

BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

P.O. Box 632, Ballarat, Victoria 3350

Information to Members and Interested Parties - November 1971.

The appeal for donations towards the cost of constructing our new depot has brought forward a good response from members, with more than \$1500 being raised. This is not enough to build our depot, let alone to purchase the electrical equipment needed to commence operations. However, the Board has applied to form a Co-Operative Loan Society and is in the process of soliciting donations from business houses in Ballarat.

In the meantime, we stress the need to raise sufficient money to construct our depot in time to house our trams by 31st December, as the State Electricity Commission insists that they are to be definitely moved from their depot by that date. Members who haven't yet made donations are asked to do so and those who have may still have a few dollars to spare which they may consider giving to the Society as further assistance.

The Board wishes to sincerely thank those Members and Interested Parties who have sent donations, ranging from \$2 to \$150. Receipts and certificates will be forwarded shortly.

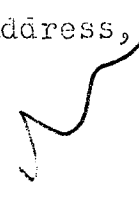
The Society is ready to start work on the depot site as soon as the Ballarat City Council gives the definite go ahead for the project. This permission is very necessary before the Society undertakes this big financial commitment. We trust that the all clear will come within the next few days, and work will start immediately it is received.

So far, most of the Society's work has been of an administrative nature but, as soon as work commences, we will need plenty of volunteer labour. Naturally, a big workforce from Melbourne is required to supplement our Ballarat Members and consequently we repeat our call for you to write to the Secretary advising him of the time and hours you would be able to work and if you can provide transport to Ballarat. It would also be helpful to know your particular skills and what tools, if any, you can provide.

The next Public Meeting of the Society will be held in Melbourne on Wednesday, 1st December in Room 11, Victorian Railways Institute, Flinders Street at 8.00pm. Board Members will review the Society's progress and answer questions. This will be an excellent opportunity for Members and Interested Parties to gain first hand knowledge of the Society's progress, so you are all asked to attend. Ballarat Members who require transport, or who can provide transport, are asked to contact the President. At the end of the business section of the meeting, slides of the last few months and the closure of the Ballarat system will be screened.

Most Board Members are regularly approached for information about the Society's activities. As a service to Members and Interested Parties, we are listing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Board Members, who can be contacted about Society matters. The telephone numbers (except that of the Publicity Officer, who works shifts) are available from 7.00pm to 9.30pm only. Please note that Board Members can not be contacted at their respective places of employment.

All other Society matters should be referred to the official address, P.O. Box 632, Ballarat, Victoria, 3350.



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Mr Clyde Croft has been appointed to fill the remaining vacancy on the Board. Clyde is in charge of our driver training programme.

Member, Robert Weiss, has been appointed to overhaul components of the signalling system to be used on our section.

Our Solicitor, Shane McCarthy, is working towards the incorporation of the Society. This is still expected to take several weeks because of the legal procedures to be followed.

The Board thanks the many other Members who have helped the Society over the past few weeks.

The Society has adopted "Trolley Wire" as its official magazine. "Trolley Wire" is published by the South Pacific Electric Railway Co-Operative Society in New South Wales and contains news of the activities of SPER and other museum groups, both in Australia and overseas. The subscription to "Trolley Wire" will be optional for BTPS Members, and will be in addition to the annual subscription, which will remain unchanged at \$2.00. Full details will be given next month. This information sheet will continue to be sent to Members and Interested Parties each month.

The Society still has for sale at 20c each (inc postage) copies of the Ballarat Courier of 20th September 1971. This issue features an account of the last run, and a 12-page supplement on the history of the trams.

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board has notified the Society that negotiations with the Hawthorn City Council about the operation of Ballarat tram 36 are continuing, but no decision has been made. As soon as a decision is made, the Society will be notified about its application to charter 36 on a tour of the former Hawthorn Tramways Trust lines. Members interested in participating are asked to send a stamped addressed envelope marked "36 Tour" to the Secretary, and a circular will be mailed.

The Association of Railway Enthusiasts is organising a tour to Bendigo on 19th December.

Please keep in mind our appeal for donations and the public meeting on 1st December.

Paul Nicholson,
Publicity Officer,
18th November 1971.