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MEANZ Update

Letter from Worksafe NZ

All of the MEANZ member clubs will have received a letter from Worksafe NZ dated 6th October 2016 directly from Worksafe NZ or from the via the MEANZ secretary advising us of the upcoming review of the Amusement Device Regulations next year.

You will note that this letter has been sent to all registered owners/operators of amusement devices not just the Hobby Club Miniature Railways represented by MEANZ.

The main focus of the letter is that Worksafe NZ sees the benefit of the wider amusement device industry having an association so that dialog around any proposed changes to the ADR regulations can take place. If such an association comes into being MEANZ will need to address as to whether it also joins with a wider industry association alongside its own capacity to engage with Worksafe NZ.

MEANZ see the review of the Amusement Device Regulations as a further opportunity to clarify or remove some of the unnecessary red tape associated with the registration of our Hobby Club Miniature railways and with this in mind MEANZ will be meeting with Worksafe NZ in the new year to discuss the review process and how MEANZ will work with the ADR regulation review team.

Any outcomes from the review process may be some time off, if not years from being implemented so in the meantime status quo as regards the registration of Hobby Club Miniature railways so please when your clubs ADR registration becomes due for renewal follow the process for a safety audit as

outlined in the MEANZ Administration Policy MAP3 and obtain a completed Form 2a from the safety auditor to be submitted along with the photo's and equipment lists to Worksafe NZ via the MEANZ secretary.

Speed

The maximum allowable speed for miniature passenger trains according to the Amusement Device Regulations, is 15kph. Very few if any of the club tracks for members of MEANZ have sections where this speed is acceptable. All clubs set the maximum speeds suitable for all portions of their track layouts but should be aware that conditions can change over the course of a running day. Weather can be a factor to reduce speeds however the most common reason to review and possibly reduce or slow allowable speeds is "people" and their proximity to the tracks. Most tracks have a maximum of 10kph as the ruling maximum "main line" speed with reduced speeds required through station areas.

In summary, a suitable speed should equate to increased safety for both patrons and the club members.

"Go Slower - it is not a race - Enjoy the Ride".

MEANZ Executive wish everyone all the best for the holiday season.



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