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Information for Members and interested parties

**WORKS:** The development of the site at Ballarat has reached a well established level and the project now only awaits the arrival of the crossover from outside the Lydiard Street Post Office before further trackwork can be constructed.

The construction of concrete bases beneath the depot doors has reduced the possibility of illegal entry to the shed although we are pleased to report that no illegal entry has yet been attempted. The formation of the main line from the depot has been graded, drained and covered with ballast. A short section of track has been laid from the depot door so that tram No.27 (containing the museum display) can be pushed out for people to see. All the rail used for the access line, on which the trams were delivered, has been neatly placed beside the depot leaving the park readily accessible to the city council lawn mower.

Active construction work has slowed down over the past weeks as we are waiting for the crossover from outside the Post Office at Lydiard Street and as soon as this is obtained (approx. 3 weeks) a hearty team will be required to assist with tracklaying. It would be the best to contact Bill Jessup (Melb. 874 5329) or Hal Cain (Ball. 41 7536) before attending for a work party over the next month as you may be disappointed at a lack of work or similarly we may be embarrassed when excess numbers arrive looking for work.

**NEW BOARD:** Since the distribution of the last Newsheet the Annual General Meeting of the Society was held and a new Board of Management for the ensuing year was elected. Those elected to the Board are:-  
President - Hal Cain, Ballarat Vice President - Maurie Calnin.  
Melbourne Vice President - Bill Jessup. Secretary - Richard Gilbert.  
Treasurer - Allan Harnwell. Ordinary Board Members - Warren Doubleday, David Clogan, Frank Hanrahan, Hugh Ballantyne, Clyde Croft, George Netherway.

The newly elected Board undertakes the further the progress of the Society and complete, in the early new year, its objective of commencing tramway operations in Wendouree Parade.

The Board wishes to thank those Board Members not re-elected for their efforts over the past 15 months of the Society's existence.

**ENTERTAINMENT MEETING:** The next entertainment meeting will be held in Room 11 of the Victorian Railways Institute, Flinders Street Station, on Wednesday 22nd November 1972 commencing at 8.00pm. Due to the large number of questions and statements presented to Members at past meetings, the syllabus item will be a short selection of slides covering the recent opening of the Whyalla railway and the visit of N.S.W. engine 3801 to Marree, allowing a larger portion of the evening being devoted to question and information time.

**MUSEUM:** The Society's photographic and relic display, established in tram No.27 was opened to the public on the weekend of 28th & 29th October, 1972. An excellent coverage of the S.E.C. tramway systems is displayed plus glimpses of other Australian tramways. The display is a credit to the initiative of those who helped in its construction and thanks is extended to the donors and the workers who helped make the display possible. The first weekend of operation was poorly patronised by the public, mainly due to lack of advertising but this allowed us to commence operations and sort out any teething troubles without any undue public embarrassment. A total revenue of \$2.10 was received which was placed in Society's funds. The donation charges are 10 cents for Adults and 5 cents for children which is extremely reasonable. All Members are welcome to come and inspect the display which is open on Saturdays and Sundays between 12 Noon and 4pm.

**POSITION VACANT:** Now that the Society Museum Display is to be operated on Saturday and Sunday of each weekend the Board wishes to announce it is calling for applications from those members interested in staffing the museum display on a rostered basis.

Mr Gavin Young has offered to act as roster clerk and those people selected for the position would be placed on a roster list where they would be asked to volunteer their services to staff the

museum approximately once each month either on a one day basis, or a weekend basis, which would be decided in consultation with the roster clerk.

Each successful applicant will be issued with one tramway jacket and cap and would be asked, if possible, to wear a white, light green or khaki coloured shirt with a tie when staffing the museum.

If you are at all interested in applying for the position please write to The Secretary at the Society's address.

PUBLICITY: Mr. Maurie Calnin, a member of the Publicity Committee, has spoken to various local Ballarat clubs and has placed some articles in the local press, both of which help to keep the public informed of our existence. One result from this publicity has been the donation of tramway relics for our museum display which is very much appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP: New Members are continually joining our Society and the Membership Officer, Peter Hill, is doing an excellent job. As a result of opening our museum display the Society has gained five new members from this contact with the public.

SALES: Our Sales Department has expanded to an energetic, enthusiastic team and we are now certain you will find our quality of service and sales items one which value for money is obtained. The Sales Department is administered by Bill Jessup and consists of Lindsay Bounds and Jeffrey Bounds. The team has enthusiastically produced a list of items for sale and we ask that you read this list and consider a purchase, as each sale helps the Society toward operating trams.

Sales items may now be bought in the following manner:-

- 1/ By means of the 'Mail Order' form sent to our Post Box.
- 2/ By purchasing from our Sales Section at the entertainment meetings.
- 3/ By personally calling at 29 Melby Avenue, East St. Kilda any weeknight between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

The Sales Department is interested in obtaining photographs or slides of the following tramway systems so that they can be copied and then reproduced for sale.

Footscray, Geelong, Perth, Kalgoorlie, Fremantle, Hobart, Launceston, Newcastle, Sydney (Steam and electric systems) Brisbane, Broken Hill, V.R. Tramways.

Any person who could help is asked to write to 'The Sales Officer' at the Society's address. Your help in this matter would be appreciated as each photograph that is sold helps the Society toward its goal.

WANTED: If you could possibly donate any of the items listed below, which may be lying around at home, unused, please contact the Secretary at the Society's address as good use could be made of them.

- 1/ Bicycle:- A second hand bicycle would be welcomed as, occasionally when some Members arrive at Ballarat by train there may be no other transport to get them to the depot or around town during the day and a bicycle would be a great help. As a quick means of performing light duties such as collecting the workers lunches etc. it would be invaluable. The bicycle would normally be kept at the Railway Station.
- 2/ Refrigerator:- The summer heat is approaching. A second hand refrigerator would be particularly useful for storing milk and other perishables used by the workers whilst on duty.

MEMBERS ADVERTISEMENT:- The newly formed Bus and Coach Society of South Australia is organising a special tour in Adelaide on 2nd December, 1972, to farewell the three-door buses. These vehicles, which replaced the trams (except the Glenelg trams) in the 1950's are themselves being replaced by newer buses. Details of the tour can be obtained from Paul Nicholson at Flat 1, 41 Albert Parade, Ashfield, N.S.W. 2131. (Phone 798 4895) and from John Fitzsimons in Melbourne (Phone 507983)

STOP PRESS: During the next couple of months it is proposed to run one or two lunch time tram tours in Melbourne. These are planned to leave the City approx 1pm & return 30 minutes later. If you wish to be on a mailing list for these weekday tours write to the Secretary.