



*Protecting our heritage into the future*

## **President's Report**

### **NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs AGM, May 18 2025**

It's a privilege to present this President's Report on the occasion of the Federation's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary AGM, and I want to emphasise that I'm particularly mindful of, and humbled by, the thirty-year history of the Federation. In this Report I'll recap our year of 2024/25 and highlight our priorities for the year ahead, and I'll use this important occasion to share some personal thoughts regarding the Federation's future in the challenging times that we all face.

In my previous President's Report, and the associated workshop "Strengthening the Federation's Future" that was part of the 2024 AGM, we touched on six core strategic objectives and work plans (listed in random sequence): increase funding via subscriptions; protect and celebrate our heritage; be an active and effective voice with Government; enhance trade and skill training; plan and implement an effective and affordable operating structure and process for the Federation; make progress on possible benefits and rewards for the individual members of Federation clubs; and share and leverage the findings of the NZ Historic and Classic Vehicle Research Survey.

I've considered our performance on each of these, and in my personal judgement I rate our achievements as "directionally correct" but overall less than a pass mark. Yes, we've made great progress regarding annual WoF's (but it's still not a "done-deal"), we've made limited progress restoring our finances, we've submitted a good discussion document to the Minister of Heritage, Arts and Culture, but there's a number of other areas that we haven't progressed due to other tasks that have absorbed our efforts, including finalising our new Constitution, time spent chasing overdue club subs, and planning for our two day 30<sup>th</sup> celebration AGM weekend. So, as I said, directionally correct for the year but "5 out of 10" at best in my view.

And so, the year ahead and the beginning of our next 30 years!

Writing this report ahead of the AGM and subject to further input and direction that the AGM will give, I see 2025/26 as a year of "reset" with the objective of delivering on the same action plans and target outcomes that we set for last year, with added emphasis and more action on the following objectives in particular:

- Increased funding, beyond just the subscriptions from clubs, including new initiatives beyond our traditional base.

- Specific actions focussed on trade and skill training and personal development for employees across the trades and businesses supporting our sector
- Develop and implement effective and affordable operating processes within the Federation and especially the Executive, and the need for increased levels of nomination and elected appointments.
- Engage with Government on the proud history and heritage contribution that our sector represents, and push for their support

With regard to the year ahead, I also see two additional and critical priorities.

Firstly, we need to work together, Executive and clubs, to urgently review and improve (where necessary) the capability and the processes by which each club communicates directly with its members. Why is this important? Our ability to mobilise the strength that the Federation represents and the opportunity for national sponsors and suppliers to implement benefits for all members (and to the Federation centrally) rests solely on the processes that clubs presently have to communicate with each-and-every one of their members on a timely and efficient basis. If we were to survey all 150000 members and ask them if they receive their personal copy of Wheel Torque within a week of its publication by FoMC, what would the consolidated response be? If it's less than 95% of the 150000, we have urgent work to do.

Secondly, we will kick start our thinking and our early work on what the "Collectible Economy" requires of the Federation, specifically the role we can (and must) play centrally to pick up on the challenge we have heard from our guest speaker Claude Lewenz today, and the actions (short, medium and long term) that we need to identify and resource the Federation to achieve. Quite simply, and equally frankly, our future collectively as a Federation of clubs, and individually as members, owners and collectors and the value of our lifetime investment in what we love, all rest on what we start doing in the next twelve months to embrace and drive the "Collectible Economy". As you know, this is a big road trip but one that if we do it right, the destination will make our efforts seem miniscule! Conversely, if we do nothing, we commence a journey of decline on all fronts as society, economies and generations change and move on without us.

As we move forward, my sincere thanks to our Executive Committee and advisors, and special mention of Warren Pattinson, a senior member of the NZHRA and a member of the Federation Executive since 2021. Concurrently we welcome Chris Hogg to the elected Executive team, having served as an advisor for most of the last year. I also record my sincere thanks and appreciation to each of the Federation's member clubs. In doing so let me record that one of the personal highlights of the last year for me was no less than seven speaking and social occasions with clubs from Auckland to Invercargill. Nothing matches getting together around cars and members and sharing our passion!

My very best wishes to all.



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