

STEAMLINES			
October 97 to February 98			
Your Committee			
President	Doug Baker	9341	1630
Vice President	Ian Allison	9343	1040
Secretary	John Shugg	9246	9549
Treasurer	Bill Marshall	9401	7957
Committee Members			
Lindsay Adams (ed.)	94474646	Jim Crawford	9276 5464
Jim Clark	9446 5870		
Ron Date	92461415	John Martin	9448 8843
Dates to remember(at time of printing)			
Bassendean City Fair	Sunday	Nov 2nd	*****
General Meeting	2nd Friday	Nov 14th	
Committee Meeting	3rd Monday	Nov 17th	
Busy Bee at track	4th Saturday	Nov 22nd	
Club run day	Last Sunday	Nov 23rd	
Club Christmas Dinner	See article		
Run at Royal Showgrounds	Sunday	Dec 14th	*****
Busy Bee at track	2nd Saturday	Dec 13th	
Committee Meeting	3rd Monday	Dec 15th	
Club run days over Christmas break - Boxing day		12pm on	***
New Years day	8am breakfast and run afterwards		
Hobby Spectacular		Feb 21-22	*****

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The club's Christmas dinner will be held at the Princess rd Tavern in Balga on December 5th at 7:30. The cost is \$25-00 per person, and John Martin will receive bookings. (and payment) as soon as possible.

In the past, the Boxing day event has started around noon and carried on into the evening. After dinner a picture show will be on, perhaps an evening steam up after. It is our intention to enjoy the same format.

I have to hand a small number of registration forms for the Convention at Castledare next Easter, so let me know if you want one.

Only a small number of members attended the Annual General Meeting. Was this because you were worried about being "roped in?". At no time has a member been elected against their will, and as a member, you should be there to see that the club's Committee is to your satisfaction.

There will be a raffle at the club meetings, a number of goodies is being arranged, so bring some loose change with you.

Further to the Convention, as you are possibly aware, our club will be hosting the smaller gauges on the Easter Monday, and we will supply the catering for the event. The committee is looking for a sub committee to assist with the catering requirements and other. PLEASE don't be backward in coming forward to offer your services !!!!!!!!.

We would like to have a competition in the building of simple stationary steam engines, the prize is you will have to be at the next meeting to find out. The judge will not be a technical person, giving every one an equal chance. the deadline will be the meeting before the AMRA weekend. The concept is the club will own the models, which will be mounted on a display and powered by one of the vertical boilers that I have been making. Yes, you will have visiting rights and maintenance contracts.

Over the Christmas break, much modelling will be done by all, and next year we would like to hear what you are doing, better still bring it along for all to see (warts and all) I see this as an important function in our Society. We have had a number of visitors, and the seem disappointed that there is nothing of what we are about in sight.

We had a very successful bring and buy last year? and we will have a repeat performance in the new year so keep in touch.

Computers seem to get into everything these days, so there is some bits on the internet that may be of interest.

Alaska Live steamers web page address - WWW.ALASKA.NET/~RMORRIS/ALSI.HTM There is some interesting simulated valve gear here.

A screen saver at WWW.SECONDNATURE.COM/WHEELS.HTM
Valve gear can be found at WWW.NMIA.COM...S/STEAM/VALGRT5.EXE
Miniature Locos - WWW.EROLF.COM/SEYFRITP/INDEX.HTM
Traction Engines - MEMBERS.AOL.COM/ALTERNITY/STEAM.HTML
To the uninitiated the addresses do not seem to have any rhyme or reason, or to me either.
An information page for our club can be found under a listing of Australian Live Steam clubs. I do not have the internet address for this, maybe someone can come up with the info for a future newsletter.
How about down loading interesting programs so that we can see them at a meeting?

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Please pay special notice to the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Vasto Club

As everyone was notified earlier this year, we are required to have an election in October because of the insurance year. This also means that membership fees are now due and payable! Primary Member fees \$60-00 ,other members living at the same address \$10-00. The dues increase is a result of our affiliation with AALS and insurance.

All positions are vacant and nominations will be accepted from the floor. Due to work pressures, Jim Clark will not be re-standing for secretary.

We have been requested to attend several functions as per the marked calendar, Please make yourselves available to assist

with these. Better still, ring **John Shugg** and nominate which events that you can help with !!!!! With our funds running very low, we must make every post (track) a winner !!!!!

Kukerin Trac Mac On 28th Sept several members will be going to Kukerin (it is east of Wagin). There is a heap of events on so call me if your interested. Doug's brother, Ian has a tour bus going and some seats are available at \$30-00 each. Phone him on 9401-1505

I hear that Neil Armstrong has had a stay in hospital. I hope that you get well soon!!

Waratah Retyres

Well I guess it finally had to happen, after travelling in circles for all those shows, it finally happened. I took the engine off the track.

The problem goes back to the time in 1990 when the castings were obtained for the wheels, As I was taking the final skim on the treads, blow holes appeared in the counterweights, and as they were nearing completion I was reluctant to return them to the foundry under warranty, so my solution to this was welding with a utectic rod. This first appeared alright, they machined as if it was cast iron.

About 2 years later it was noticed that the loco was starting to bounce, the problem was that the welds were not wearing as the cast iron was. OK, just remachine them I hear you say. That was easier said than done, the welds were as hard as the hobs. The next operation was done with a cylinder grinder !

Just before the Kids Carnival at Burswood last July I noticed that the right hand leading wheel flange was under 3/32 thick and looking very fragile. To relieve any further punishment to this flange we ran in the reverse direction, and completed the event without any drama.

The wheels were removed and machined down, this required patience, tungsten tools and a small cold chisel to remove the remnants of the welding, then steel rims fitted and re-profiled.

This, I must say has made me a lot happier, and Waratah will be fit for a lot more service.

As a side to this, I compared the drawings by Martin Evans with the Australian standards, and noticed there are variations in dimensions and profiles, so naturally Waratah is now slightly more Aussie.

Jim Crawford reports that apart from Committee members, no one has contacted him regarding the outings mentioned in the last STEAMLINES. --- His phone number is on the top of the page, so there is no excuse, unless tiddly winks is your preference !

With the return of fine weather, Saturdays at the track will hopefully be better attended .

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

October 15, 1997

Dear Member,

Thank you for your confidence in electing me once again as President.

I am not generally one for handing out accolades, but when I do it is truly meant. Jim Crawford, Ron Date and John Hudson have dedicated every Wednesday and Saturday as a work day in an effort to complete the bridge. If it was not for the effort of these three the bridge would not be anywhere near its stage of completion.

To Jim Clark, who put in a mighty effort secretary, and to John Shugg for sticking his neck on the block as Jim's successor – I thank you both.

There is only approx. 5 months to the Convention, and while all the projects on the go won't be completed, we nevertheless have quite a lot of work in preparation for our Open Day.

I am very mindful we all have our own projects that we wish to work on. My truck is a classic example, however all I ask is for you to lend a hand one day a month. I wouldn't have thought this was too much to expect or ask. In November on Wednesday nights we are going to crank up the busy bees again. If Saturday is not convenient, then Wednesday during the day, or evening, may suit.

This year's fees have gone up! To those who believe our annual fee is excessive, please take a couple of minutes to review the annual financial statement. When one calculates the weekly cost, it is only \$1.15. You can't buy a can of Coke for that! I believe it is a small price to pay for the infrastructure the club has to offer. The annual rent to City of Stirling for the track site, water, electricity have gone up. The AALS insurance fee costs approx. \$1200 per annum, and the association fee has taken a hike from \$2 per head to \$7 per head.

All the accounts have to be paid, and for the past years the club has been subsidising the difference from our commercial runs. This is clearly an unsatisfactory position. To those who will have difficulty in paying this, please do not turn your back on the club; come and talk to me confidentially and I will sort something out.

The coach is riddled with white ants and is unsalvageable. We have applied to Council for funding of a club room. It is early days yet, but the Committee is desperately hoping the money to undertake this task is forthcoming. It is our intention to build a two story building, looking like a signal box. The ground level will be the workshop, the top a meeting area. If we can pull this off it will resolve the unsatisfactory situation that we have at the moment.

Thank you all for your pre-empted assistance in '97-98, and every best wish for the forthcoming festive season.

Doug Baker, (President)