

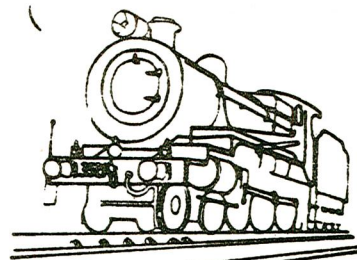
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Editorial.

Included with this Newsletter is a copy of the proposed " Constitution of the Australian Association of Live Steamers " which is to be put before the delegates at the Convention meeting next Easter. The proposed constitution has been reprinted with this Newsletter to give all members of the S.L.S.L.S. the opportunity to read and consider the document and you are invited to discuss this matter at the next special general meeting on the first Tuesday in December.

As this constitution could have wide implications all members should take the opportunity to ensure that our Delegates to the convention meeting are able to carry the opinion of our Society.

John Lyons.

Christmas Running Day and Children's Party.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter the Christmas Party and Running Day will be held on the second Saturday in December, ie., 12th. December. The childrens party will be held at 3.00PM after which we will expect the arrival of Santa. Members are asked to limit the value of their presents to \$5.00 or so. This will be followed by a bring your own B.B.Q. tea.

Try to keep this date free as it is a good opportunity for members, their families and their friends to meet in a relaxed, festive, atmosphere.

Members are asked to contact Dian Lee on 533 5959 and let here know how many children / grandchildren will be present at the party before the end of November so that arrangements can be made for the party catering.

The Club House.

The Club House continues to make steady progress. The floor of the meeting room was poured sometime ago. The roof tiles are in position and the ridge caps sitting in place. They will be bedded in mortar when the eaves are finished so that the hammering will not cause any disturbance.

The electrical wiring has been started and at the time of writing the connection to the sewer has been completed and is awaiting inspection. A mid week working bee will have been organised to have the excavation filled and the tracks cleared for the November Public running day.

It is hoped that the floors of the kitchen and toilets can be poured before Christmas.

1982 Convention.

As most members would realise the 1982 Convention will be hosted by the Queensland Society of Model and Experimental Engineers at Strathpine, Queensland. Our country members are reminded that if they would like registration forms for the Convention they should let our Secretary, Alan Mackellar, know so that when they are available they can be forwarded on. It may be wise for local members to notify Alan of their intentions as well.

Elevated Signalling.

As reported by Warwick Allison, Newsletters Vol. 8 No. 3, and Vol. 9 No. 3, there has been much activity by a small group of members aimed at establishing a system of signals for the elevated track operation.

The Ground Frame has been finished for some time now, including a track diagram but still needing lever identification plates.

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Elevated Signalling. cont.

Warwick reported in Newsletter Vol.9 No.3 that the Society reclaimed two redundant signals that had been replaced by colour light signals on the Rose Hill line.

The first of the signals has now been utilised and has been erected in position 10b (see Newsletter Vol.8 No.3. page 2.). The wooden post was unusable so it was replaced by a steel column. An 8 cubic foot concrete footing was poured and a cast iron base bolted to this, the post in turn was fastened to this base. This will be the Depot Exit Signal and has used the Close Up arm from the Up Second Home that stood at the Sydney End of the Rose Hill platform. As a steel column had been substituted for the original wooden post a new mount had to be designed and fabricated to take the cast mounting brackets. New spectral glasses were fitted.

The signal looks very impressive and it is interesting to see just how large the actual signal components are, we usually simply take them for granted.

The addition of these signals will certainly add interest and realism to the elevated running as well as preserving a system of signalling rapidly falling victim to computerisation.

Locomotives and Other Happenings.

Ern Sweet has had his new locomotive in steam on the past few running days. While Ern has had some teething troubles I am sure the locomotive will soon be into some solid work,,, just what it has been designed for. Ern has promised an article on this loco for a future Newsletter.

Ted Esdaile has had his latest projects on show, an Alchin Traction Engine $1\frac{1}{2}$ " scale and a 5" gauge Martin Evans designed " Enterprise ". Both models are progressing well and are built to the usual Esdaile excellence. I, for one, will be looking forward to seeing both models completed and at the rate Ted works that should not be very long.

Sunday 6th. December the Les Vagg Holden Social Day will be held at our grounds. Mike Tyson would be pleased to hear from any members prepared to drive their locomotives on that day to provide train rides.

Mike has also indicated that he is hoping to organise another train day for early next year,,,,,,be warned.

The visit to Colo Vale at the end of October was spoilt by rain, but a number of members ventured to Windy Ridge on the Sunday for what turned out to be a N.S.W.G.R. run. The usual good time was enjoyed by those in attendance.

Bruce James was granted full membership at the last Special General Meeting. At the December Meeting Trevor Collett will be considered for full Membership.

The completion of the residence on "our " parking area at the top end of the grounds and the relocation of the fence to its correct boundary has limited the parking space and made the loading and unloading of ground level locomotives slightly more difficult.

Duty Roster

Dec. '81. B.Hurst,B.Tulloch,A.Eyre,M.Yule,J.Hyde,B.Rawlinson,L.Davy
Jan. '82. W.Edgecombe,P.Brotchie,G.Esdaile,W.Allison,B.Donovan,B.Peake,J.Leishman.
Feb. '82. M.McAulay,T.Arney,G.Farkas,M.Tyson,A.Mackellar,H.Ryan,D.Price.
Mar. '82. W.Richards,I.Ramsay,T.Geraghty,D.Jones,W.Sandberg,J.Hagan.
Apr. '82. G.Sharp,B.Kilgour,R.Larkin,P.Hinkley,J.B.Hurst,C.Wear.

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BEST WISHES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND THE NEW YEAR.

TITLE:

CONSTITUTION of the AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION of LIVE STEAMERS

(1) NAME:

The name of the Association shall be:

'The Australian Association of Live Steamers'.

An Association of Model Engineering and Live Steam Societies throughout Australia.

(2) AIMS & OBJECTS:

The Aims and Objects of the Association shall be as follows:

- (i) To co-ordinate any matters which are of general interest to all or most Societies.
- (ii) To endeavour to foster the standardisation of aspects of the hobby of Model Engineering, and Miniature Live Steam Locomotive construction, which will enable the best interchange of running between Societies.
- (iii) To take steps toward formulating a code of safe working of miniature railways, and administer same. (or supervise)
- (iv) To open for discussion any matter which may be for greater enjoyment, and safe operation of the hobby.
- (v) To make a levy in the form of an Affiliation Fee, on member Societies, to fund a Secretariat. Such Affiliation Fee to be determined, or adjusted from time to time as considered necessary.
- (vi) To liaise with Government Departments, should this prove necessary at a future date.

(3) POWERS:

The Association shall have the power to do all, or any, of the following, as incidental to its Aims and Objects:

- (i) Promote and conduct an Annual Convention.
- (ii) Promote and conduct Charitable Undertakings.
- (iii) Promote and conduct affiliations with overseas groups of similar interests.

(4) MEMBERSHIP:

Membership shall be open to all Model Engineering and Live Steam Societies having a membership of 10 or more persons.

(5) MANAGEMENT:

The Management of the Association shall be in the hands of an Executive appointed by the Annual General Meeting, held in accordance with this constitution.

The Executive shall consist of the following Officers;

President

Honorary Secretary

Insurance Officer

& Honorary Secretary of the Australian Miniature Boiler Safety Committee.

(for election, period of office, and duties of these offices, see clauses 10 & 11 below).

(6) Meetings:

- (i) The Association shall conduct an Annual Convention, during the Easter Holiday period.
- (ii) The venue for such Convention shall be decided by:
 - (a) Offer from a Society
 - (b) Invitation from the Association to a Society
 - (c) Ballot at the Annual General Meeting.

Always providing that the convention rotate from state to state as follows: from 1982 onwards, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and so on.

The Society agreeing to conduct the Convention being known as the Host Society.

- (iii) The Association shall conduct an Annual General Meeting on Easter Sunday morning during the Annual Convention.
- (iv) The Meeting shall commence at 9.00 a.m. and terminate not later than 12 noon.
- (v) Should additional time be necessary, a motion to this effect shall be deemed to be carried with a majority of not less than 75% of Delegates present.
- (vi) The Host Society is responsible for arranging a suitable venue for the Meeting.
- (vii) Any request for a change of time and/or venue, must be in writing, signed or initialled by at least 75% of Delegates eligible to attend
- (viii) A Quorum shall consist of 4 Member Societies, present at the time of the Meeting.
- (ix) The Executive may meet during the year if considered necessary. Minutes of such meetings to be circulated to Member Societies as soon as possible.
- (x) The Host Society shall arrange the meeting room so that a space at least equal to two rows of seats separates the Delegates from any visitors or observers. (see clause 9).

(7) DELEGATES:

- (i) Each Affiliated Society shall appoint a maximum of 2 (two) Delegates, i.e. a delegate and a substitute, for attendance at meetings.
(both may attend the meeting, seating permitting, but only one may vote on any one matter).
- (ii) Each Society shall notify the Secretary, in writing, prior to the appointed time, the names of their elected Delegates.
- (iii) Only one Delegate from each Society may speak on any subject on the agenda.
- (iv) Societies not complying with Clause (7) (ii) will not be permitted to have representation at the meeting.

(8) VOTING:

- (i) Each Affiliated Society has only one (1) vote on each motion presented before the Chair.
- (ii) Each Society will be called by the President and the Secretary will record the vote.
- (iii) Should a secret ballot be requested, a simple majority will be necessary to implement same i.e. 51% of Delegates present.
- (iv) The President will act as Returning Officer and two (2) Scrutineers will be appointed by the meeting.
- (v) The President will call each Society, by Name, that delegate will come forward and place the ballot paper in the receptacle provided.
- (vi) There will be only one initialled ballot paper issued to each Society.
Hon. Secretary will have a supply of suitable ballot papers on hand, which will be initialled by the President prior to being distributed.
- (vii) In all cases a simple majority only will be required to finalise items on the agenda.

(9) VISITORS:

Visitors may attend the meeting, provided seating capacity permits, under one of the following categories:

- (i) Overseas Visitor
- (ii) Lone Model Engineers who are not members of an Affiliated Society.
- (iii) Members of Affiliated Societies, but who are not official Delegates.
- (iv) Visitors may attend as observers only. They will not be permitted to speak on any subject under debate, or items on the agenda. They will not be permitted to interrupt the proceedings and must obey the directions of the President, or face removal from the meeting.
- (v) In the case of overseas visitors, provision is to be made, within for their seating within the area provided for the Delegates. Should such visitors so desire, opportunity should be given them, or a representative if there be a group, to address the meeting.
- (vi) If time permits, the President may call for comments or questions from visitors, but will not accept motions made by them.
- (vii) In the event of space limitations in the meeting hall, Delegates must have priority for seating.

(10) OFFICERS:ELECTION - QUALIFICATIONS - TERM of OFFICE - DUTIES:

- (i) The Offices of
President
Secretary
Insurance Officer.

Shall be declared vacant every 3 years commencing with 1984.
- (ii) Nominations shall be forwarded to the Secretary A.A.L.S. not later than 3 months prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting.
- (iii) List of nominees will be circulated to all Societies with the agenda not later than 2 months prior to the date of the above mentioned meeting.
- (iv) Each Society has the right to nominate one (1) person only for each position, such nomination being deemed to have been seconded.
- (v) Voting shall be by secret ballot, recording one (1) name only for each position, on the ballot paper provided at the meeting.
- (vi) Affiliated Societies not attending the Convention and Meeting, may record a postal vote, by application in writing, to the Secretary A.A.L.S., for a postal ballot paper, which shall be returned to the Secretary of the Host Society, at least 1 week prior to the meeting.
- (vii) The meeting shall elect, from the Delegates present, a Returning Officer and two (2) Scrutineers.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- (viii) Nominees for all positions shall be financial members of an affiliated Society, of good standing in the hobby, and regular attendants at conventions. They shall not be Delegates for their Society.

TERM of OFFICE

- (ix) The term of office will be for 3 years, as from 1984. An interim appointment for President and Insurance Officer shall be made to cover the period to 1984.

The position of Secretary shall be declared vacant in 1984, or at such earlier date as the incumbent wishes to retire.

In the event of this earlier retirement, an appointment to cover the period to 1984 shall be made.

DUTIES:

(x) PRESIDENT:

The President shall preside at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Easter Sunday during the Annual A.A.L.S. Convention. He shall not have a casting vote -- in the event of a tied situation the status-quo has prevail.

(xi) SECRETARY:

The Secretary shall keep a true and faithful record of all meetings.

(xii) He shall circulate to all affiliated Societies, a copy of the minutes of all meetings.

(xiii) Notice of Motion and/or items for discussion at the next Annual General Meeting, and when applicable, nominations for Office Bearers, shall be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 3 months prior to the date of that meeting.

(xiv) He shall prepare and circulate the agenda for that meeting not less than 2 months prior to the date of that meeting.

(xv) He shall make an allotment of time for discussion of each item on the agenda, a copy being made available to the President.

(xvi) He shall deal with any correspondence that is necessary throughout the year, so as to implement and notify all concerned of decisions reached at the meetings.

(xvii) He shall notify Societies when affiliation fees are due, and keep a correct record of receipts and expenditure, and present a financial statement to the Annual General Meeting.

(xviii) He shall liaise with State and Federal Government Authorities as required.

INSURANCE OFFICER:

(xix) The Insurance Officer shall be responsible for the handling of all Insurance matters.

(xx) He shall advise all contributing Societies when premiums are due, and shall handle, on behalf of the Association all claims which may be lodged by contributing Societies.

(11) AUSTRALIAN MINIATURE BOILER SAFETY COMMITTEE:

(i) The Australian Miniature Boiler Safety Committee shall be appointed by the Annual General Meeting, when that becomes necessary.

(ii) Nominations shall be forwarded to the Secretary A.A.L.S. as per nominations for other Offices.

(iii) Nominees shall be financial members of an affiliated Society. Similar conditions applying as to other nominations, i.e. one nomination per position per Society

(iv) The Present Committee are:

Chairman	Mr. Ces Gunning
Technical Adviser	Mr. Stan Childs
Secretary	Mr. Dave Merrifield.

These Gentlemen form the A.M.B.S.C. and will continue to do so until such time as they feel they can no longer carry on.

At which time replacement officers will be elected as above.

These positions will not become vacant every 3 years.

(11) AUSTRALIAN MINIATURE BOILER SAFETY COMMITTEE: Cont.

- (v) The Secretary A.M.B.S.C. will join the President, Secretary and Insurance Officer, to form the Executive of the A.A.L.S.

(12) A.M.B.S.C. SECRETARY:

- (i) The duties of Secretary A.M.B.S.C. are as at present. To conduct the affairs of that committee in association with the other members of the Committee
- (ii) To liaise with relevant State Authorities on all Boiler Matters and to advise all affiliated Societies of alterations and amendments to the boiler codes.
- (iii) He will call meetings of Boiler Inspectors as required.
- (iv) He will advise and report to A.A.L.S. as required.

(13) A.A.L.S. FUNDS:

- (i) Funds shall be levied on Member Societies, to pursue the Aims and Objects of the Association, such amounts to be determined from time to time, at an Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) Funds shall be banked at any suitable bank, convenient to the Secretary. Signatories to Association Account to be:

President
Secretary
Insurance Officer

any one to sign.

(14) RESPONSIBILITY of AFFILIATED SOCIETIES:

- (i) It is the responsibility of all Affiliated Societies to implement decisions arrived at, at meetings.
- (ii) Safe and responsible operation of equipment should be first and foremost in Societies operations at their Society's grounds, and failure to comply with decisions made could lead to loss of affiliation.
- (iii) If breaches of Safety requirements are reported to A.A.L.S., the Executive shall conduct an investigation, and call for an explanation from the offending Society.
- (iv) Depending on the outcome of such investigation by the Executive, a report and recommendation of disciplinary action against the offending Society, may be made to the other Affiliated Societies for further action.
- (v) In the event of a Society losing affiliation rights, no further correspondence shall be sent to the said Society by A.A.L.S., including notification of Conventions, registration forms etc., by the host Society. The Association sponsored Insurance shall be cancelled, and if necessary State and Local Government Bodies, as appropriate advised that the offending Society is acting on its own in the matter referred to. In the event of any untoward happening, such happening does not reflect the views and responsibilities of the member Societies of A.A.L.S.
- (vi) A suspended Society may re-apply for affiliation after a period of 12 months from the day of suspension.
- (vii) In these days of increased Governmental control, and high insurance claims, it is believed that only by Societies showing responsible control over their activities, can we continue to practice our hobby with a minimum of outside interference.

(15) ALTERATIONS & AMENDMENTS:

- (i) Alterations and Amendments to this constitution can be effected by notice of motion complying with the content of the above clauses. Giving the above mentioned 3 months notice in writing to the Secretary, and being included in the agenda for the next Annual General Meeting.