



**SYDNEY LIVE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY
CO-OP LIMITED
PO Box 124, West Ryde, NSW 1685**

Information for Prospective Members

The objects of the co-operative are:

- a) To foster the gathering together of such persons as are interested in the construction and/or operation of Miniature Locomotives in our community.
- b) To provide a venue or venues and facilities for the enjoyment by co-operative's members and their associates of the running and operation of Miniature Locomotives.
- c) To promote in any way possible the interest in Miniature Locomotives.
- d) To provide a recreational and instructive reminder of railway motive power of both the past and the present for the community at large.

The activities of the Society include:

- Operation of a miniature railway on a regular basis for the interest of members and to raise money to continue the operation of the Society and to provide support assistance to charity.
- The provision of inspection facilities in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Miniature Boiler Safety Committee (AMBSC) and the guidance provided by standards and recommendations of the Australian Association of Live Steamers (AALS).
- Fraternisation with other live steam associations and enthusiasts resulting in access to a great fund of knowledge and assistance.
- The opportunity to visit other like societies and to attend interclub visits and the Annual Convention currently held each Easter.

The Society focuses on scale live steam railway miniature locomotives usually of full size prototypes. It also publishes a quarterly newsletter for members.

The Society operates within the requirements of the Australian Association of Live Steamers Codes of Practice which provides guidance in compliance with Occupational, Health and Safety Requirements with which the Society must comply.

Admission to the Society is available to interested persons over the age of 18 and is conditional upon the completion and signing of the Prohibited Employment Declaration and its submission with the Application for Membership. Please note that this is a legal requirement. The Application for Membership must be signed by a proposer and seconder both of whom shall be current members of the Society. In applying for membership you agree that your name and address and contact information may be passed to others and your name and image may be used in descriptions and images of the Society's activities. However the Society will not pass on your details to third parties not associated with the Society's activities, other than as required in law.

Applicants, after endorsement of their application by the Board, and payment of a joining fee, are entitled to make use of all the Society's facilities and to attend meetings and are free to voice an opinion on matters but are unable to vote until after their application for membership has been accepted by the members in general meeting. This will not occur until a period of twelve months has elapsed from application.

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During this twelve month period the applicant is encouraged to regularly attend the grounds and take part in the regular activities of the Society and become known by the members. Should the application for membership be unsuccessful, the joining fee will be refunded, however no reasons for the unsuccessful application will be given.

The Society relies on the diligence of its members to operate the railway on the third Saturday afternoon of each month and to maintain the grounds in good order and to carry out maintenance, repair and development of the railway. In this regard the new member will be allocated to one of a number of Duty Groups which is responsible for ground maintenance, clubhouse, kitchen and toilet cleaning prior to our regular public running day each month. These duty groups rotate each month and with an odd number of groups duty on the same month each year continuously, is avoided. Each roster occurs approximately twice each year.

Operation of the railway occurs on the third Saturday each month and duties include acting as driver, guard, stationmaster, signalman, kiosk service, gate keeper and ticket seller. Operational roles require operators to be competent. Competency is assessed by the Track Superintendent and accepted by the Board. On running days, instructions from the Track Superintendent shall be followed. High standards of behaviour are expected of members, especially in the presence of the public. Operation on running days is governed by the Society's Operations Guide.

General maintenance and development work is carried out by all members who attend the grounds on Saturdays and/or Wednesday mornings.

Prospective members should ensure they are acquainted with:

- The Rules of the Society, Schedules and Bylaws (available in the clubhouse);
- Operations Guide (available in the clubhouse);
- AALS Codes of Practice (available from www.aals.asn.au)

Prospective members should note:

- All work undertaken by members is voluntary. Members shall not incur expenditure on behalf of the Society without the permission of the Board.
- Insurance policies held by the Society are to cover the Society's operations only and members' responsibilities only so much as they form part of the Society's operations. They do not cover individual members or their property either within the grounds or outside the grounds. Please ask if you need clarification.

The Society is a non trading co-operative without share capital and operates to the model rules as provided by the Registrar of Co-operatives, NSW as amended by specific Rules known as Schedules 1 to 5. Governance is by a Board of Directors of seven of which there is a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors. Directors are elected at the Annual General Meeting each year in June. The Directors meet on the first Tuesday in the months of January, March, May, July, September and November. Visitors are welcome.

Members meetings (Special General Meetings) are held on the first Tuesday in the months of February, April, June (Annual General Meeting), August, October and December. All meetings commence at 8pm in the club house.

<u>Fees:</u> Joining fee	\$70.00	
Annual subscription	\$70.00	Note: Varies for initial membership to make all membership fees payable in June each year.
Member`s badge	\$10.00	(Once accepted as a member)