

BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION PROJECT

INFORMATION SHEET No.1

There is now little doubt that trams will be running in Ballarat, after the system closes during the September School Vacation.

Representations by your Interim Council to the State Electricity Commission, Ballarat City Council and other bodies have been most successful.

However, there is much still to be done and, now, more than ever we need YOUR support.

The time is now right to form a society aimed at preserving the line around Lake Wendouree and there will be a Public Meeting to do this on Sunday, 30th May.

The meeting will be held at the Ballarat Town Hall in Sturt Street at 2.00pm.

It will need the support of a big contingent of Melbourne people as well as the large number of local people that are expected to attend.

Therefore, we are asking you to be there, and to invite as many of your friends as possible, because there will be several interesting speakers.

Office Bearers will be elected. All members of the Melbourne Council, whose names are mentioned below are making themselves available for election. Full details of some arrangements will be given to a further Public Meeting in Melbourne.

Your Melbourne Interim Council has met 3 times since the Public Meeting on 29th April, and the Ballarat Interim Council has met 3 times. Much has been done at these meetings, and full reports will be given at the Public Meeting in Ballarat.

The State Electricity Commission has agreed to donate the equipment we need under certain conditions. However, the Depot is unavailable. The Ballarat City Council has expressed support for the project and negotiations are now taking place with other bodies.

Once again, we ask that you make every effort to be at the meeting. It will be an ideal opportunity to take your friends to Ballarat to show them the trams and the line we want to preserve, as well as the city's other historical attractions. There will also be an historical display of Vintage Cars.

The Sunday Excursion train provides a return service from Melbourne for \$2.25. It leaves Spencer Street at 9.35am and returns there at 8.20pm.

If you are driving and you have a spare seat, please ask somebody to join you because the more people that turn up at this meeting the better.

'Don't forget, Sunday, 30th May, at 2.00pm at the Ballarat Town Hall in Sturt Street, just West of Lydiard Street'

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Members of the Melbourne Interim Council are:-

Jeffrey Bounds, Clyde Croft, Geoff Dean, Campbell Duncan, Richard Gilbert, Adrian Gunzburg, Bill Jessup, Ian Kyd, Glen Mills, Paul Nicholson, Mark Plummer, Jack Stranger and David Wischer.