

BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY LIMITED

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS -- OCTOBER 1973

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INCORPORATION

On 4th October the Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society Limited was incorporated. The Board dissolved the Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society, as provided in the Constitution, on October 12th. The new Company took over the assets and liabilities of the Society from this date.

Applications were made to the Attorney - General of Victoria to obtain a licence to drop the word "Limited" from the Company name. The applications were rejected as it was not considered that the objects of the Company were charitable.

The Company is a Public Company limited by Guarantee. This means that it does not have a share capital but has members who pay an annual subscription in a similar way to an unincorporated association such as the former Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society.

The Memorandum of Association of the Company provides for the limited liability of its members. It is further provided in Clause six of the Memorandum that: -

"Every member of the Society undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Society in the event of its being wound up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases to be a member for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Society contracted before he ceases to be a member, and the costs charges and expenses of winding up and for an adjustment to the rights of contributories among themselves such amount as may be required not exceeding Twenty Dollars (\$20)."

Other provisions in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company closely follow the provisions contained in the Constitution of the Society. Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association will be available from the Secretary on request when printing has been completed.

As the Society has been dissolved and a new Company formed it is necessary for all members of the Society to complete an Application for Membership of the Company.

Members under twenty-one years of age must complete, in addition to the Application for Membership a Guarantee which must also be signed, where indicated, by a Surety (who must be a person aged twenty-one years or over) in the presence of a witness.

The Guarantee should also have affixed a fifty cent Victorian Duty Stamp.

Both forms are enclosed together with an envelope addressed to the Membership Officer.

No further subscription is payable and your membership of the Company will terminate on the same date as would your Society membership.

VOLUNTEER WORKER'S INDEMNITY FORMS

As you will recall from the last News Sheet the Board has decided to insist that nobody work for the Society (Now the Company) unless he has signed the required indemnity form.

We enclose an indemnity form addressed to the Company which should be signed by everyone who anticipates working for the Company in any capacity. (Volunteer workers under the age of twenty-one years should have the form signed by a parent or guardian.)

This requirement applies to everyone regardless of whether an indemnity form was signed for the Society.



BALLARAT TOURIST TRAMWAY

The Board has decided that the tramway will be operated under the name "BALLARAT TOURIST TRAMWAY". (B.T.T.) It was considered that the name was less cumbersome and more expressive of our activities than the Company name.

The name Ballarat Tramways was considered but it was decided that this name did not communicate the nature of the tramway sufficiently for use in promotional advertizing as it tends to give the impression that the tramway is simply a service provided by a public transport authority. This name will, however, continue to be used in internal communications.

The name Ballarat Tourist Tramway was registered as a business name, on behalf of the Company, on the 5th October.

A design, incorporating the letters B.T.T., has been prepared. It is similar in style to the Hawthorn Tramways Trust emblem. Transfers, similar to those produced by the A.E.T.M., will be made for sale and use by the Company. Ballarat Tourist Tramway car stickers continue to be available from the Sales Department at 15cents each.

ENTERTAINMENT AND GENERAL MEETINGS

The next Entertainment and General Meeting will be held at the Victorian Railways Institute, Flinders Street Station, on Tuesday November 13th.

Mr. David Menzies, one of our members, has kindly offered to provide his services and an epidioscope to show a number of very interesting early tramway photographs and plates. You don't know what an epidioscope is? - Well, before the days of television and coloured slides this piece of equipment was invented to project postcards, photographs, or glass plates onto a wall for the benefit of an audience.

We urge you to attend this meeting as we are sure that you would regret missing these early photographs, many of which have not been displayed before.

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

We are searching for a name for this publication. We have "Trolley Wire" from Loftus, the "Rattler" from W.A. so what about a name from Ballarat. Any suggestions should be sent to the Secretary at the Company's address. Entries close November 13th at the Entertainment Meeting. The prize is \$2 worth of goods from the Sales Department.

POWER SUPPLY

The Treasurer would still like to hear from any members who are willing to loan \$100 or multiples thereof to the Company for ten years to help finance the installation of electrical equipment by the S.E.C.

VINTAGE TRAIN EXCURSION TO BALLARAT - OCTOBER 7th.

Approximately 800 passengers visited the Tram Depot as part of their programme in Ballarat. The response of the visitors was very favourable and many congratulated the Society on the display and the work done so far.

Trams 26, 27 and 40 were pushed onto the fan for the visit and many photographs were taken on that sunny spring day. A large range of books and photographs was provided by the Sales Department and sales were good.

Thanks go to all those members whose assistance on the day made this visit so successful.