

## MEANZ Presidents Report 2022

Upon reviewing my 2020 presidents report to gauge where the hobby lies within the review of NZ Government regulation reform that impact on our hobby, which to remind you is the Plant and Structures review being undertaken by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

In early 2020 before the world changed, the MEANZ executive met with MBIE, Worksafe NZ and their professional engineering consultants where our hobbies position within the regulations namely ADR and PECPR i.e. miniature railways and boilers was somewhat stress tested. It appears that your executive, represented the hobby well as there is no proposal to alter the current registration regime around ADR except for some form of external auditing of our processes. Until the draft regulations are released early 2022, what changes to the PECPR relations which may impact on our boiler certification regime are unknown at present.

It was hoped that the executive would have had by now more information as regards the external auditing of our processes for discussion at the BGM, but this is not the case and there is just too many questions around this which require answers before the executive can ask for your support on this aspect. But there are some things which can be asked from within the hobby to this end. Logic would suggest that our Safety Audit process would form the bulk of any external audit and first of all our safety auditors would need to be comfortable having their work scrutinised. This is something that they did not sign up for when taking up this role, as without the support of the audit team some form of external auditing is not going anywhere!

The challenge for your incoming executive is to navigate through the issues of setting up external auditing of MEANZ processes, the publication of the draft ADR and Pressure Equipment regulations and the submission process resulting from this. If we are down in Christchurch for the postponed convention in 2023 there may be some answers by then!

My thanks go to my fellow executive members, Secretary Heather Wilson and South and North Island representatives Rob Wilson and Bill Krippner for their ongoing support to the Model Engineering Hobby.

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