



63RD ANNUAL AALS CONVENTION

**122 WARNER ROAD, WARNER, QLD. 4500
FRIDAY 19TH – MONDAY 22ND APRIL, 2019**

You are cordially invited to the 63rd annual AALS Convention to be held at the home ground of the Queensland Society of Model and Experimental Engineers Inc. from Friday 19th – Monday 22nd April 2019. The club grounds are located at 122 Warner Rd, Warner, QLD 4500.

CONTACT DETAILS:

The Convention Secretary:-

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PARKING:

Parking for vehicles and trailers will be available on our club grounds. Please indicate your requirement on the separate Locomotive registration form.

ON SITE CAMPING:

A **limited** number of **non-powered** tent and trailer camper sites will be available within the grounds. Bookings will only be accepted on a first come first served basis when accompanied by a completed registration form and payment. Toilets and shower facilities will be available.

There are no Caravan nor RV sites available on site for the Convention.

CATERING:

The Society will cater for a breakfast and lunch on each Convention day for those who book. The evening meals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday night will be provided by outside caterers. Bookings for the evening meals close on **Friday 12th April 2019.** Be sure to book all catered meals using the Registration form.

DOGS / CATS:

With the exception of Assistance Dogs, **no pets are permitted** on the grounds.

BOILER CERTIFICATES and ASH PANS:

Don't forget to bring along your current boiler certificate. The certificate and relevant boiler number on the locomotive must be shown on request by a convention boiler inspector at time of unloading. Additionally all steam locomotives **must be fitted** with operational ash pans.

LOCOMOTIVE SIZE LIMIT & TRACK STANDARDS: Our ground level track caters for 7¼ and 5 inch gauge rolling stock. Our elevated track caters for 5, 3½ and 2½ inch gauge rolling stock. Our track is built to accept AALS wheel standards. For safety reasons, ride in cab locomotives are not permitted.

GENERAL RUNNING:

Safety first is paramount in all running. Track marshals will be positioned around the track to ensure that all drivers operate their locomotive in a safe and responsible manner. Please observe all speed limits as indicated, maximum speed around the track is 10km per hour. To ensure a safe stopping distance, keep a space between you and the train in front equivalent to the length of your own train or 10 metres, whichever is the greater. At all times a driver must be able to stop their locomotive in half the distance to the train in front. Please familiarise yourself with the track configuration before running your locomotive as there are several blind corners running through the cuttings.

NIGHT RUNNING:

During the hours of darkness all trains must have a clearly visible white light at the front of their locomotive and a red light at the rear of their train. Night running will be restricted during official AALS meetings between the hours of 1930 to 2100. There must be no un-necessary use of horns or whistles after 7pm.

ROAD VEHICLES:

Traction engines may be operated on the area set aside for them. Due care must be exercised at all times and a sharp look out for pedestrians and any other obstructions.

LOCOMOTIVE FUEL:

Coal will be available for 7¼ inch gauge locomotives. Coal & Char will be available for smaller gauge locomotives. Regular unleaded petrol will also be supplied **for use in locomotives only**. Attendees using LPG etc. will be required to supply their own fuel. Any such fuel must be in approved containers, suitable labelled and stored in the designated refuelling areas. Refuelling of petrol or LPG is only permitted in these areas.

WATER:

Rainwater / tank water is available in all steaming bays and station stops.

STEAM OIL:

Limited quantities of steam oil for mechanical lubricators will be available for sale on request. Please assist by bringing your own container.

COMPRESSED AIR & ELECTRICITY:

Compressed air and 12volt power will be available at the steaming bays. There are a limited number of outside power points available for recharging their electric locomotive. Patrons are required to **bring their own charger**.

UNLOADING / LOADING RAMPS: There are three unloading /loading points available. Traffic marshals will indicate locations on your arrival.

STORAGE SIDINGS:

A limited number of storage sidings are available at various sites around the club grounds. To reduce congestion, attendees are requested to limit their rolling stock to two passenger carriages or 5 x 5" gauge scale wagons or 3 x 7¼" scale wagons.

PORTABLE TOILETS & SHOWERS:

Portable toilet and shower facilities will be available at various locations throughout the grounds.

PRE AND POST CONVENTION RUNS:

These have now been arranged and details can be found on the Convention web site.

OPTIONAL EXTRA TOURS:

Are being planned and will be made available at cost depending on demand.

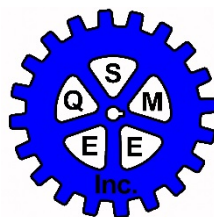
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:

If you have paid the registration fee for Friday, Saturday and Sunday (three days) by **31st January 2019** you will get the Monday registration free (meals not included).

Please forward all completed registration forms along with payments to

THE CONVENTION SECRETARY, QSMEE

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