



July Newsletter 2018

EKKA Report Gary Olsson

A great THANK YOU to all members who are working hard to make sure the upcoming RNA display is the great success we all expect it to be.

It will give us a much needed boost, bringing many new members and financial rewards which will benefit all members.

The working bee on Saturday June 7 was a great success with most of the fencing getting one coat of black and the fence uprights having the steel bars concreted in.

There was an unofficial working bee on June 14 which saw the rest of the fences given one coat and some of the fence uprights painted. There will be another working bee this Saturday June 28 to finish of the painting, fill the wood bunkers and any other jobs that need to be finalised.

We are still looking for more people to run the stand over the 10 days as well as the arrival (August 6) and departure (August 20) days so if you are able to help please contact Gary Olsson on 0414881273 or livesteam002@yahoo.com.au . We only have 8 entry passes per day so please contact Gary as soon as you can.

General Business

It has been a busy month at the society's site. The first big news is we now have 5 new Steam Operators. We have 9 members going for their High Risk Licences to operate Boilers and Reciprocating Steam Engines. The group has been split up into two groups and the first group have completed their studies and assessment the next 4 will be completing their assessments by early August. We are looking at running the course with the RTO again in 2019. This time we will have 9 Mentors to help new students with the training. If you are interested please contact Bill on livesteam002@yahoo.com.au.

The committee was made aware of the need to keep moisture out of our welding rods. After a members meeting it was suggested that we buy purpose made Drying Ovens. The committee said they would look into buying the appropriate Drying Ovens. A couple of days later Leeann found some for sale on Gumtree. We rang the seller and asked about them and he said they were new (or near new) and had been tested and Tagged. We explained what we did and seller sold them to us with a substantial discount. We now have two of these purpose built ovens so we can keep 4 boxes of rods moisture free. John S has been asked to go through the rods and pick out the best ones to keep.

You may already be aware that our Treasurer Bob Aird has been unwell. He is on the mend and has been at the shed a few times recently. Dave had stepped in to help while Bob has been unwell but he has had to pull back from this due to work commitments. The Committee has asked Jennifer Freer to step in and help Bob and she has accepted. Jennifer, Dave and Bob had a meeting on Sunday July 22nd to look at the way forward. The Committee is also working towards Electronic banking to make paying suppliers and reimbursing members more efficient. By doing this we will be able to reduce the need to have as much petty cash available.

The Society is going to have a display at this year's AMRSQ Rally at Woodford on August 25 and 26. The AMRSQ are paying the transport cost for 1 maybe 2 Steam Engines and we are going to take the tent, Banners and a photographic display. If any members would like to take other machines or maybe a tractor the Bedford is able to be used. It would be great to see more of our Society things taken to other clubs displays.

The Committee would like to see a Tractor ,Truck and Stationary Engine Rally get started in the first half of the year. If you have a passion for these types of machines and would like to take on the organising of an event please contact one of the committee or email livesteam002@yahoo.com.au

The Committee also received an email from Daryl Stevenson pointing out a few safety concerns he had so at the Committee Meeting on June 11 some action plans were put in place.

The Committee would be well advised to draw their attention and action towards the haphazard storage of Petrol, Diesel, Oils, Cleaning fluids and Paints which are left all around the shed, as there is no dedicated and approved storage area and that Welding, and Oxy Cutting and Heating take place almost anywhere.

- **Action** We have a fuel cabinet to store limited supplies of fuel. The location for this is to be decided also a motion was moved and accepted to only hold forty litres of unleaded petrol and forty litres of diesel fuel on site. A fuel register will also be started and a member asked to be responsible for the fuel supplies. A motion was also moved and passed to sort out our supplies of paint and find a location for it.
- **Action** Plans are being worked on to make the area out the back on the shed in the lean-to area into a dirty work shop where heating, cutting, grinding, sandblasting and welding will be done. There will be times when that is not practical but where it is then that will be the area. As a side note Ian Johnson has also requested that the workshop area where the tractors are worked be kept grinder and cut-of saw free.

Another extreme safety hazard that should be addressed immediately is the large vertical air receiver located out the back of the shed. I do not believe that it has been inspected since it was installed as the man-hole is located facing the sheet iron wall, precluding access. Judging by the amount of corrosion present around the outside, it does not give confidence of the general condition. This air receiver should be drained and effectively isolated immediately until it can be inspected. We should also have an inspection regime for all the other air receivers at the shed.

- **Action** We will isolate the air receiver as per your email and put a do not operate sign on it. This has now been done. Our boiler inspector has been asked to have a look at it. We will also ask our inspector to look at the air receivers at the same time he inspects our Boilers.

If any members have safety concerns please bring it to a Committee Members attention.

With the above Safety issues in mind the Safety Officer is working on Safety Data sheets for all Fuels and Chemicals in the sheds. John will also be running group inductions to work through the Induction and By Laws paperwork, these will be organised in the next couple of months.

We would like as many members as possible to get there Working with Children Blue Card. We have a number of Junior Members now and the Committee would like to grow our Children's Holiday Program. The YMCA has around 5000 children go through the Park during Holiday times and it would be a great revenue source for our Society. The last time we were part of the park activities we received \$10.00 per child.

YMCA Camp Groups

We have received a request for Groups to visit our Buildings in late August. The schedule is attached. We can only do this if members are available to show the groups around. If you are interested in helping please contact the Committee via livesteam002@yahoo.com.au

It is that time of year again when Memberships are due;

Membership fee is still \$50.00 dollars Adults and \$25.00 Juniors you can see Dave at the shed or electronic transfer funds

Bank of Queensland

BSB 124013

Ac 10520808

Ref Your Name

Just a reminder of who the Project Leaders are;

Ekka Gary Olsson

Marshall RL Bill Ives

Fowler Stump Puller Mark Gough

Shop Leeann Gough

Aveling Roller Dave Anderson

Barford Perkins Roller Gary Olsson

Steam Fair Bill Ives

Blackstone Shane Lyell

Tractor Shed Dave Anderson

Steam Shed (workshop, Display and Storage Areas) Bernard Fellner

Please ask these people if you want to get involved with any of the projects or if you want to bring anything into the shed you need to get approval from Bernard

Fundraising Committee Report

The shop sales have been going very well especially at the Steam Fair. This is one area that is growing and could do with some more helpers. Please contact Leeann if you can help

Marshall Road Locomotive Bill Ives

The plate has been made by Kevin and Col to position the Magnetic Based Drill so we should be drilling the rivet holes for the barrel soon. We are collecting parts from the members that have been looking after them to assess what needs to be done to them.

Tractor and Truck Museum Dave Anderson

This new asset is working well with many visitors going through the shed on a Sunday. If you are interested in Tractors and are willing to be in the Shed on a Sunday to answer question and run a tractor please talk to Dave. We would really like to see this building get the amount of visitors it deserves. We currently have a grant application in to pave or concrete the entrance and add a disabled exit from the rear side door. In the future we would like to add a fence around the road way at the front and sides of the building in the same style as the one at the front of the steam shed.

Fowler Stump Puller Mark Gough

Our Boiler inspector has assessed the engine giving it a good report and a small list of repairs that need to be done.

Blue Cards

As we now have a number of Junior Members and we are looking at expanding our School and YMCA Camp program later this year it is highly recommended that all members obtain a Queensland Working with Children Blue Card. These Blue Cards are free for volunteer groups so there is no expense involved. Dave is able to help anybody that is going to get one. The NHMA has a Working with Children Policy that we will be using. Here is a link to their web page, http://www.nhma.com.au/downloads/WWC_policy.pdf

Purchasing Procedure

You will have already received a notice about the way forward for all purchases this is just a reminder of the main points. All purchases will now need a purchase order number supplied by the Treasurer or assistant and that there is a floating scale of required authorisations depending on the items cost. All items will need to be for an approved project. Any unauthorised purchases will NOT be reimbursed.

Committee Contact

The Committee Members all have a pigeon hole in the Kitchen for messages and ideas. They can also be contacted via the Society's Email livesteam002@yahoo.com.au

Dave 0422885009

Bill 0407736444

Mike 0409263678

Bob 0412098446 (Purchase Orders)

Jennifer Freer 0451904471 (Assistant for Bob)

Bernard 0407961710

Safety Officer

John 0412755821

If you have anything to place in the Newsletter please email it to livesteam002@yahoo.com.au

Members Meeting Sunday August 5th at 2pm

Regards

The Committee



Group	1	2	3
Numbers			
YMCA Instructor			
Day 1 - Thurs 30th Aug St Patricks, Gympie			
1015-1145	(1020-1130) #Museum- How did they/ Old School	#Steam Museum	#Pottery
1230-1400	#Pottery	(1240-1400) #Museum- Old School/ How did they	#Steam Museum
1415-1545	#Steam Museum	#Pottery	(1415-1540) #Museum- Old School/ How did they

