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We are also proud to be supported by 4 organisations, CarTrack, Cumulo9, Rothbury Insurance Brokers & Lux Mapping.

President's Patter – Garry Jackson



Greetings everyone, and welcome to Wheel Torque 48, our first issue since the Federation's AGM in May. I know it's a busy and somewhat challenging time for all of us, be that the uncertainties arising out of the Middle East situation, the ongoing activities and forward plans of all our clubs, and the sheer fun of enjoying our historic and classic vehicles in the autumn and early winter sunshine.

Regarding the Federation AGM, we successfully worked through the challenges of changing from a "face to face" AGM in Rotorua to a totally on line format which worked very well with good attendance and strong engagement. The draft minutes of the AGM are now uploaded on our website so I won't dwell on the AGM details,

except to “spotlight” the formal appointment of our new Secretary, Steve Hawkins. You will read more about Steve and his background and great achievements elsewhere in this Wheel Torque, but I want to take this opportunity to introduce him and say how much we are looking forward to working with him, and to the great contribution I know he will make.

One of the key parts of our AGM was the time we took to outline our forward work plans for the year ahead, which have subsequently been formally agreed and adopted at our Executive meeting in early June. In summary, there are eight major assignments we have set for ourselves over the year ahead ...

- Implement a new category (non voting) called “Associate Members”, covering a wide range of activities (and possibly individuals) including auto museums, private collectors and collections, specialist automotive businesses focused on our respective sectors, interested individuals, and more.
- Pursue our early thinking and develop draft proposals to enhance and protect historic and heritage values across the automotive sector, picking up on similar work taking place in Europe (FIVA), the USA and elsewhere.
- Continue to strengthen the Federation’s financial base, to support the work required now and in future years
- Establish a strong and effective Member benefits program providing substantial and wide-ranging customer discounts from national retail chains (our “Commercial Partners”) for individual members of Federation clubs, thereby helping to recruit new members (and retain existing ones) and providing central funding support to the Federation itself. Our objective is two (or more) major retail chains in the current financial year. Wheel Torque itself will be a key direct communication medium for this program to each and every member, hence our current focus on ensuring that each and every FoMC club has an effective and efficient process for providing Wheel Torque (directly or by link) to every one of their members without exception.
- Pursue opportunities to expand and strengthen the motorcycle representation within the Federation, and to add support regarding issues affecting the motorcycle owners.
- Develop early work on a “Collectible Economy” strategy paper, following on from the thought provoking presentation on this subject at the 2025 AGM
- Prepare briefings for new elected Government ministers following the national elections later this year.
- Following the elections, apply renewed efforts with Government and NZTA regarding our early 2026 proposals regarding longer WoF periods for veteran light vehicles (pre1919), and WoF and CoF revisions for Military Vehicles and Veteran Trucks.

And so, welcome to the Federation’s year ahead ... it looks busy, but we’re fired up and ready to drive ahead with new energy and momentum!

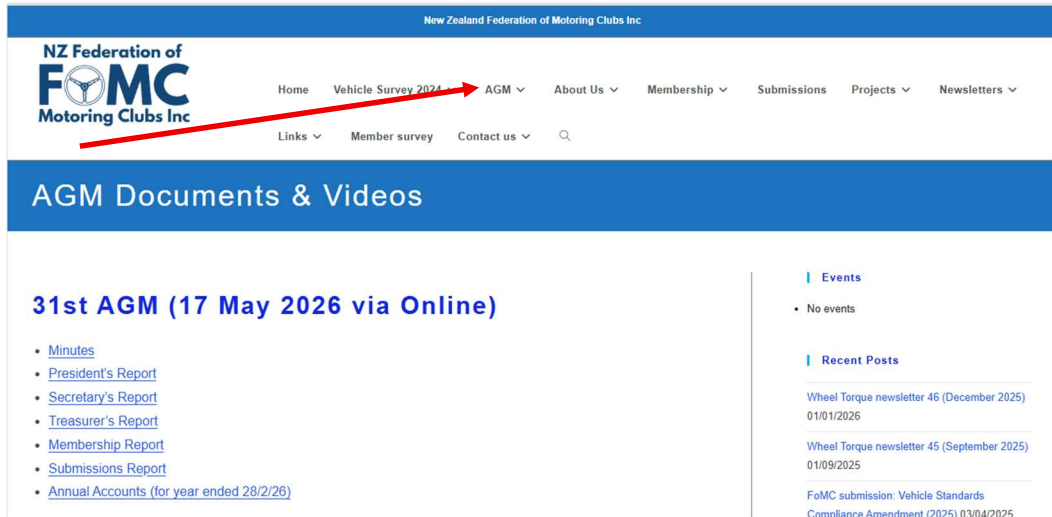
Best wishes

Garry

AGM

The virtual AGM was a success, although the preference is still to have a physical AGM in the future.

Full details of the AGM are available from our website, just click the tab shown below:



Introduction to new Secretary – Steve Hawkins

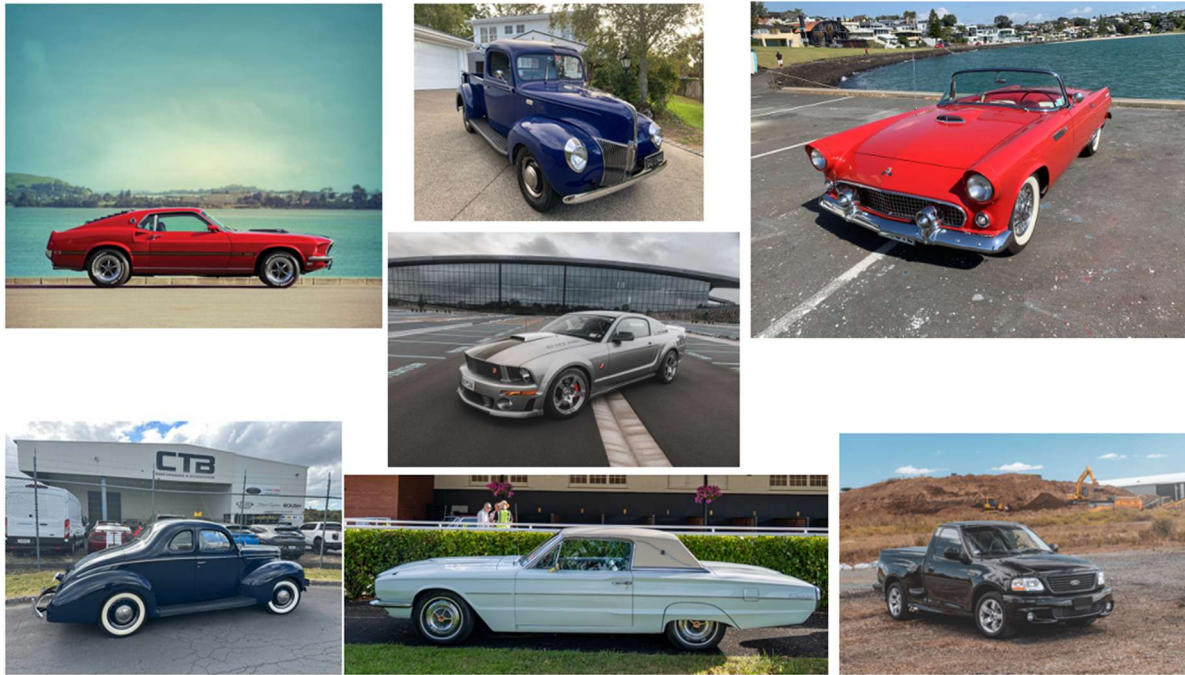
After graduating from Auckland University as a civil and structure Engineer I worked for a few years in NZ on major infrastructure projects, became married to Michele and then headed to London for five years and then Hong Kong for ten, returning to NZ with our two children in 1999. Most of my career has been spent on large infrastructure projects in maritime engineering, railways and now hospitals.

I have always been interested in classic cars. My first car in 1975 when I was 15 years old was a 1972 MG Midget (probably the newest car I've owned!) and from then I graduated to an MGB roadster, an MGC roadster and then an E-type Series 1 Fixed Head Coupe, which was always and still is my favourite car. Two V12 E-Types, a Mk2 Jaguar and a matching pair of Jaguar MkIVs from 1947 (which we used as a wedding car business for a few years) completed my Jaguar phase and then it was on to Holdens, remembering fondly the HQ and HJ Kingswoods my father had new as company cars. The VTSS Commodore came first and then a VYHSV Clubsport, a VZHSV Maloo and a 1976 HJ ute. Against all odds, they made way for Fords and in the garages now are seven old American Ford V8s. While owning classic cars in NZ I have always been in car clubs and I am presently in five:

- Ford Thunderbird Club of NZ
- Early Ford V8 Club
- Howick Classic and Vintage Car Club
- Auckland Mustang Owners Club (including serving on Committee)
- Early Holden Club

and for the last 25 years on and off I have been on the Organising Committee of the Ellerslie Classic Car Show and Concours d'Elegance, spending some time as President and in the last few years as Secretary.

Getting a kick out the great passion that car club members have whatever their marque, the FoMC role is a natural progression for me and my interest lies in helping the motoring clubs of NZ thrive. I was particularly impressed by the recent work that the FoMC has done with the survey and the WoF rule change and am keen and proud to be part of FoMC's next initiatives.



Flying the Flag (Ayrburn Classic Festival) – Bruce Lewis

February and the Ayrburn Classic Car Festival seems a long while ago now and much good publicity from the leading classic car magazines has covered the event very well, Ayrburn seems to have 'come of age' in 2 short years!

Ayrburn has just announced another slightly different Festival for 2027 with an even bigger emphasis on Classic & Concours cars, Porsche being the marque of choice for Ayrburn Classic Festival (AC27) for 19 – 21st February 2027.

Back to Ayrburn Classic 2026 for FoMC and I was privileged indeed to have Garry Jackson present this year. He was set up with a FoMC flag & small desk by the door to the main Café and close to the Sunday Drive marquee where the classic cars to be auctioned were on display. While Garry admits that he wasn't exactly 'rushed off his feet' it was great to have him meet with Ayrburn management and certainly excellent to have our flag flying and our presence officially recognised.

We got an opportunity to meet & chat with a number of people who were there representing their organizations such as Jocelyn O'Donnell from Bill Richardson Transport World, Jesmond & Gloria Micallef from Waimak Classic Cars, Malcolm Sankey from Matamata Panelworks and Dave Wilkens from Bristols Restoration and Automotive Specialists in Upper Hutt.

All showed very strong interest in the work that FoMC has done over the years and especially the now infamous '12 month WOF for older cars'.

There is unquestionably an opportunity to have a closer association with these and other similar organisations to further our mutual strengths in not only preserving and promoting our wonderful heritage of 'moving monuments' here but, enhancing our reputation of New Zealanders skill sets in the International arena.

Ayrburn 2027 has commissioned an International Concours Judge to be present and has extended invitations to the International interest base for visitors to come & enjoy the 'Ayrburn Experience'.

FoMC's continued presence can not only give valued profile to our existence & wider member base but International exposure to visitors and Classic vehicle rallies coming here to see and experience our patch of 'God's Own.'

Again, I will be involved with managing the judging at AC27 so if you can make it to experience Ayrburn, do look me up, FoMC is really all about people who have a healthy appreciation of our 'Moving Monuments'

Welcome to the Ulysses Motorcycle Club – Murray McLean

The Ulysses Motorcycle Club is a social organisation for motorcyclists over 40 years of age. There are 26 Branches across New Zealand with approximately 1,700 members.

Started in 1983 in Australia, the club has expanded into New Zealand in 1988 as an incorporated Society.

The name Ulysses comes from the Greek Hero Ulysses who got bored with life in his mid-years and longed to go adventuring with his Mates.

The Ulysses Motto is to "Grow Old Disgracefully"

Like most other Motorcycle clubs they hold local rides and a National Rally in different locations and have a bi monthly Magazine "The Ulyssian".

With the continuing government regulations changes the Ulysses Executive and Membership deemed the FOMC to be a good Fit with the aims of their club.

Communications Survey – David Raven

The recent comms survey produced the following results

Membership Response	24%	Of Car Clubs
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Q1 Distribution type	70%	Forward the email
	19%	Include in club newsletter
	7%	Send PDF
	5%	Don't Share
Q2 Distribution frequency	81%	Every Issue
Q3 Distribution timeframe	25%	As soon as I receive it
	67%	Within a Week
Q4 % Reach	75%	Goes to between 75 & 100% of members

Q5 Reason not distributed		Only 1 Response (no set process)
Q6 What would improve distribution	18%	Ready to Forward email template
	34%	Is already easy
	25%	Short summary version
	13%	Smaller / simplified pdf
	7%	Automated Sending Option
	4%	Social media posts
Q7 Comments		Shorter summary version
Q8 Content Value	27%	Government / policy updates
	15%	Events
	23%	Industry Updates
	18%	Supplier offers & discounts
	17%	Club news
Q9 Direct Member Comms (would clubs allow FoMC to directly speak to Club Members)	30%	Yes
	9%	No
	18%	Maybe where relevant

Clubs that haven't already responded can still reply before end of July to help us to improve the service we can offer to you, at the following link:

<https://onetomany.cumulo9.com/em/forms/subscribe.php?db=993992&s=1000355&a=123232&k=1%2Clga-Xg7lrjDIJ76VtxR5N-HAIIRILxt4Ce3YjGP-QuU>

Many Thanks to the Clubs that have already responded:

Alfa Romeo, American Classic Car Club, Armstrong Siddeley, Auckland Jaguar Drivers Club, Auckland Mustang, Borgward, Canterbury Fiat-Lancia, Canterbury Mustang, Classic & Sportscar Club Northland, Combined 4wd, Daimler Spares Club, Fiat Owners Club, Ford 8&10 Club SI, Ford Club Nelson, GT Falcon Club, Lawrence Car Club, Manawatu Jaguar, Manawatu Jaguar, Marlborough Jaguar, Mercedes Benz, Morgan, National Street Rod, NZHRA, VCC, National Classic Motorcycle Register, Rolls Royce & Bentley, Otago Classic Motoring, Peugeot Car Club Wellington, Southern Model A, Sports Car Club, Studebaker, Model T Ford, Veteran Car Club, Timaru Post Vintage MC, TACCOC, Nelson Classic Motoring

Rothbury Insurance Brokers

NZFoMC Insurance Scheme

We have for some time been working with Rothbury Insurance Brokers to increase the reach of the Liability Programme, for our member clubs.

This article provides a more detailed outline of what the current insurance scheme covers and its availability to our clubs.

In the next month we will be writing to individual clubs not currently in the Scheme inviting them to join. The more clubs who take advantage of this scheme the better we are able to provide other insurance benefits to our members.

New Zealand Federation of Motoring Clubs Inc

Details of Insurance Scheme placed through Rothbury Insurance Brokers and underwritten by Berkshire Hathway Speciality Insurance Company

As at 30 June 2026

1. Association Liability (Association and Officer Liability) – Part A – Limit of Liability \$1,000,000 – Standard Excess \$500 each and every claim

Association and Officer Liability refer to the legal responsibilities of the individuals, such as directors, officers, and committee members, of an association (like a non-profit, club, or professional body) for actions taken or decisions made on behalf of the organisation. This liability can arise from negligence, breaches of duty, or wrongful acts, potentially leading to lawsuits and financial repercussions.

Some examples are:

1. **Legal Responsibility** – Association and officer liability is the legal obligation of an association's leadership to act in the best interests of the organisation and its members.
2. **Duty of Care** – Directors and officers have a duty of care to manage the associations affairs diligently, prudently, and honestly.
3. **Potential for Lawsuits** – If an officer or director fails to meet these duties, they can face legal claims from members, creditors, or other parties.

Examples of Potential Liabilities:

1. **Financial Mismanagement** – Errors in accounting, misuse of funds, or failing to manage the associations assets properly.
2. **Breach of Duty** – Failing to act in the best interests of the association or acting with self-interest.
3. **Negligence** – Failing to exercise reasonable care in managing the association, leading to harm or loss

2. Statutory Liability - Part D – Limit of Liability \$1,000,000 - Standard Excess \$500 each and every claim

Statutory Liability insurance protects you, your club and your members against certain unintentional breaches of some New Zealand laws (but not criminal laws).

It can be tough keeping up with the law, especially if you are not a legal wiz. That's why cover is provided to protect your club if you accidentally breach an Act of Parliament or missed something in your risk assessment plan.

Some examples are:

1. **Legal and Defence** – costs associated with alleged breaches of statutory acts affecting commercial activities.
2. **Inquiry Attendance** – The cost of representation at an investigation or hearing.
3. **Fines or Cash Penalties** – Payable by you following conviction for an offence under the Insured statues (unless the said Act forbids any fines and penalties to be insured)

**3. General Liability (Public Liability) – Part B – Limit of Liability
\$2,000,000 Standard Excess \$500 each and every Occurrence**

General Liability insurance protects you against the cost of accidental loss or damage of someone else's property and even injuries to peoples (not covered by ACC)

Some examples are:

1. **Personal Injury** – Compensation costs to a customer, supplier, or member of the public who is injured because of your club activities (when not covered by ACC)
2. **Legal & Defence** – The legal and defence costs associated with a claim.
3. **Damage to Property** – Repair and replacement costs to a property accidentally damaged because of your club activity.
4. **Damage to third-party good** – Compensation for goods by a third party, which have become damaged as a result of your clubs' activity.

The above is an attempt to provide some analysis of the cover to enable Clubs to understand the extent of what has been arranged. It does not however replace the policy wording which ultimately is the arbiter of all things associated with the scheme overall.

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