



# AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF **LIVE STEAMERS**

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## **SECRETARY'S REPORT 2012 – 2013**

Again at this time of year, I trust your model engineering project has progressed during the year. David Proctor, our new President, and Ben De Gabriel, our new Treasurer, have settled very quickly into their new roles, while Ross Walker has continued as the Company Secretary. Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society is seeking your support to reaffiliate this year after it had lapsed in the year before. Eighty-five clubs were affiliated as of December, 2012.

Nominations closed on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2012, for the three AALS Board positions and the Victorian State Representative. All such nominations and motions are in the agenda. The Proxy Form is how your society takes part in the meeting, even if a delegate is unable to attend. Do not forget that if you have no Proxy you have no participation in the meeting and no vote.

The AGM will be at 1930 on the Saturday night as previously, but the ALSSC and AMBSC meetings will follow the AGM instead of being on Good Friday. The Board made a decision to move all to the one night to give more time for playing trains and socializing and will discuss this change's impact at its Sunday meeting.

Thank you to the Board members and State Representatives who have provided assistance in the past year. The Board's work is, as always, a team effort.

The work of the club honorary secretaries who have kept me up to date with their society's personnel is appreciated. Keep sending those e-mails or written letters with office bearer's names, 'phone numbers and e-mails.

As it was last year, the information about trophies is all on the aals.asn.au site; download forms as needed from there. The SASMEE Award for the best non-steam prototypical locomotive is new for 2013.

Do not forget the **Southern Federation of Model Engineering Societies (England) Trophy**. It has been awarded since 1991 – if there is a model engineer in your club you feel is deserving of the trophy, write a nomination to send/give to me. The committee formed to assess the nominations is composed of a representative from each State (AALS State Rep. or similar); it meets at the Convention and sits for a very brief period. Check the details on the website.

I look forward to seeing you at QSMEE's Warner site here in Brisbane.

Yours in steam and model engineering,

Hugh Elsol, Hon Secretary, AALS.