**Why is SteamRanger introducing Workplace Health and Safety?**

*To ensure everyone goes home safely at the end of each day*

**But I am a volunteer!**

*All SteamRanger volunteers and its few paid employees are classified as ‘workers’ in the South Australian Workplace and Safety Act 2012*

*Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) was previously called Occupational Health and Safety is part of SteamRanger’s operations.*

*WHS is not optional, and it takes precedence over the Rail Safety National Law (South Australia) Act 2012*

*WHS laws are supported with penalties which can be especially severe where employers ignore their safety obligations.*

**What are the benefits of WHS?**

*For us as workers, a safe workplace it gives us confidence in our work environment*

*For SteamRanger*

* *A good safety record is good for SteamRanger’s public reputation*
* *Productivity is improved - Pride in the workplace*
* *There should be less waste and less rework*
* *Contractors, visitors and passengers have confidence in their interactions with SteamRanger*

**How is all this achieved?**

*Introducing WHS into SteamRanger will take time but we will work towards:*

* *A safe working environment*
* *Using safe plant and equipment*
* *Safe work systems*
* *Enhancing training and information*

**What should we be doing now?**

* *Look after yourself at SteamRanger - Work safely*
* *Look out for others in the workplace – fellow workers, contractors, visitors to the workplace and passengers*
* *Try keep your work area tidy and clean*
* *Always use Personal Protective Equipment PPE as appropriate for you work.*
* *Actively support SteamRanger in its WHS initiatives and in its compliance with WHS laws.*
* *Report all Hazards, Incidents and Injuries immediately in writing.*

*You will not suffer any penalty for reporting – that is the law.*

*If you wish, you can report anonymously too.*

*If it is not reported – it never happened. And therefore, it will probably happen again.*

***Remember - Our workplace is only as safe as what you are prepared to walk past***