

BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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P.O. Box 632,
Ballarat. 3350.

Information for Members and interested parties

WORKS: Large work parties are now required on week ends for the laying of the Depot trackwork and associated tasks such as cutting rails and sleepers and ballasting the track. The crossover from Lydiard Street has been delivered to our site and work has already commenced in its incorporation into the depot trackwork.

A large work party attended on 9th & 10th December to collect sleepers from the main Melbourne - Adelaide railway (the sleepers lay between Ballarat and Windermere) and these were laid on the formation the following week. The weather was very hot and the task hard but the effort of collecting 200 sleepers was a great one and the Board thanks all those people, their names are recorded, for their efforts. The use of a truck in this job was a vital factor and we thank those who organised the hire of this. We also thank member Barry McAndlish for the use of his car and trailer in this task.

A grader recently cleared the depot fan area for the laying of trackwork and on the same weekend the area was ballasted. Our stock of rail was sorted and placed in groups and the City Council has mowed the lawns adjacent to the depot.

The works programme provides for the laying of No.2 &3 roads in the depot fan over the month of January and those people wishing to come along on odd days during the forthcoming holidays will find plenty to do in the form of drilling holes in sleepers, driving dogspikes and packing track.

A start was made on the construction of the depot fan last weekend and this should be completed in the next few weeks.

We would like to see as many workers as possible each weekend and if you would like to spend a day or weekend working with the Society you may find what an interesting hobby this can be.

For any enquiries concerning works and days work parties may be held please contact Bill Jessup (Melb. 874 5329) or Hal Cain (Ballarat 41 7536).

MUSEUM: The museum display in tram No. 27 is proving its value to the Society. The museum is creating publicity and gaining a few new members. Since its opening it has earned over \$20 from admission charges and a slightly lesser amount in the sales section.

The Society is still looking for people who are interested in staffing the museum and anyone wishing to do so should write to the Secretary for details.

PUBLICITY: Mr. Maurie Calnin, a member of the Publicity Committee, has continued to promote the Society locally which has brought further donations of relics and photographs. The Publicity Committee has produced an advertising brochure for the museum display (copy enclosed) and these will be placed at various tourist points in Ballarat and Melbourne, from which it is hoped we may gain further promotion.

SALES: Our Sales Department has expanded its range of items and these are shown on the accompanying Sales List. To provide for more efficient working, the address for our sales department will now be 'Sales Department, P.O. Box 632, Ballarat. 3350).

Sales items may be purchased 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 entertainment meetings.
- 3/ By personally calling at 29 Melby Avenue, East St.Kilda any weeknight between 7pm and 9pm.

The Sales Department is still interested in obtaining photographs of any tramway or railway interest so that they may be reproduced for sale. Any correspondence concerning this should be sent to the Sales Section at the Society's address.

TRAM TOURS: An afternoon and early evening tram tour will be run in Melbourne on 6th January, 1973. The tour is being organised by Jeffrey Bounds on behalf of the Society. The trams used will be L 103, L 106, X2 676, W2 331, W2 249. The tour will depart Essendon depot at 1.15pm, picking up at South Melbourne depot at 1.30pm and returning to South Melbourne Depot at 7.45pm and Essendon depot at 8.00pm. The route will take passengers to various places including St. Kilda, Malvern, Camberwell, Burwood, North Coburg, Brunswick, Holden Street, and Preston.

The fare will be \$5.50 Adults for the full tour and fares for shorter journeys or childrens fares may be negotiated with the Organiser. If you wish to come just be at Essendon depot or South Melbourne depot at the times mentioned above and pay the Organiser on the tram.

This promises to be an interesting tour and a good social outing, as well as a good fund raising effort for the Society.

For all details, please phone the Organiser on 52 3342 any weeknight between 7 and 9pm.

PRINTING: The Society has the offer of printing its various publications at a greatly reduced rate and the Board is interested in hearing from people who may be interested in helping in the printing area of this activity. Any person who could devote some spare time in this field is asked to contact Bill Jessup on 874 5329 during weeknights or write to him at the Society's address.

MEMBERSHIP: All due Membership Renewals are being mailed out as our Membership Officer, Peter Hill, has finished his unenviable task of marking school exam papers leaving him time to devote to this job. You are asked to return your form as soon as possible so that we may get our Membership List up to date.

INCORPORATION: Mr. Peter Byrne, our Solicitor, is constantly working on our case for Incorporation and until this is completed we cannot run trams in Wendouree Parade. However, Peter is working hard and by the time we are ready to run trams we should be incorporated.

LOCAL TRAMWAY NEWS: The contractor has now finished dismantling the tramway along the length of Lydiard Street North and will soon start on the section of line around the lake not to be run on by the Society. We will be gaining a lot of necessary points and crossings from the S.E.C. Depot fan and the total track mileage left in Ballarat streets will be very little after this lake dismantling. The only other lines left in Ballarat at the moment are :- Drummond Street North, Drummond Street South, Skipton Street and the View Point line. The contractor has been very obliging with removing various points and crossings for us and we thank him for his valuable co-operation.

TROLLEY WIRE MAGAZINE: The Editor of 'Trolley Wire', our Official Magazine, has commented on the lack of articles from our Members, and we ask if you would be able to write an article of tramway interest and forward it to The Editor, Trolley Wire, P.O. Box 103, Sutherland, N.S.W. 2232.

Remember:- The magazine is only as good as the articles sent to it and you may have had some experience on tramways over the years that people may like to read about, therefore we ask that you give this matter your consideration.

ENTERTAINMENT MEETING: The next Entertainment Meeting of the Society will be held in the Victorian Railways Institute, Flinders Street, Station, on Wednesday, 17th January, 1973 commencing at 8.00pm. The syllabus item will be movies of railway and tramway interest.

We ask that you come and give the meeting support and at the same time meet socially with other Society members.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: The Board of the Society wishes all Members a very merry christmas and a happy new year. We thank all those people who have helped us over the past year and we hope to see you in the forthcoming year when we should see the tramway re-opened for traffic.

STOP PRESS: People are required to staff the museum and depot during the Begonia Festival week (3rd to 12th March 1973). We would appreciate any offers of assistance. Please write to the Secretary.