

Model Engineering Association of New Zealand Incorporated.



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MEANZ UPDATE January 2019.

Since the middle of last year the MEANZ executive have been awaiting the arrival of a large tome from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to which the executive will have to digest and make comment in the form of a public submission on the direction of any possible changes to the regulations contained within the Health and Safety in Employment Act which regulate our hobby activities, namely the Amusement Devices Regulations and the Pressure Equipment, Cranes and Passenger Ropeways Regulations. It is important to note that this document is not a draft set of new or altered regulations; these will follow on at some time in the future.

The discussion document is currently scheduled for release at the end of February this year and although MEANZ are not anticipating any substantial changes to the regulations as they currently apply to our hobby, until we have seen that in writing we cannot be

too complacent. The one thing that we do know is that the cost of registering as an Amusement Device will increase as there has been no cost increase since the ADRs came into force in 1978.

MEANZ on behalf of the model Engineering hobby also have to view the regulation review process in a positive light in that it is an opportunity to further refine our fit within NZ Government regulations.

I ask the question under the current ADR's what is it exactly that we are registering when we have locomotives and rolling stock operating across a multitude of miniature railway sites at the discretion of the equipment owners and the miniature railways operating club at anytime. We need to be viewed more of as an activity rather than an amusement device. The question can then be asked at registration time, "Is this club still competent to be undertaking this activity in a safe manner?" This is basically what your biennial visit from a MEANZ Safety Auditor sets out to determine before a Form 2a signed off and ADR registration

is applied for rather than focus on the colour and number of wheels on each item of equipment in operation at that railway

Richard Lockett (President MEANZ)



Subscriptions

Subscriptions are now due to MEANZ for the 2018-19 year for \$60. An Invoice will be emailed out to clubs along with this update.

Health and Safety Warning.

Recently a member of a Model engineering / live steam club was using a disk grinder and some of the sparks set fire to the synthetic track pants he was wearing.

The synthetic material burst into flames and stuck to the skin resulting in severe 3rd degree burns to his legs. He was admitted to hospital for treatment.

Almost all of our model Engineering and Live Steam clubs have welders and disk grinders in their workshops.

I wish to remind clubs that members must wear COTTON CLOTHING OR COTTON OVERALLS when undertaking HOT WORK. Synthetic overalls or synthetic track pants are NOT ALLOWED to be worn when undertaking any hot work.

Dave Giles.

Applications payment to Worksafe.

Clubs can now pay to Worksafe by Internet banking for their Amusement Device application.

The prescribed fee: \$30.00 plus GST = \$34.50 Direct debit to Westpac account 03-0251-0040-445-00 Include your ADR number as a reference for the payment.

Cheques are also still accepted and please put Worksafe on the cheque not MEANZ or Department of Labour. When you send your application into Heather please put on the application form if you have paid by Internet banking or let Heather know.



Heather Wilson

MEANZ Sec/Treas January 2019