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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 2010-2011.

AALS President's Report for the Year Ended December, 2010

It has been a relatively quiet year in relation to matters concerning the Association as a whole. Obviously clubs are getting on with building and operating all sorts of things that club members get up to and this is a good sign for the Hobby as a whole.

We welcomed a number of new clubs to our fold and hopefully they will find the Association helpful in the conduct of their club's endeavours.

This year's convention was a great success and thanks go to QSMEE for the effort they put in and the smooth running of the event. I would also like to acknowledge the numerous invitation runs and get-togethers hosted by many clubs throughout the year. They are well run and friendly and symbolize the fraternity of the Association.

Our safety in running record has been pretty good this year – well done to all concerned. I know we have many dedicated club members who take this topic seriously and ensure things run correctly. In this vein, our CODE OF PRACTICE has been reformatted and made more readable by the Safety Committee and its team of helpers, a task of some magnitude. I urge all clubs to make the COP available and accessible to their members.

The boiler committee has had a big year with much achieved and more items in the process of review. This has been well covered in the AMBSC Chairman's report. I will mention the process of bringing the Duplex boiler code to its final submission to WorkCover NSW. A lot of work was put in by a few members within the hobby and we have the generosity of some highly qualified individuals, who were not part of the hobby, to thank for a very comprehensive report put to WorkCover. We have been informed that they are happy with what they have reviewed and will issue an exemption from the boiler code soon. Some may find that last statement odd.

Many will be mistaken in the belief that a proposal to alter the boiler code would be submitted to government for approval. This is not the case; the authorities reviewed our Duplex code submission and having satisfied themselves that the supporting information in the submission has been backed by technical advice from suitably qualified people, they will issue an exemption notice relating to the full size boiler code. They have not approved or disapproved of the Duplex submission. We are

responsible for the codes and conduct of matters for boilers of fifty litres and under and therefore are exempt from the larger boiler codes.

Some of the cases and arguments against this submission were less than elevating and probably the less said about them the better. I know people in our hobby can at times feel forceful about issues. I ask all to stick to facts and leave out personal attacks as the best way to resolve an issue within the hobby.

I hope 2011 will bring satisfaction to all our club members as they finish, restart, and rebuild all those worthy projects. Daydreaming about that future project is another pleasant aspect of our hobby too!

Happy hobbying,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roger Kershaw". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roger Kershaw (President AALS).