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FEW MONTHS IN 1971:

October  
NAGAMBIE and coach trip.

November  
BEAUFORT and scenic  
coach trip to Mt. Cole

# THE VINTAGE TRAIN

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## BALLARAT

SOVEREIGN HILL  
HISTORICAL PARK

TRAM TOUR

Sunday,  
5th September, 1971

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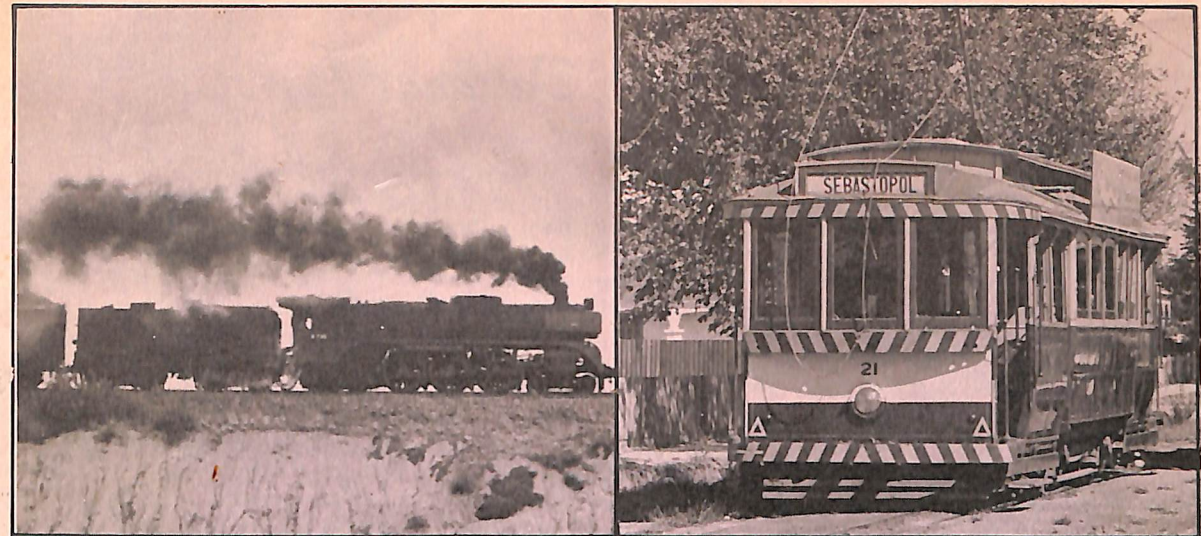
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on

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# A new gold rush at Ballarat!

Yes, in the last eight months some 250,000 visitors have been welcomed to the newest "goldfields" at Ballarat. Just one mile south of the centre of the City, a mine-scarred hillside, once the heart of a busy gold-mining area, has been transformed by five years of planning and hard work into what is already on the way to being one of Australia's most notable created tourist attractions.

On Sovereign Hill, close to where gold was first found in Ballarat in 1851, an area of 36 acres was opened to the public in November last year as a Historical Park, designed to provide a completely historical environment of the period 1850-1860, when the miners flocked to the former sheep-run after the first gold strike.

Although the plans of the Historical Park Association are far from complete, due to their insistence on absolute authenticity as well as quality in all their exhibits, already many of the buildings which lined Main Street, Ballarat in the 'fifties have been re-created from the original plans and old photographs. You may watch the blacksmith at work in his forge, or inspect the restored carriages in the livery stables incorporated in the British Hotel and the Cobb and Co. Stage Coach offices. Other buildings include the Colonial Bank and Gold Office, the fire station, the "Times" printing office, Johnny Alloo's Chinese restaurant, the joss house, and typical miners' huts built of slabs and mud bricks.

Over all, there towers the 68 ft. high poppet head of the quartz mine, and in the mining complex visitors may walk 250 ft. into the adit (entrance tunnel) or pan for gold in the alluvial stream nearby.

There is little need to emphasise the enjoyment of the train trip to Ballarat in the comfortable Vintage carriages behind the big "R" class express steam locomotive; let us just remind you that the run over Melton Weir, and down into Bacchus Marsh, followed by the ascent of the famed Ingliston Bank - and the climb out of Ballarat straight up the Warrenheip Bank on the way home - always seems different and never loses its appeal.

**THE BALLARAT TRAMS:** While our Vintage Train outing to Ballarat on Sunday 5th September is expressly to visit Sovereign Hill, every Vintage Train trip to Ballarat has featured a tour by special trams over at least part of the historic and fascinating old-world tramway system, with cars which, though not quite qualifying for the Historical Park, are all more than 50 years old. The tramway, as a means of public transport for the people of Ballarat, will have only two weeks of existence left at the time of our visit - some routes will have already closed - and, while moves are afoot to preserve a portion of the system as an operating museum, it will be for the last time that we will be arranging an opportunity for you to ride down Sturt Street in our specially-chartered trams, and, in fact, it will be by trams that we will convey you from the centre of the City to the neighbourhood of Sovereign Hill (with a connecting bus for the less agile).

**REFRESHMENTS:** For those who wish, we will arrange a hot three-course dinner at the Provincial Hotel for \$2.25. This must be ordered in advance. Tickets for Dinner will NOT be available at the Tourist Bureau, and those who book at the Bureau and who wish to order Dinner must ring Mr. Pearson (288 3294), and tell him of their carriage and seat reservation, so that Dinner tickets may be issued on the train.

Others may have meals at several cafes in Sturt Street, enjoy their picnic or purchase light refreshments at the Historical Park. To assist our local transport planning, we would like you to indicate on the Booking Form whether you wish to have your meal in town before joining the Tram Tour, or whether you would like to join the Tram Tour on arrival at Ballarat, ending at Sovereign Hill for lunch. (Two Tram Tours will be arranged, each allowing adequate time at Sovereign Hill). If booking at Victoria, please indicate your preference to the booking clerk.

**TIMETABLE:**

Flinders Street (1 Centre)	dep. 9.45 a.m.	Ballarat	dep. 4.40 p.m.
Spencer Street (No. 10 Plat.)	dep. 9.50 a.m.	Spencer Street	arr. 6.55 p.m.
Ballarat	arr. 12.20 p.m.	Flinders Street	arr. 7.00 p.m.

**FARES:** Inclusive of Tram Tour and Tram/bus transport to Sovereign Hill, and admission to Historical Park.

Adults - \$5.60. Under 16 - \$3.30.

Midday Dinner - \$2.25. (Must be ordered in advance: see below.)

**CONCESSION FARES:** For parties of 15 or more, on application to Mr. Pearson.

**PHONE ENQUIRIES:** Booking Officer (Mr. Ray Pearson) 288 3294.

**BOOKINGS:** No. 8 Rail Counter, Victorian Government Tourist Bureau, 272 Collins Street, Melbourne.

- or by post - use the booking coupon below and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of your ticket.

VINTAGE TRAIN OUTING,  
11 Chandler Grove, Burwood, Vic., 3125.

Please forward in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope, the following tickets for the Vintage Train outing on Sunday, 5th September, 1971.

ADULT  
UNDER 16  
MIDDAY DINNER

No.	Rate	Amount
	\$5.60	
	\$3.30	
	\$2.25	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>

Please indicate your preference on arrival in Ballarat (see above) - tick as applicable.

Dinner first

Tram Tour first

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NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

.....Postcode.....

PHONE No.....

Cheques payable to "Vintage Train"  
Money Orders at BURWOOD.