

BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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INFORMATION NEWSHEET.

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The Victorian Government has seen fit to incorporate a Community Advancement Society in the name of the B.T.P.S. Co-Operative Limited with a registered office at 265 Scott Parade, Ballarat, Victoria 3350. This Company is a separate entity to the Society, this being the only way that finance can be raised for the Depot. Please read the B.T.P.S. Co-Operative Limited's Prospectus as found with this mailing.

Board members urge your immediate action in returning the forms, as no loan can be received by the B.T.P.S. Co-Operative Limited until all shares have been guaranteed.

"Trolley Wire" is now the Official magazine of the B.T.P.S. With the inclusion of the B.T.P.S., this magazine published by SPER covers four Tramway Societies in four States. Thus in each bi-monthly edition one can read the latest relating to S.P.E.R., A.E.T.M. (St.Kilda, Adelaide) W.A.E.T.M. and B.T.P.S. "Trolley Wire" is an optional subscription of \$2.10 per annum. For interested members please send \$2.10 to "Trolley Wire Subscriptions", P.O. Box 632 Ballarat, Victoria, 3350. Please make all cheques and money orders payable to B.T.P.S., and do not forget to include your name and address.

The Incorporation of the B.T.P.S. is in the hands of the Government, and all members will be advised when approval is given.

Work parties are now held every weekend. Attendance so far has been good, but more volunteers are needed, as experienced volunteers are quick to point out the number of jobs yet to be carried out before the S.E.C. Depot is demolished. It is difficult to arrange work parties without an organiser. Bill Jessup is the Rostering Officer. Please let Bill know either in writing or 'phoning him (03 8745329):- (1) likely attendance on work-parties, (2) any particular skills or knowledge and (3) transport and its availability. Ballarat members should contact Melton Foo, 265 Scott Pde., Ballarat. Note that Bill can arrange suitable transport for those requiring lifts. Make a point of contacting Bill, so that all jobs are completed before the big move.

Progress on the Depot has slowed due to foundation difficulties and Christmas vacations. All holes have been dug and boxed, and tenders called for laying of foundations.

The Bendigo closing dates are now official. It has been stated that the Golden-Square-North Bendigo routes will close on Sunday March 5th and the Eaglehawk-Quarry Hill routes on Sunday March 26th. There is a remote possibility that the final closure is delayed due to late delivery of replacement buses. No details of the closure have been announced, but it is understood that the Bendigo Trust is organizing some last night celebrations.

Nothing further has been received from the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board relating to the proposed tour with Ballarat Car No.36. Those members who have forwarded a stamp addressed envelope will be notified in due course. Any other persons interested in the proposed tour should send a s.a.e. to the Publicity Officer.

Remember, please give the enclosed prospectus about the B.T.P.S. Co-Operative Limited your most urgent attention.

Paul Nicholson, Publicity Officer.