

NZ FEDERATION OF MOTORING CLUBS (INC)
PRESIDENTS REPORT TO THE
2009 FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2008/09 year has seen the Federation continue in its role of scrutiny and submission on the never ending rule changes brought about by successive governments. We have seen the advent of a new Crown entity, the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) merging the responsibilities of Land Transport NZ and Transit NZ. The Federation maintains an interest in all motoring matters affecting our motoring heritage. I refer particularly to:

1. Insurance

A total of 24 member clubs have now taken up the insurance package put together by John Barley Insurances. The yearly premium remains unchanged at \$330 plus G.S.T. Barley Insurances is now linked to our website. From time to time John publishes a newsletter that embraces current issues affecting the insurance industry. We have had 2 such publications during the 2008/09 year.

2. V.I.C.

Our Vehicle Identification Card was tabled with the new NZ Transport Agency's Business Support Manager in March. Certain points of clarification are needed to encourage the Agency to accept the Federation VIC as an additional alternative to the VCC card. This is in hand by your executive.

3. Submissions

Your submission secretary, Andrew McClintock, continues to respond to the never ending reviews of Land Transport Rules. The increasing use of email has enhanced our ability to circulate our response between members of the executive and thereby obtain a greater input into the submission.

4. Newsletter

The revamp of *FOMcall* into *Wheel Torque* under the editorship of Mark Stockdale has been successfully completed. There have been 3 issues published and it is now in colour and utilises photographs where appropriate. Good reports indicate that the new format has been well received. Our thanks are extended to Terry and Bev Pidduck who edited *FOMcall* for many years.

5. Graeme Letica

Graeme passed away suddenly on 16 June 2008 aged 73. While he had some health difficulties to overcome, Graeme was a regular attendee at executive meetings and was helpful on membership matters. His unexpected death was a shock to us all.

6. NZ Transport Agency

This new Crown entity, NZTA, was established on 1 August 2008. It brings together the functions of Land Transport NZ and Transit NZ. While we have had plenty experience with LTNZ and its rule changes, we have not had much to do with Transit which was responsible for the construction and maintenance of State Highways. We need to examine whether or not we need to expand our role and look into the physical aspects of highways formerly the responsibility of Transit.

7. Administrative matters

Four executive meetings were held throughout the year. *Wheel Torque* was published on three occasions. Our mailing address has changed to PO Box 24-225 Wellington 6142 as advised in *Wheel Torque* issue no. 3. Membership currently stands at 116 member clubs

In conclusion I would like to acknowledge the support of the executive not only over the past year but over the five years that it has been my privilege to serve as your president.

Jack Hindess
24 April 2009