michael Anderson, Garry Jackson and Chris Dyer for getting so much work done, to prepare and launch probably the most important project the Federation will ever undertake. It will inform all future negotiations with Government Ministers and related agencies. A sincere thank you also to the many clubs who put their hands in their pockets for the survey and also some very generous individuals. They see how important this work is for our future.

Another large piece of work which will be important in all our clubs' futures is the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, on which we've just been addressed. After 114 years, it's hardly surprising that a bit of a refresh was needed. Can I sincerely thank Tony Bartlett and Chris Butler for their huge work in guiding us through the upcoming process, and to David Raven in the financial area. All clubs will have an opportunity to get up to speed with upcoming seminars conducted by our Federation advisor Parry Field Lawyers.

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The future is what we must focus on. The Federation is 30 years old next year and we should work out how to celebrate it.

Welcome back to Carl Pedersen as an advisor to the FoMC Executive. Carl was involved in setting up the very first meeting which led to the establishment of the Federation in 1994.

Succession is important. We are getting grey and there are not too many women in the room. We need some new faces around the Executive table in coming years. We also need to think carefully about how we treat those with new technology vehicles - how to incorporate them - for example the EV club, Tesla club, etc. After all, around 1900 there were more electric cars in the US than petrol cars - something to think about. All those enthusiasts have something to bring to us.

Organisational refreshment and succession plans are vital. After seven years I am stepping down as President and am delighted that Garry Jackson has agreed to take the position. Over the past seven years, we have built on what the previous president Malcolm Lumsden and secretary Roy Hughes achieved. We now have more engagement with Government and authorities and recently a complete modernisation and upgrade of all our information systems. I want to especially thank our secretary, Chris Butler. Along with the huge work he continues to do in making improvements and developing new ways of doing things, the technical expertise he brings makes possible addresses like that from our guest speaker today from the US, on topics that we wouldn't be able to present if we were just looking at NZ - there simply isn't anyone in NZ who is equally familiar with this stuff. The use of technology and our focus on doing things in a more efficient way has saved a lot of cost for our member clubs.

Our Treasurer David Raven continues to excellently manage our finances and keep your Federation's costs to a minimum.

Thanks also to Executive member Murray McLean who has looked after all aspects of the Motorcycle sector. We are in very good hands.

As I said earlier, over the last couple of years, there have been ongoing discussions with the NZTA on the issue of extending the period between inspections for WoFs and CoFs. Progress is being made and is painfully slow.

Finally, it has been a privilege getting to know so many of the marvellous people who fill our world and the terrific array of vehicles that we have in New Zealand. With regard to the number of classic and historic veteran and vintage vehicles, motorcycles, commercial vehicles, etc. on a per capita basis we are second to none.

The great thing for me is that the relevance of the Federation has been recognised by Government agencies and Ministers. We are now regarded as the "Go To" because we cover all the aspects of our sector in New Zealand, so we can be very proud of what has been achieved in the last decade. The Federation has grown over the last few years by about 25% simply because we keep doing what we are there to do. So thank you all.



Secretary's Annual Report

Chris Butler

More information will follow in a future Wheel Torque, but here are some highlights from the past year:

- **New electronic media and video conferencing:** Technology changes have seen ongoing efficiency and cost saving gains realised. All but one of the executive meetings were held via video conference. We also had a number of other meetings on specific topics, resulting in timely responses and outcomes.
- **Return of Carl Pedersen:** One of the founding fathers and the inaugural President for the first four years of the Federation, Carl Pedersen is back as advisor and assisting with administrative duties.
- **We are improving our branding:** When out and about at shows and events the FoMC executive are wearing polo shirts, name badges and now have super-sized tear drop flags (as shown in the photo on page 2). Meanwhile, the Wheel Torque newsletter is also now emailed to member clubs so it can be easily forwarded to members.
- **Membership:** As at 18/6/23, the FoMC has 139 member clubs, an increase of 16 from the previous year, representing 141,000 individuals and 122,000 vehicles, with more clubs joining soon. Income from membership was \$14,434.95 (an increase of \$1,620.25).



Introducing Garry Jackson - new FoMC President

At the Federation's Annual General Meeting in June, Garry Jackson was elected President of the FoMC, succeeding Harry Duynhoven who had chosen to retire from the role after seven years of great service.

Garry became a member of the FoMC two years ago when his club, the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club, became a member.

Soon after, he was invited to join the FoMC Executive in an advisory capacity and was then elected to the Executive as an Officer a year ago. In this role, Garry has also been very active as one of the three members of the FoMC project group implementing the current NZ Historic and Classic Vehicle Survey.

Garry describes himself as a "car guy" first and foremost, dating back to his grandfather's love of Fords as his car of choice as a North Canterbury stock and station agent, and his school age interest following the success of New Zealanders Bruce McLaren, Denny Hulme and Chris Amon in their international exploits and successes in Formula 1, Le Mans and Can Am in the mid-late 1960s.

Garry has had a 55-year automotive business career in NZ and internationally, across a wide variety of roles including sales and marketing and Director positions, time as a Dealer Principal of a large metropolitan Ford dealership in Auckland, motorsport management and sponsorship, and most recently he spent nine years as Senior Consultant to Ford's growth strategy in China, particularly the launch of the Lincoln brand into that market.

Closer to home, Garry has had 23 years as a member of the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club, and has been their President for the last 7 years.

As an "aside", he's learned a lot about governance and leadership as Mayor of Hurunui District for two terms (2004-2010) and is a past President of the Rotary Club of Christchurch.

Garry sees the Federation's future very positively, albeit somewhat demanding in these times of change on many fronts.

Thanks to the great leadership of retiring FoMC President Harry Duynhoven, Garry believes that our organisation is in a strong position across all sectors of the wide membership, and his focus will be to continue that journey increasing FoMC's relevance beyond just its members.

As the first step on this path, Garry will lead the roll-out of the results from the first-ever NZ Historic and Classic Vehicle Survey, which will lift the FoMC's profile, demonstrating our contribution to NZ's society and economy.

VACANCY - Submissions Secretary

As the Federation developed over the years, it became obvious that we needed to keep a close eye on developments with legislation affecting our members, be that in the form of Acts of Parliament, Regulations, Rules or Policies made by government agencies. Many times the FoMC has made submissions which have positively affected the outcome of events.

A good example of this is the recent "Incorporated Societies Act 2022" which was significantly improved largely as a result of the input of the FoMC, and particularly the efforts of our long-term former Secretary, Roy Hughes.

In recent years Roy has filled the role as Submissions Secretary, and we sincerely thank him for his long, thorough and exemplary service to the Federation and we wish him every happiness in retirement.

This leaves a vacancy in our line-up, so if this interesting role might suit you, please send an e-mail to our [secretary](mailto:secretary@fomc.nz) Chris Butler, so we can be in touch to discuss the role. We look forward to hearing from you.