

31st AGM Membership Report

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For the 2025/2026 year, the FoMC has 153 member clubs, representing 149,736 members and 127,702 vehicles.

We gained 5 new member clubs as a direct result of the 12-month WoF's and CoF's that took effect on 1 October 2025.

Sadly we lost 2 clubs due to dwindling numbers, so a net increase of 3 clubs.

It is only with our collective and unified voice that we can make progress with Government, its Agencies and the wider sector. Therefore, I implore all members to encourage all clubs that are not a member of the Federation to join. It is by our compelling cases and the numbers behind the organisation (translate votes) that the politicians take note, which we have seen. We had feedback from the NZ Transport Agency that our submissions and discussions papers are some of the most professional they have ever seen. We have gained the privilege of being a highly respected organisation. Also our campaign to encourage all clubs and their members to submit resulted in the highest ever responses the Transport Agency has ever received. Their words to us were they were "blown away". It is this reason why being a member of the Federation of Motoring Clubs is essential. We are your voice!

Automation of the subscription invoicing process was very successful last year saving many hours of effort. We will use this method again this year.

In the week or two, we'll send out a form for you to advise the number of members and vehicles in your club, along with updating the contacts list of officers.

A huge issue we are all dealing with is aging members, dwindling numbers and generational change. We love the vehicles we grew up with, especially during our young courting days. Bring back memories? The challenge to each club is how to bring on the Gen X, Y & Z'ers to being as passionate about the old timers as we are. Perhaps one option is to go into the schools and actively engage the pupils (and their parents) into mechanical and maintenance. How about the thrill of competitive rallies – inter-school competitions perhaps. Who knows about straight-line navigation? Let's be honest, computer gaming really has no compare to the sounds, the smells, the touch and the feeling of being involved with something that tells a story.

Another thing to think about which many clubs are starting to do is to have combined events in their area. In Taranaki, for example, we are now starting to have events with 3 clubs combined. This is good to meet and make new friends, hear their stories and learn about their passion.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Butler", is written in a cursive style.

Chris Butler, Membership Administrator