



**Australian Association of Live Steamers Trophy**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- Q1** I did not build the locomotive, can I still enter?
- A** Yes, as long as you are the owner.
- Q2** I own the locomotive, but would like it to be operated by someone else, is this OK?
- A** Yes, however you should be in attendance to meet the judges and answer any questions that they have. The person operating the locomotive should be suitably competent to do so.
- Q3** How will the judges decide whether it is eligible?
- A** The owner should be able to describe the model's provenance (ie its history etc) in sufficient detail to explain how it is essentially amateur built and that it meets the 'commonwealth prototype' requirement.
- Q4** What gauge and scale should the locomotive be?
- A** It should run on a rail gauge of 2½, 3½, 5 or 7¼", however the scale can be anything, and so the prototype could have run on any gauge (ie broad, standard or narrow gauge) laid in the commonwealth. Note however the locomotive should match the track standards of the host club and so this should be checked for each competition.
- Q5** Must the locomotive be powered by steam?
- A** Yes, whether piston or turbine.
- Q6** What are the judges looking for?
- A** The judges are seeking the best overall model and will include the fidelity of the model to prototype and the performance of the model in operation, including its ability to haul at least one person for a reasonable time.
- Q7** How do I enter?
- A** Come to the advertised FMES Autumn rally and inform the welcoming people of your wish to enter. If you do not express this wish and you have an eligible model, the judges may ask you to enter!

**Q8** I am not a member of a club, can I enter?

**A** No, the entry is restricted to members of clubs affiliated to FMES.

**Q9** I am a member of a club not affiliated to FMES, can I enter?

**A** No, although provided your club is affiliated to a representative organisation that participates in the boiler test scheme, you can attend the rally and run your locomotive.

**Q10** Do I need a valid boiler certificate?

**A** Yes, and you must bring it with you for inspection prior to running your locomotive.

**Q11** Do I need to bring evidence of insurance?

**A** Possibly, please refer to the host club's requirements for each event.

**Q12** Are there any other restrictions to entry?

**A** No, although each host club may have particular requirements (eg track standards, loading etc) and you should refer to their website and announcements for each event. If in doubt, please contact the host club, or us at [info@fmes.org.uk](mailto:info@fmes.org.uk). The owner (or their parent/guardian if relevant) will be expected to agree to photographs of the model in operation and static for publicity purposes.