



# AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF LIVE STEAMERS

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## AUSTRALIAN LIVE STEAMERS SAFETY COMMITTEE

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## Annual Report of the Australian Live Steamers Safety Committee

(For Presentation to the Meeting of the Committee and Club Competent Persons at the 2010 AALS Convention, at Queensland Society of Model and Experimental Engineers, Warner, Queensland, at 4.00 PM, Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2010.)

This report constitutes a summary of business as conducted by the Committee up to late December, 2009, at which time the report had to be submitted for distribution to member clubs in advance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2010 AGM of the AALS.

As of the 2009 AGM, the Committee consisted of Warwick Allison, Chairman, and Alf Grigg as secretary. The position of technical representative was not filled.

The Committee fulfilled the normal correspondence tasks of the committee, and undertook a consultation process with all member clubs of the AALS. The specific issues for consultation were remodelling and reformatting of the Code, footwear in high-sided 7¼" passenger cars, investigation and development of guidelines or a code for gas firing of boilers, and investigating and enhancing the role of competent persons.

A consultation document explaining the process and the specific topics was distributed to all AALS member clubs. Nine member clubs and one individual member made written submissions. All submissions were posted on the AALS website shortly after receipt.

As such, the consultation process still did not attract sufficient responses for the limited number of submissions to be considered representative of the position and views of majority of member clubs.

The Committee determined to recommend the adoption of the remodelled and reformatted Code, and the adoption of revised rules for footwear in high-sided 7¼"/184 mm passenger cars. The gas firing guidelines/code and the role of the competent person are ongoing into 2010. The assistance provided by Mick Murray (SLSLS) and Dave Archibald (SSME) in completing the Code of Practice updates is gratefully acknowledged.

The Committee remains committed to fully consulting with member clubs, and to empowering clubs to fully manage the implementation of the Code. The Committee will implement the resolutions of the 2010 AGM, will continue with a consultative process on key safety and operational issues (ie: proposal by Morpehett Vale for fitting speedos on locos hauling public passenger trains), and will develop a gas-firing component for inclusion in the Code.

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