

Presidents Report: NZ FoMC 27th AGM, 24 July 2022 (North Shore Vintage and Classic Car Club)

This past year has been difficult for many clubs but even though Covid has caused many activities to be changed, modified in scope or indeed cancelled, for the Federation, on reflection it has been a year of solid progress and a very good year.

As you will hear from our secretary Chris Butler shortly, member clubs are increasing with several new clubs joining, and involvement and enthusiasm is high. Right at this point I think it is appropriate to sincerely thank Chris for his huge work in so many areas over the past year, from all the preparations for this AGM, to the complete revamping and upgrading all aspects of our organisation. Every aspect from billing to our website has benefitted from his considerable energy and diligent attention to detail.

We have managed to increase our activities while holding costs and the one benefit we have had from Covid is the increasing use of Teams and Zoom for executive meetings and other necessary functions of the executive.

We all owe congratulations to our submissions secretary Roy Hughes, whose sterling effort on behalf of member clubs, and his very strong reasoning in the Parliamentary Select Committee process, contributed significantly to the changes to the Incorporated Societies Act which has passed into law this year, only 114 years after the previous Act was passed. This will be an important piece of law for all our clubs and naturally after 114 years there are a number of changes to take note of for each and every club. Roy's submissions and columns written on our behalf, and the Wheeltorque newsletters are always interesting and often thought provoking. We greatly appreciate his experience and his efforts, even if he ruffles feathers occasionally.

Our vice president Tony Bartlett has really stepped up to handle our constitutional matters, his fine analytical mind and his attention to detail, including the grammar, has begun our focus on renewal of our constitution, which like all our clubs, will need a substantial refresh before the end date in 2025. It was Tony who spotted the problem and devised a very pragmatic solution to our archaic constitutional voting process of our 1996 constitution, which our clubs have now had the opportunity to vote on. Our treasurer David Raven has once again very capably managed our financial affairs and we are in good shape.

One area that may need considerable expenditure over the coming year is our NZ Historic & Classic Vehicle Survey project. I thank Michael Anderson for the work already done and for the considerable work he will lead in the coming year. Yesterday's Executive Meeting has set up a Project Committee to manage this significant undertaking. Michael will report more fully later in the meeting.

Two other important areas will require ongoing work in the year ahead. The Biofuels Mandate will be an important issue, as many of our vehicles will be somewhat, or even violently, allergic to ethanol in petrol. We are beginning to get our heads around this issue and we thank Mark Stockdale for his advice and research in this area.

The other major area is our involvement with NZTA/ Waka Kotahi on the issues raised by members in recent years, involving WoFs, CoFs, vehicle inspection & compliance, etc,etc. I'd like to acknowledge the considerable efforts of Nicole Botherway and her other senior staff who have worked hard to try to find solutions and have worked very constructively with us to find practical acceptable outcomes. I'd like to thank the presidents of both the NZ Vintage Car Club and the NZ Hot Rod Association for their support in our meetings with the Minister and ongoing work with NZTA. As we have seen with efforts from the NZ Motor Caravan Association, if we tackle issues one by one in a methodical way, good outcomes can result. We continue to engage with NZTA officials to jointly progress our issues.

I wish to thank the Executive members and our Advisors Group for their ongoing support, interest, enthusiasm, and even at times their tolerance and patience, not to forget their considerable combined experience. During the coming year we may request information from you. Please do not simply ignore the request, it will be important to us all so that we have accurate advice and information to put a strong case on whatever issue is before us.

Finally can I take the opportunity to thank those clubs who have invited me to speak on FoMC activity, either in person or by Zoom. I do try to do this whenever it can be made possible. We are in good heart, we are the core of the vehicle enthusiast hobby and industry in NZ. As you can see our voice does get heard where it counts.

Thank you all for your support of the Federation and it's now my pleasure to move acceptance of this annual report.

(Hon.) Harry Duynhoven, President FoMC