

NZ FEDERATION OF MOTORING CLUBS

16th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our activities over the year have been varied and interesting. There have been various enquiries for our executive and advisors to investigate with favourable results.

One issue revolved around a left hand drive truck. This vehicle had been used in NZ from about 1950 and had several owners. The earlier owners had used it as a fuel tanker so it had been road legal until about the 1960s. In later years the truck had been rebuilt and was always road legal. The latest owner wanted to sell the truck with a new CoF but it was declined because it was LHD and over 3,500kgs tare.

The Federation was able to assist the owner to resolve this issue thanks to our co-operative relationship with the NZ Transport Agency.

Another issue was a LHD pickup which was declined an LHD exemption due to being imported by an owner who was 2 days short of the 90-day overseas ownership exemption. Once again, the Federation was able to negotiate a resolution and the owner is now able to enjoy the unfettered use of the vehicle on the road.

A delegation from the Executive attended the Transport and Industrial Relations select committee earlier this year to highlight the costly impact proposed changes to the RUC regime would have on a third of our members. The Federation supported changes to the time licence regime for tractors but questioned the impact of requiring all heavy vehicles to be rated to their maximum gross vehicle weights for the purposes of RUC. For the non-commercial heavy fleet, the proposed changes would impose significant unrecoverable costs. Malcom Lumsden will report further on the impacts of this later in the meeting. Our submission was given a very positive response by the committee.

Other issues that we are now dealing with include the ability to re-register silver and black number plates, and investigating steam traction engine inspections and certifying of boilers.

The Federation has matured to the stage where we now enjoy excellent relationships with the various government agencies. We are members of stakeholder groups and as such participate in the early stages of the formation of transport policy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our executive and advisors for their assistance in dealing with these past issues and potential ones in the future. I have

indicated nomination for a further term as President of an organisation that now represents the interests of around 50,000 individuals and tens of thousands of vehicles covering heritage and collectible vehicles of all kinds.

Ross Hopkins
NZFOMC President