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## AMBSC Chairman's Report, Easter Convention, 2012

Gentlemen,

Here we are at the end of 2011 and the beginning of 2012.

Good progress has been made during the last year with the acceptance by most of the States of the Duplex Steel Code. The exceptions are Victoria and South Australia which would prefer to wait until the "harmonisation" of the WorkCover legislation Australia-wide.

This however does not exclude the use of Duplex boilers in these States as the Victorian authorities are happy to accept any made outside Victoria and they can be built in South Australia if the design is registered with the appropriate authority. The new code has proven to be popular as several Duplex boilers have been completed or are under construction both in Australia and New Zealand. There has also been a good deal of interest in Duplex boilers in several overseas countries.

The imported "Polly" kits have attracted some interest with at least one now running and several more under construction. Boiler inspectors should be aware that while the imported "Maxitrak" boilers are of good quality, some of the fittings of these boilers are not up to standard and should be improved to the boiler inspector's satisfaction. The importers of these locomotives are working with the manufacturers to overcome this problem.

The Carbon Steel Code revision is complete and many thanks should be given to Andrew Mathews, Les Irwin and Eric Evans for their efforts in this tedious process. We are hoping that all of the states get their act together with the "harmonisation" so that we can release this code as soon as possible. Universal Australia-wide WorkCover legislation should greatly reduce the AMBSC work load when revising or issuing any new code. The above matters have delayed the revision of the Copper Code and we hope to get this under way shortly.

We have welcomed several new Boiler inspectors to our ranks during the last year and we trust that their experiences will be both rewarding and constructive.

Thank you one and all for your efforts during the last year as the exceptional safety record enjoyed with model boilers in this country is testament to your devotion to the hobby.

Lastly, I would like to say that the election of Les Irwin to the Board has been hugely beneficial to the AMBSC as he is a bit of a human "Dynamo" when it comes to getting things done. Les always seems to find the right person to contact in Government or Industry when there is any need for their help or advice.

Sincerely,

Barry Potter,  
Chairman, AMBSC.