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AUSTRALIAN LIVE STEAMERS SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Annual Report of the Australian Live Steamers Safety Committee

This report constitutes a summary of business as conducted by the Safety Committee up to late November, 2011, at which time the report had to be submitted for distribution to member clubs in advance of the 2012 AGM of the AALS.

As of the 2011 AGM, the Safety Committee consisted of Warwick Allison, Chairman, and Alf Grigg as secretary. The position of technical representative was not filled.

The Safety 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 driver licenses for public running, speedos for use during public running, public passenger carrying carriage dimensions, and the development of a gas firing code. A consultation document explaining the process and the specific topics was distributed to all AALS member clubs, and an article encouraging submissions placed in Australian Model Engineering magazine.

Additionally a submission was made to SafeWork Australia in January 2011 on the proposed new model regulations and the progress of this regulation has been monitored and no other input has been deemed required.

Consultation submissions, limited to one society and three individual members, were valuable in detail and content to the gas firing and passenger carriage items. The Committee undertook further discussions on the passenger carriage dimensions, and, as of December, is continuing to develop the draft gas firing code.

The Committee determined to propose an amended motion for passenger carriages; adopt the draft gas firing code; and carry forward the driver license proposal and the use of speedos for public passenger operations.

The Safety Committee will redevelop the driver license and speedo topics for the 2012 consultation process. If insufficient response is received from member societies, the Committee will not proceed to develop proposed motions for determination by the annual general meeting of the Association on these topics.

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 2012 AGM and will continue with a consultative process on key safety and operational issues as brought up by members.

Warwick Allison, Chairman

Alf Grigg, Secretary