



# AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF **LIVE STEAMERS**

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## **SECRETARY'S REPORT 2013 – 2014**

The AGM approaches rapidly. Enclosed in this mail is the agenda with its proxy form and reports about last year. This year's audit has been delayed, so that will be sent by the Treasurer in a separate mail before the AGM. No clubs have made an application for affiliation. One society, Pioneer Dairy Steam Railway has ceased operating. Eighty-six clubs were affiliated as of December, 2013.

Nominations closed on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013, for the three AALS Board positions. Those 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 the usual time of 1930 on the Saturday night; but the ALSSC and AMBSC meetings will revert to Good Friday night from 1930.

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

Thank you, too, to the club honorary secretaries who have kept our records up to date with their society's personnel. Keep sending those e-mails or written letters with office bearer's names, 'phone numbers and e-mails.

The information about trophies is all on the [aals.asn.au](http://aals.asn.au) site; download forms as needed from there.

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 by Good Friday. 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 TLSS's Bulla site in Melbourne.

Yours in steam and model engineering,

Hugh Elsol, Hon Secretary, AALS.