

BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Information to Members and interested parties.

DEPOT:- We have now 'moved in', to quote an old phrase. All equipment donated by the S.E.C. has been transferred from the S.E.C Depot to our own Depot and it looks most resplendent with three roads, an ever increasing amount of works materials and one tram. we are at this stage transferring trams to the new depot but as mentioned in our works section, a better access line will have to be constructed to complete the move. The Ballarat City Council has approved a plan from our Society on landscaping and beautification of the depot area.

PUBLICITY:- It is with regret we announce the resignation from the Board of Paul Nicholson. We sincerely thank him for the vast amount of work he has done to promote the Society. Publicity will now be handled by Hal Cain and Maurie Galnin, both members of the Publicity Committee.

TREASURER:- Board Member Barry Ward has been elected as Honorary Treasurer, following the resignation of Campbell Duncan from the position due to University commitments. We sincerely thank Campbell for his untiring efforts as both Treasurer and Membership Officer.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER:- The Board wishes to announce the appointment of Mr. P. Hill of Mitcham to the new position of Membership Officer. With the ever increasing duties of this position it was decided to make the job a separate position from that of the Treasurer. There are now over 350 members of this Society and with an average of 5 new members per week and 10% of the total members changing their addresses per annum it is not hard to see why the new position was established. One sideline to note is that there has been only one resignation from the Society in its entire existence.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:- Graeme Ingliss and Hugh Ballantyne have been appointed to fill the two vacancies that existed on the Board. Both are members of the Society's Co-Operative Loan Board and are well versed in the Society's functions. We welcome them and thank them for accepting our invitation to join.

ENTERTAINMENT MEETINGS:- The next entertainment meeting will be held in classroom 1 of the Victorian Railways Institute at Flinders Street Station on Wednesday, 28th June, 1972, commencing at 8.00pm. The syllabus item will be an illustrated talk by Mr. Frank Stamford on the history of the Kerang - Koondrook tramway. Board Member Graeme Ingliss will show movies taken on various work parties undertaken at Ballarat, and the usual information and question time will be conducted. We would like to see as many people as possible as it promises to be an interesting and informative meeting.

WORKS:- The outstanding item of news is the transfer of tram No. 26 to our new building. This was attended by some difficulty, despite the help of Mr. Bob Davies of Ballarat, with his crane and took Friday afternoon and Saturday morning to complete, with about 10 workers on hand. The transfer of our equipment was commenced the same weekend (17th -18th June). We intend to lay our connecting track before moving the remaining cars, as the method used for No.26 is impossible for the bogie cars and difficult for the others.

Work parties are conducted each weekend and volunteers are most welcome. Now that the movement of trams from the S.E.C. Depot to our Depot is underway it would be encouraging to see some new faces in attendance, to help relieve the workload from the 'regulars'. It is advisable for volunteers to telephone either Bill Jessup or Hal Cain to determine the time and location of work parties.

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Ballarat enquiries should be directed to Hal Cain at 41 7539 and Melbourne enquiries to Bill Jessup at 874 5329. Over the next two weekends work parties will be conducted for a mammoth effort at tracklaying. All possible workers are needed. Since the arrival of No.26 at the new depot a lot of interest has been shown by the Public resulting in a few new memberships.

Whilst on the subject of work parties, we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank those who have helped over the past few months at work parties. There are some workers who attend every weekend and this is really appreciated by the Board, and of course will not be forgotten when it comes to selecting people for Driving courses and other important duties. To those regular workers who diligently arrive each weekend we say thank you, very sincerely, as the project would not have gotten to the stage it is at now without your support.

'39' APPEAL:- The support for this appeal has been extremely surprising and in fact we can say we have enough assurances of money to carry the project through. We are now negotiating with the various organisations to resolve any questions and hope we can make definite plans in the near future. In much the same way as above we say thank you very much for your support in this venture which has gone well beyond expectations.

NEWS FROM OTHER MUSEUMS:- The following is a reprint of a statement presented to the Board by the Tramway Museum Society of Victoria which is passed on for your information.

The centre of the museum at Bylands will be a tramway street and recently some important items for the establishment of this feature were obtained. These were 18 tramway overhead poles which until recently stood in William Street Melbourne. They are of the centre-bracket type and will be placed between the two tracks with arms and metal scroll-work supporting the overhead wires. The Society already has other items for the street; telephones, fire hydrant, "Electric Supply Company" equipment cabinet, fire alarms, old fashioned lamps, etc.

Shortly after the bracket poles were unloaded by volunteers at Bylands the depot earthworks were started. A bulldozer and grader have levelled the area and the building survey pegs positioned. Other items moved to the museum include machinery, overhead components, tramway track components for the street and two museum trams; Geelong 22 and Grinder No. 1.

22 was painted prior to removal and much of one side has been rebuilt by volunteers. The Grinder is receiving attention on site. The Scrubber and No. 17 which have been at the museum for some months have had the roofs repaired and these are now better than when in service.

Of the remaining 13 preserved trams destined for Victoria's Tramway Museum 9 are in covered storage and the remaining few have all received recent attention from Society workers. The other activities necessary to create awareness about Victoria's Tramway heritage have continued, regular meetings, excursions, major exhibitions and displays at other functions.

The production of historical publications and the bi-monthly journal of tramway history have filled a need.

Further news of Society events is published in Running Journal and enquiries about the museum can be directed to the Secretary, 16 Lodge Road, Hartwell.

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