



Queensland Society of Model and Experimental Engineers Inc.

CARRIAGE SHED RULES

1. **SAFETY:**

- Members (and invited guests accompanied by a member) may enter the Carriage Shed to view locomotives and rolling stock but may not touch them except as provided in these rules.
- Everyone entering the Carriage Shed must ensure that it is kept clean, neat and tidy and that all appropriate safety procedures are observed.
- Storage of fuel, flammable substances, oily rags and paper is not permitted in the Carriage Shed, but fuel may be left in locomotives equipped with positive fuel cut off valves. Coal and char may be left in tenders, bunkers and carriages.
- Lithium-ion polymer "LiPo" batteries **SHOULD NOT** be charged, stored or used in the Carriage Shed due to the fire hazard associated with them.
- Lead-acid batteries may be charged in the Carriage Shed with modern "Smart Chargers" only.
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- No food or drinks are to be consumed inside the Carriage Shed.

2. **PRIORITY AND ELIGIBILITY FOR SPACE:**

- Priority for space on the ground floor is for locomotives, rolling stock and equipment owned by the Society.
- Further space may be allocated to members who make an active contribution to the society, such as involvement in track days, working bees, maintenance, development, operations, administration and management.
- Priority will be given to such members for locomotives and/or rolling stock used on the Society's tracks on a regular basis.
- Such members must be the owner of the locomotives and/or rolling stock concerned and must agree to abide by these Rules.

3. **ALLOCATION AND USE OF SPACE:**

- The Management Committee may allocate space of a specified length and on a specified track in the Carriage Shed to a member.
- The Management Committee may also, at its discretion, allocate temporary space in the Carriage Shed to a visitor for the duration of events such as Track and Tent.
- No member or visitor may store locomotives, rolling stock or equipment in the Carriage Shed without first having had space allocated to them under these rules.
- A track may be shared by a number of members, all of whom are expected to cooperate in regard to the exact location of equipment and the arrangements for moving it (e.g. release parking brake and push only by couplers).
- Members may not sub-let allocated space or occupy space on other tracks without Management Committee approval.

- Members with allocated space will be provided with a Society general property key for access to the Carriage Shed.
- Allocation of space will generally be made on a “first come, first served” basis but the Management Committee may determine allocations by ballot or other means.
- The Management Committee reserves the right to revoke the space allocation (with seven days’ notice in writing) of any member who is in breach of the Carriage Shed Rules or who behaves in a way that it considers is detrimental to the Society.
- The Management Committee must be informed immediately if a member is unable or unwilling to comply with these rules or ceases to require their allocated space.
- Members with allocated space must accept that their equipment must be able to be moved in an emergency or to allow access to other members’ equipment.

4. QUALITY OF EQUIPMENT:

- Equipment stored in the Carriage Shed, whether locomotives, scale rolling stock or passenger cars, must be clean, tidy, functional and properly maintained.
- The Carriage Shed is not to be used as a dumping ground for junk equipment or for the storage of things other than locomotives, rolling stock and directly related items.
- Such items (e.g. battery chargers and tool boxes) must be kept in a safe and tidy manner, preferably on a carriage, so that they do not interfere with access.
- If a member puts what the Management Committee considers to be junk equipment or inappropriate items into the Carriage Shed it may ask the member to remove them within a particular period of time. Such a request may be verbal.
- If the member does not comply fully and promptly with the request the Management Committee may remove the offending items and/or revoke their allocation of space.

5. PERIOD AND RENEWAL OF TENURE:

- Tenure in the Carriage Shed is not permanent and will generally be for a twelve month period commencing on 1 July each year. It may subsequently be extended for a further twelve month period.
- No fee will be charged for tenure.
- In the event access to mains power is required for the purpose of recharge or trickle charging Locomotive or rolling stock batteries the Society members agrees to pay an annual yearly rental fee of \$xx.xx commencing at the beginning of each year as well as signing a yearly Indemnity release form.
- The Secretary will maintain a Carriage Shed Occupancy Register along with record of payment of any appropriate fees required.

6. STEAM AND INTERNAL COMBUSTION LOCOMOTIVES

- Start up and blow down of steam locomotives may not be carried out in the Carriage Shed.
- Locomotives in steam may only enter the carriage shed in emergencies such as the rapid and unexpected onset of a severe weather event.
- Internal combustion powered locomotives may not be started or run in the carriage shed and may only enter in emergencies.

7. MODIFICATIONS OR ATTACHMENTS TO THE CARRIAGE SHED

- No member may modify or attach anything including personal locks to any part of the Carriage Shed unless a request to do so is submitted to and approved by the Management Committee.
- Approval must be granted before any work is commenced.

8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

- The Management Committee has the final say in all matters relating to the operation of the Carriage Shed and the allocation and use of space within it.
- The Management Committee may appoint a particular person to act on its behalf in regard to resolving specific matters.

9. RULE AMENDMENTS:

- Rules governing the safety, use, operation and tenure of the Carriage Shed may be amended at any time at the discretion of the Management Committee which shall, as soon as practical, inform relevant members of the amendments.

10. WAIVER:

- The Society will not, in any way expressed or implied, be responsible for the security of equipment stored in the Carriage Shed.
- Therefore any member allocated space in the Carriage Shed must, before that allocation can be used, sign a waiver indemnifying the Society against any claims in relation to the member's equipment whilst it is in the Carriage Shed or being moved in accordance with these Rules.

President
Don Bell

Honorary Secretary
Chris Hillyard

Signature;

Signed on this: - **21st November 2017**