



# AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF LIVE STEAMERS

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**To the Hon Secretary,**

Dear Secretary,

The Board thanks Noel Eberhardt and his QSMEE team who most ably provided the venue for the successful 2010 Convention.

There is one change to the Board this year. Ray Hall of the Penfield Model Engineers Society was elected as Vice-President of the AALS. He succeeds John Wakefield who served as Vice-President from 1986 and for whom there will be formal recognition of this at the 2011 Convention scheduled for Lake Macquarie. Ray's contact details are: Ray Hall, 08 8250 9255; [randchall@bigpond.com](mailto:randchall@bigpond.com)

Dennis Hamilton, whose contact details are in the letterhead above, takes insurance matters to the broker for advice and advises your Society as required. He sent his apologies that he was unable to attend the Convention to hear any of your questions first-hand, but thanks those who quickly sent notification of incidents.

The Board withdrew the "age" motion proposed by the Campaspe Valley Miniature Railway Inc to consider more fully the implications in regard to State's legal requirements. Other items on the Code of Practice, footwear and Affiliation Fees were passed with overwhelming support.

The Code of Practice is on the website for your club and Competent Person's use. The Safety Committee has included its Consultation Process document in this mail for your club's attention.

The awards from the Convention are also on the website: click on 'convention' in the left-hand file then find what you want. The Board thanks QSMEE for the inauguration and donation of the perpetual Warner Steam Trophy given to the best owner-built steam locomotive (by popular vote). Rules for this and for the other trophies are on the site.

As was the case last year, the affiliation Membership Fees return is included. The names of those who serve your club are filled out: there is space for alterations and additions. Last year's returns improved the accuracy of AALS records. ***This year there is an added line for your society's e-mail contact.***

Barry Potter and Adrian Cox will send separate mail to boiler inspectors about the discussion and decisions from the Boiler Meeting.

Yours in steam and model engineering,

Hugh Elsol, Hon Secretary, AALS.