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## **MEANZ UPDATE May 2020.**

### **Public Track Operations during Covid 19 Restrictions**

Some of you may be thinking about when your clubs public track running can recommence under the restrictions in place due to the Covid 19 pandemic. As we may be under some form of Level 2 restrictions for many months, with ongoing revision to the current restrictions for better or worse around the size of gathering, time limits, contact tracing etc., the operation of your miniature railway for the public as you are used to is not an option.

Many of your members who undertake key roles during public track running are of mature age and may well also have underlying health issues. They or your club may no longer wish to put themselves or them at any risk by having involvement with the wider public, this alone may make the operation of your miniature railway unviable at this stage.

Additional Covid 19 specific requirements which your club will have to consider before public track running can recommence.

- The size and time limits of gatherings. (currently 10 persons and 2 hours)
- Contact tracing of your customers. (contact details and timeline)
- Cleaning of contact surfaces after use by persons. (ride cars, hand rails, efpos machine etc.)
- The management of physical/social distancing of your customers. (station area, walkways, ride cars etc.)

Enacting these measures will require additional resources from within your membership.



## MEANZ Guidelines for Passenger Carrying Miniature Railways

In September 2005 MEANZ adopted the 2001 UK health and Safety Executive produced document titled “Passenger Carrying Miniature Railway, Guidance on safe Practice” as a core document for safety management of miniature railways operated by MEANZ member clubs.

An updated version (May 2020) has been produced by the UK Miniature Railway Liaison group and is attached for your ongoing reference.

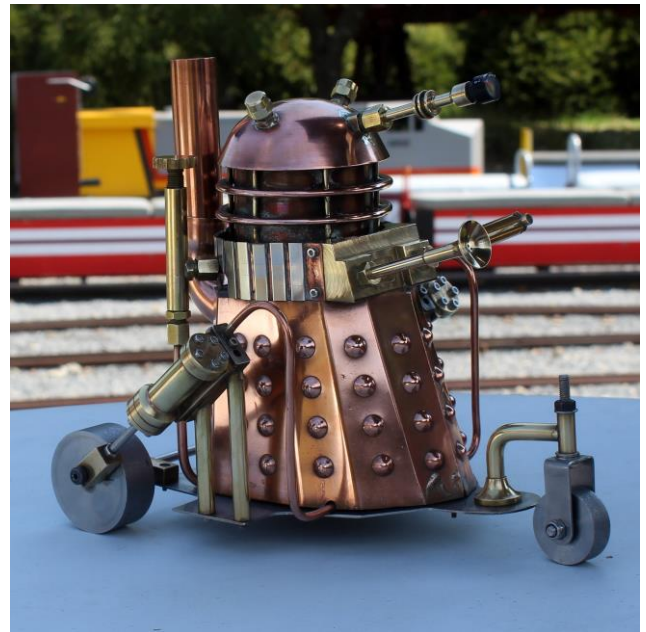
Please note that all matters pertaining to law, acts of parliament and to insurance refer to the UK not to NZ laws etc.

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President MEANZ.



**Contact Tracing info is at the following link.**

<https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/resources/posters/COVID-19-contact-tracing-info-A4.pdf>



**Worksafe Applications level two.**

I have received notice off Catherine (Worksafe NZ) who has been doing most of the work for the Amusement Device Applications that she has now moved onto another position. Catherine has sent the following.

“WorkSafe staff are mostly only able to work from home during lockdown so we have not had access to any mail including cheques. All applications should be sent via email and payments paid by direct credit in order to be processed. “

If applications are sent to myself (Heather) by email then I can send on. If not, then I can scan the paperwork sent to me and send onto Worksafe. Right now online banking will have to be used for any applications till the levels drop further.

*Heather Wilson*

# WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL BOILER COMMITTEE?( DRAFT)

## OUR CORE ROLE:

THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL BOILER COMMITTEE (NBC) IS TO SUPPORT clubs, their nominated boiler inspectors and MODEL ENGINEERS WITHIN MEANZ TO DESIGN, BUILD, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN OUR MODEL BOILERS SAFELY AND TO THE STANDARDS REQUIRED BY NEW ZEALAND LEGISLATION.

## FUNCTIONAL ROLES

<b>BOILER RECORDS:</b>	<b>A NATIONAL REGISTER, owned by MEANZ, WILL BE MAINTAINED IN A CENTRAL LOCATION FOR ALL MODEL BOILERS IN NZ. (CLOUD BASED) THIS REGISTER WILL BE AS COMPREHENSIVE AS POSSIBLE. I.E. AS WELL AS BOILER INSPECTION INFORMATION IT WILL HOLD THE RECORDS OF NEW BUILDS INCLUDING DRAWINGS, COMMISSIONING INFORMATION ETC. CLUBS WILL BE GRANTED ACCESS TO THIS REGISTER SO THAT THEY CAN INPUT THEIR LOCAL CLUB BOILER INSPECTIONS.</b>
<b>BOILER INSPECTORS:</b>	<b>Design verify, provide oversight of the manufacture of a boiler to appropriate standards, undertake boiler inspections and MAINTAIN BOILER RECORDS ON THE NATIONAL BOILER REGISTER. MEANZ WILL MAINTAIN A NATIONAL REGISTER OF ALL AUTHORISED BOILER INSPECTORS. IF A BOILER INSPECTOR IS DEEMED UNFIT THE NATIONAL BOILER COMMITTEE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REVOKE THEIR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BOILER TICKETS.</b>
<b>BOILER INSPECTOR TRAINING:</b>	<b>PROVIDE HELP AND TRAINING TO EXISTING BOILER INSPECTORS. ASSIST CLUBS WITH TRAINING NEW BOILER INSPECTORS. AS WELL AS ONE ON ONE DISCUSSIONS THIS COULD BE IN THE FORM OF TRAINING WORKSHOPS.</b>
<b>BOILER DESIGN AND FABRICATION:</b>	<b>ASSIST CLUB BOILER INSPECTORS WITH QUERIES REGARDING THE DESIGN, DESIGN VERIFICATION &amp; FABRICATION PROCESS (THIS IS NOT A BOILER DESIGN OR VERIFICATION SERVICE).</b>
<b>BOILER CODES:</b>	<b>IN CONSULTATION WITH WORKSAFE, RECOMMEND THE ADOPTION OF SUITABLE CODES FOR USE IN NZ FOR MINIATURE BOILERS. THIS COULD BE IN THE FORM OF UTILISING ALL OR PART OF THE AMBSC CODES, WRITING OUR OWN CODES OR ADOPTING OTHER SUITABLE CODES THAT MAYBE AVAILABLE.</b>
<b>BOILER INSPECTIONS:</b>	<b>SET INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS &amp; GUIDELINES INCLUDING THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF DETAIL THAT IS TO BE RECORDED ON THE BOILER INSPECTION SHEETS.</b>
<b>SUSPEND OR CANCEL BOILER TICKETS:</b>	<b>IN THE EVENT THAT A BOILER IS FOUND TO BE IN AN UNSAFE WORKING CONDITION OR IS BUILT OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF OUR MINIATURE BOILER CODES THE NATIONAL BOILER COMMITTEE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND OR CANCEL ANY BOILER TICKETS.</b>

## THE CLUBS ROLE:

**IT IS UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL SOCIETY TO MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS THAT HAVE BEEN SET BY THE NBC. THE NBC IS THERE TO SUPPORT EACH CLUB BUT IT IS NOT THERE TO RUN THEIR BOILER COMMITTEES.**