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# AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF LIVE STEAMERS

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Tullamarine Live Steamers did a magnificent job in hosting the 2014 annual Convention despite the disruption of the Victorian boiler exemption saga. It was only in the final days' countdown that the society felt it would not make a loss – it was a close run thing.

Penfield who are the 2015 hosts had information and accommodation letters for all clubs that attended; others not present will have one mailed. Registration payment will be available through the SMEX site. Lake Macquarie is preparing to host in 2016; any club wishing to offer for 2017 or 2018 will want to start preparations two years out: the host for 2017 will be decided in Adelaide next year.

At the AGM, the nominations for Board positions were confirmed. Our long-serving Company Secretary Ross Walker has retired. Wayne Roberts, the current Victorian State Representative, has experience in this field and has replaced Ross. The Board is very pleased and thanks Wayne for his most timely offer.

The Safety and Boiler meetings were on Friday night with the AGM on Saturday. The timing of these is always to suit the host's facilities and requirements. The full details of the motions are in the AGM Minutes. Remember, all such information is transferred to the website for which it is desirable that a member of your club monitors.

Send any matters regarding the Code of Practice to ALSSC, the Safety Committee, via the Consultation process. The contact details are on the website.

Dennis once again reminds all that the 'Incident Report Form' is on the AALS website (click on 'resources' and then look for AALS Related Documents). It is there for your club to download; an incident at your Society is subject to a claim up to seven years later. Always send reports to Dennis Hamilton who then forwards them to the AALS Insurance broker...it is extremely difficult if the broker receives a claim where the club involved has not notified our Insurance Officer.

If your club did not send a proxy, it did not have a say in proceedings of the AGM.

All the awards from the Convention are on the website: click on 'convention' in the left-hand directory list and then find what you want.

No new clubs affiliated. Pioneer Dairy has ceased: there are eighty-six affiliated societies.

The Treasurer will send the Affiliation Fees return separately – IT WILL BE DUE TO BE PAID BEFORE THE 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE to the treasurer at Cherry Hill. In addition, the addresses of Boiler Inspectors are to be filled onto the form so they can be easily contacted.

This mail has the coverage of the AGM, safety meeting and boiler meeting.

Yours in steam and model engineering,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hugh".

Hugh Elsol,  
Hon Secretary, AALS, for and on behalf of the Board.