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President's Patter – Garry Jackson



Season's greetings to all Federation members, vehicle club members, all historic and classic vehicle owners, and all auto enthusiasts.

Wow, how fast the year has passed us by! Maybe it's age, maybe it's the fact that life seems busier than ever before, but whatever the reason 2024 seems to have set a record in just how quickly the months have rolled by. In February we were putting the finishing touches to the NZ Historic and Classic Vehicle Research Survey and its treasure-trove of data including the eye-catching headline that we're all part of a \$16.5 billion economic footprint.

It's been a year full of great auto events, gatherings, and catch-ups with friends. For me personally it's included Mustang runs and this year's great National Mustang Convention in Invercargill, time with the VCC National Management Committee in March, speaking engagements with the Ford Capri Club (and one of our newest members), the Edenvale Crank Up organisers (the Edenvale Vintage Machinery Club) and the VCC Bay of Plenty branch, dressed in yellow for the VCC National

Daffodil Rally, and much more. And it will get even busier over the next two months with all the great events across NZ.

All this energy and activity across our clubs helps put the (temporary) disappointment and frustration of the NZTA's preliminary decision regarding the Federation's 12-month WoF proposal for 40+ year vehicles into context. We're charged up to continue the mission, and you can be assured it remains number one on our new year objectives.

Concurrently, the Federation concludes 2024 in great shape our Executive is energised with two new members and a really positive spirit, and our membership is growing with new club signups in recent weeks.

Where-ever you are, and whatever your personal auto interests and passions, I convey our very best wishes for the festive season and the year ahead, and I look forward to maybe catching up at some time in the year ahead. The summer season always comes alive with great auto shows, runs and gatherings, and maybe we'll be sharing some of them together.

Very best wishes, and season's greetings to all

Garry Jackson, President, NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs Inc.

NZTA WoF Update – Harry Duynhoven

Readers will be very familiar with the major effort that the FoMC has put into our cases to the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) for lifetime Warrants of Fitness (WoFs) for all year 1919 and older vehicles (veteran) and 12 month WoFs for all those vehicles 40 years and older.



These proposals were well researched, including extensive risk analysis using NZTA's own data on DSIs (death and serious injury) and on WoF failure rates across all vehicles age groups. We were complimented by NZTA on the depth of analysis that was presented.

Recently Garry (our president) circulated to all Federation clubs the Preliminary Decision he has received from the NZTA. Unfortunately, this Preliminary Decision has rejected both proposals, but indicates support for a 12 month WoF term for 1919 and older (veteran) vehicles. It's the FoMC view that the rejected proposals are based on very conservative conclusions looking at the worst case scenarios.

The FoMC has responded with an interim reply, requesting further details of NZTA's risk analysis data and the process used to arrive at the extremely conservative conclusions which have informed the Preliminary Decision.

It is important to note that these decisions rest with the NZTA officials under the legislation, and are not the prerogative of the Minister of Transport. While we wait on NZTA's response to our interim reply, we are developing a "Plan B" approach. It's too early yet to share details, but with approximately 150,000 members in our affiliated clubs, and our members representing around a \$16.5 billion economic footprint (as shown in the recent NZ Historic and Classic Vehicle Survey) we expect the current government and its agencies may have great interest in the response!

(Hon.) Harry Duynhoven.
Past President FoMC.

Bay of Plenty VCC Presentation – David Raven



Garry Jackson & Bay of Plenty VCC Club Captain Kaaren Smylie

On Monday 11th November, Garry was invited by the Bay of Plenty Vintage Car Club in Tauranga to be the guest speaker for the evening.

After a great introduction by VCC Club President Donn White, Garry spoke for nearly 2 hours, covering his background and working life at Ford, plus covered the work of the FoMC and the recent Classic Car survey.

The VCC were especially pleased to see the whole venue (around 120 people) full, and the very positive feedback from their members, comments included:

- *"Thanks for organising a great night, very informative". John - Alfa Romeo Club*
- *"Well done". "The best speaker we have had in a long time". "Thank you for arranging". - Bill*
- *"Thanks for the great night, we both enjoyed listening to Garry, thanks for organising". - Graham & Ian*
- *"Fantastic night, I loved it!" - Ferrari owner*
- *"Garry is salt of the earth, such a great speaker" - Grant*
- *"Garry was an excellent speaker that really kept my attention, and I liked his taste in shoes!"*

Also in attendance from the FoMC were Vice President David Raven & Executive Member Bruce Lewis, as they were both relatively local to the event.

As well as members from other VCC Branches, other clubs included:

- Tauranga Mini Owners
- Bay Rodders
- MG Car Club
- Morgan Car Club
- Zephyr/Zodiac Club
- Ford Mustang Owners Club
- Morris Minor Owners Club
- Alfa Romeo Owners Club

The FoMC would like to thank the Bay of Plenty VCC for inviting us, many thanks go to the members that organised the catering.

We made a video of Garrys' presentation, which can be viewed on our Youtube Channel, and this contains both the [full length \(112 minute\) presentation](#), plus the following edited highlights:

- [Background to FoMC and plans for the future \(38 minutes\)](#)
- [NZ Historic and Classic Car Survey \(32 minutes\)](#)



*(Left to Right) David Raven (FoMC Vice President / Treasurer), Kaaren Smylie (BoP VCC Club Captain), Garry Jackson (FoMC President), Bruce Lewis (FoMC Executive Member) and Donn White (BoP VCC Chairman).
Photo courtesy of Brian Pratt (BoP VCC)*

30th Anniversary AGM – 2025

The FoMC Executive have been discussing how and where to celebrate the AGM next year, given that this will be the 30th Anniversary AGM.

Given the feedback received to date and lengthy discussion by the FoMC Executive, we have decided to stay true to our pattern of every third AGM being held in the South Island (we skipped this “commitment” this year due to financial constraints), and the 30th Anniversary AGM will be held in Christchurch on 17th/18th May. The AGM itself will be held on the Sunday, and we are planning for a very interesting outing mid-afternoon of Saturday 17th, followed by a special get-together and casual dinner that evening to celebrate the history of the FoMC, and warmly invite all clubs to seriously consider joining us for this special occasion. Pencil the dates now and start thinking about your club’s representation at both the Saturday programme and the Sunday AGM.

Full details will appear in Wheel Torque 44. Any early enquiries ahead of that should be directed to Exec member Chris Dyer at chris.dyer@fomc.nz or 027 659 8059.

See you there!

Garry Jackson, President, FoMC.

Working Groups Update

New Constitution – David Raven

The first draft of our new Constitution has been completed, and is now being peer reviewed. This ensures compliance with the new Act. We will be using Parry Field to officially review the new Constitution in January, and this will be sent out in Mailing 1 in March 2025 for the AGM.

Funding Streams – Bruce Lewis

It is pleasing to report that some progress has been made in our quest to have a funding stream in place so that FoMC can look forward to a day when we can say to our valued member clubs 'look at what FoMC can do for you!'

Our first such partner is the company Cartrack.co.nz, an international company with their Car Watch GPS vehicle tracking system. This enables customers to set an alert via the Cartrack mobile application on their vehicles that are equipped with management tracking directly back onto your cellphone.

Member clubs now have the option of their valuable vehicles being fitted with a GPS unit at a very special FoMC Membership rate of \$250 for the unit installed (usually \$499 retail) and a \$15/ month monitoring fee. FoMC receives a \$5 / month rebate / unit ongoing from Carwatch.

Following the mid-November All USA Day, the Bay of Plenty Mustang Owners Club has 4 vehicles fitted and more awaiting installation.

The Ferrari Owners Club and Auckland Mustang Owners Club all have strong interest in having their pride & joy vehicles monitored.

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Work continues with other partners who are showing strong interest in tapping into the vast market of some 150,000 members with possibilities of fuel, motor accessories, travel and other commodity discounts with a rebate type structure in place for FoMC.

This will greatly assist FoMC to better serve & represent your club in all areas of ensuring our **Vision**;

FoMC is a fit for purpose and relevant organisation delivering what our members want

And, a reminder of our Mission:

The primary mission is (and always has been) to maintain our freedom and right to use our historic, classic and custom vehicles on all NZ roads with no restrictions. Preservation and enhancement of the heritage values of our vehicles and for our sector, is a very important mission for the years ahead.

NZ FoMC – Insurance Scheme Re-Marketing 2025 –

Michael Anderson

We have been advised by the Brokers of the current Scheme – Rothbury Insurance Brokers, of their intention to go to the market, in the early part of 2025 to obtain hopefully better terms and conditions.

All the Motoring Clubs currently in the scheme, have been advised individually of this move, and have been asked to complete proposals to enable this to happen.

The completion date for brokers to receive this information, is Friday 24th January 2025. Please make sure you action this request well before the closing date, so this becomes a successful remarketing exercise.

The NZFomC Executive will be keeping a close eye on this issue over the next few weeks, and will follow up with individual clubs as necessary

Secretary's' Corner – Chris Butler

Firstly, A very warm welcome to the [Capri Car Club NZ](#), and [GT Falcon Club of NZ](#) to the Federation.

Thanks very much to all the clubs who have paid their subscriptions. There are just 17 remaining. This really helps with Federation operations and most notably costs associated with face-to-face meetings with Ministers and Government officials.



On the 12-month WoF project, we have received a lot of support and encouragement from many clubs, which we thank you. This is “hard yakka” and as Garry advised in his recent personal message, we remain resolute to continue lobbying for you.

This year we propose to simplify our membership fee structure. Further details will be in next issue of Wheel Torque.

For those clubs who are incorporated societies, if you haven't updated your constitution, you have just 16 months remaining! Don't underestimate the time it takes to prepare and review it.

Finally, wishing all members of member clubs a great Christmas, New Year and summer holidays. Get those motors running & be out and about for the general public to enjoy us – we know they really like seeing the old timers running about!

Happy holidays,
Chris

Focus on Classic Bikes – Murray McLean

We asked long time motorcyclist & FoMC Executive Member Murray McLean for his “take” on the Classic Motorcycle scene as we haven’t featured them recently in Wheel Torque.

Having been involved in several classic and one make classic motorcycle clubs since the mid 70’s either as a member, committee member, president or secretary and Motorcycle Dealership Owner/operator, I have gleaned a vast knowledge of the classic Motorcycle scene here in New Zealand and overseas in USA and England.

As club members have aged, so has their appetite for the use older machines waned. In the scramble to maintain membership Classic clubs have adopted a 20 year rule or “An interest in classic bikes”.

From this has emerged the modern classic club riders who ride their modern bikes to club events and rides further discouraging the older bike owners to participate, as the modern bikes disappear into the distance.

Another more worrying trend was the cancellation of the wellington based National Classic Rally late November with only 23 entries. Another Classic British only Motorcycle Rally held in Murchison the same weekend had 80 odd entries from lower North Island to Mid South Island.

The older one make clubs are slowly dying and the classic Clubs are becoming unrecognisable as such. Clubs are struggling to find volunteers to take on committee roles in clubs that are incorporated societies as the compliance and red tape pressures increase.

Where to from here?

I personally don’t have the answer as I feel this dilemma is affecting all clubs across the spectrum in New Zealand and overseas.

There are so many diverse opinions on the subject being tackled by all member clubs of the FOMC.

We are lucky in New Zealand to have a combined voice of the FoMC to Lobby our Politicians for continued use of our heritage vehicles so thank you all for your continuing support.

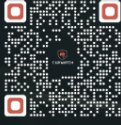
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