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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 December, 2015, at which time the report had to be submitted for distribution to member clubs in advance of the 2016 AGM of the AALS.

As of the 2015 AGM, the Safety Committee consisted of Warwick Allison, Chairman, and Alf Grigg as Secretary.

The Safety Committee fulfilled the normal correspondence tasks of the committee. Responses to general queries from clubs have been given. Draft documents providing guidance on matters of tunnels and bridges, and the new Work Health and Safety regulations are in the course of preparation.

Warwick was assisted by a team consisting of Brian Carter and Allan Wallace in drafting a code of practice for Gas Firing for Small Models. The Code was complete as of December, 2015 and is proposed for adoption at the 2016 AALS AGM. This code has been published for general comment on the AALS website since October 2015, and also mentioned in the Australian Model Engineering magazine July-August issue. Specific input has been received from Rails in the Garden group, and other interested parties.

Alf remains in discussions with some regulators on possible additions and clarifications to the Safety Code on structures that require formal approvals and in some instances professional certification of structural and associated design.

Proposals to amend the Code of Practice for Operations have been formulated to address the use of mobile phones by operators of moving trains (as foreshadowed at the last AGM), and these are also proposed for adoption at the 2016 AGM. Additionally, discussions in past years on a Boiler Operators Certificate has resulted in a proposal to incorporate boiler operation competencies into the Training Code. This is also proposed for adoption at the 2016 AGM.

Both amendments have been published on the AALS website for comments since May 2015. One comment has been received.

No consultation process was undertaken in 2015 given no key safety issues being proposed by the Safety Committee and AGM meetings at the 2015 Convention.

The Committee remains committed to fully consulting with member clubs, and to empowering clubs to fully manage the implementation of the Code.

Warwick Allison
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