

## "FARES PLEASE"

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It was originally hoped that copies "Fares Please" would be published every two months to coincide with entertainment meetings, unfortunately, however Secretary Clyde Croft who was previously Editor of "Fares Please" became involved with other pressing society matters. Board Member Geoff Cargeeg will now be responsible for the writing, editing and producing of "Fares Please".

WORKS REPORTS:- After discussions with the Ballarat City Council late last year, the Council kindly offered the use of a section of their Storage Depot in Gillies Street South, to house the tramway rail that was located near the Depot. This rail had been stored at our Depot since the closure of the system, and has increased as more rail had been lifted from the streets and generously donated to us.

When Mr. Sharpe, City Engineer, kindly suggested the site, the Society was more than pleased to store safely our rail and bracket arms, at the Council yard.

All rail in the rail storage area was sorted and regrouped by courtesy of Member John Withers 4-wheel drive Land Rover, and on Easter Tuesday, well over 30 tons of rail were moved in a single day to the Council yard, thus clearing the area adjacent to our Dept. of rail and bracket arms, making it far more pleasing for visitors to the area.

As regular attenders well know, it gets slightly wet and mushy inside the Depot during winter and this has been a problem for the past two years. The construction, last year of cut off walls alongside the wall of No. 3 road, alleviated slightly this problem. A floor of crushed tile and quarry scalplings has been placed in the Depot over a period of 4 months and this has raised the level of the inside of the Depot to that of the ground outside, getting rid of the high water that existed previously. The construction of cut off walls along No. 3 road and No. 1 road will continue.

Construction of track welding and/or plating and bonding is increased and should be complete within a few weeks.

### ENTERTAINMENT MEETING

The next Public Entertainment Meeting will be held in the Victorian Railways Institute, Flinder Street Station building, Melbourne, on TUESDAY, 30th APRIL, 1974, commencing at approximately 8.00 p.m. Mr. R. H. Prentice has generously offered to screen his movie of the Beech Forrest railway together with Sugar-Cane and other tramways in Queensland in the early 1960's.

The usual informative discussion on progress at Ballarat and the Sales Dept. will operate as usual.

It is hoped that as many new as well as old faces will be able to come to these meetings in the future.

### MUSEUM TRAM NO. 26

In the first six months, 22/8/73 to 22/3/74 since the issue of printed tickets (10c and 5c) to the public as entrance to the museum, some 3,113 people have visited the Museum, with the best single day so far being on Easter Sunday, 1974 when 177 adults, 100 children went through No. 26. Revenue from the Museum in the same period has amounted to over \$350 not including sales.

### MEMBERSHIP

There are still a number of members of the society who have not forwarded thier application for membership of the Company. There is no charge for existing Society members to join the Company and it would be appreciated if given forms could be completed and returned to the Membership Officer.

## TOWER TRUCK

Since its arrival in Ballarat in November of last year, the truck has been used to erect all the overhead brackets, span wire and trolley wire, and lately it has found use in hauling material from Melbourne to Ballarat, as well as in transport of rail and odments around Ballarat. Many thanks must go to Ballarat Board Member Barry McCandlish, who has spent hours under the bonnet rewiring and overhauling it to its present condition of Al operation.

## TRAM MAINTENANCE NO. 27

Mr. R. Prentice has finished the undercoat of the roof, after removing the advertising boards, and many weekends, chipping the old paint off and replacing the canvas where necessary. 'Bob' will be applying the final coat of roof paint within the next fortnight.

An inspection of all axle boxes on all cars has been undertaken. Many thanks to 'Bob' and Jack Chadwick for their work and interest. Whilst 26, 27 and 40 were out of the Depot over Labour day weekend the opportunity was taken to thoroughly clean these cars.

## EXHIBITIONS

Once again this year, the Society attended the Begonia and Moomba week exhibitions held at Ballarat and Camberwell. These proved to be very popular drawing crowds to both exhibitions. Ballarat was manned on the weekend 2/3 March and 9/11 March, while Camberwell was manned from 8 - 11 March. Uniforms were worn at both locations proving popular with the public. Publicity gained from both exhibitions was very gratifying and it is hoped that many who visited will come when the tramway is operational. Graeme Inglis' model layout was again the feature of the exhibition at Camberwell, while at Ballarat Nos. 26, 27 and 40 attracted many visitors.

Society revenue was boosted from both exhibitions and the Board wishes to thank all Members who gave their time to help at the respective locations.

## TELEPHONE

The Depot at Ballarat is now connected to the PMG telephone. Its installation has meant that calls to Society officers, Ballarat Industry and in emergencies can now be made, while calls into the Depot from Society officers has meant considerable savings in time and expense. The telephone No. is (053) 34 1580.

## A.E.T.M. OPENING DAY

A most pleasing and successful tour for all concerned was conducted to Adelaide on the weekend 22/23 March to witness the official opening of our sister museum over their new 1½ mile operating museum tramway at St. Kilda S.A. Ballarat was well represented at the opening by some 16 members and trams Nos. 21 and 34. An inspection of this tramway proved to be most beneficial as not only was it the first time that some members had ridden in a Ballarat tram operating under its own power but it gave valuable knowledge into the actual opening and operating of a tramway museum.

## MIRBOO NORTH TOUR

Following the success, last Melbourne Show Day of a trip to Mirboo North on the regular goods train it was decided at fairly short notice to repeat the trip, now that a date has been named for the closure of this branchline.

As time is valuable and tickets may not arrive in time for the trip, all tickets will be issued on the day of travel. However, advice must previously have to reach Richard Gilbert by either the attached booking form or by telephone 90 3466, or Geoff Cargeeg, 579 1015, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays.

## SALES

A complete range of our sales items are continued in the attached Sales Order Form.

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>A Brill Returns</u> Christchurch 178		.10c (plus 7c postage)
<u>Steam in the Streets</u> Christchurch Steam Trams		.10c (plus 7c postage)
<u>Pioneer Electrics</u> Early South Island Electrifications		.75c (plus 10c postage)
<u>S.P.E.R. Publications</u>		
<u>Trolley Wire</u> Bi-monthly publications about Australian Tramway Museums. February 1973 35c., April-December 1973 50c., February 1974 65c. (Postage 10c.)		
<u>Tramcar Guide</u> Guidebook of S.P.E.R. Cars		.60c (plus 10c postage)
<u>Sydney Class</u> Sydney Newcastle L.P. Class		.20c (plus 7c postage)
<u>Brisbane Dropcentre Car</u>		
<u>The Ryde Tramway</u>		
<u>Brisbane Dropcentre Car</u>		.25c (plus 7c postage)
<u>Postcard No. 14</u> Features Ballarat No. 14 on Victoria Street in late 1970		.15c (plus 7c postage)
<u>Railway News</u> March 1974		.10c (plus 7c postage)
<u>Dreadnought</u> Brisbane Tramway Museum Journal January - July 1973, 15c., August - December 25c., January - February 1974 10c., March 1974 20c. (postage 7c)		
<u>Society Poster 10" x 15"</u> Ballarats Trams are Ballarats History.		.20c (plus 10c postage)
<u>Rails Across the Veldt</u> South African Rail Journey.		\$ 1.25 (plus 20c postage)
<u>Flyer</u> Newcastle Flyer		\$2.75 (plus 25c postage)
<u>Locomotive 621</u>		\$2.75 (plus 25c postage)
<u>Locomotive 600</u>		\$2.25 (plus 25c postage)
Note: These books are 50c. cheaper to members.		
<u>Postcards</u>		
<u>Sorrento Steam Train on Back Beach</u>		
<u>Bendigo No. 10</u> Charing Cross 1954		.10c (plus 7c postage)
<u>Photos and Slides</u>		
For a detailed list of photos and slides, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Sales Department. We regret that owing to increased costs to us from 1/4/74 the cost of slides will be 40c. plus postage. Black and white photos 25c plus postage.		
<u>Photos Melbourne in Flood</u> A set of 10 photos taken in the great flood on 17/2/72. Price 90c plus postage.		
<u>"T" Shirts</u> Size 32", 36", 36", 38"		
Assorted colours price \$1.75 plus 25c postage.		

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	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>End of the Penny Section</u> New Zealand Tramways features - Wellington, New Plymouth, Christchurch, and Auckland, Invercail, Dunedin, Napier and Gisborne. By Graham Stewart		\$ 6.50 (plus 40c postage)
<u>By Birney to Golden Square</u> - Bendigo Tramways in the last years. By Brian Andrews		\$ 3.60 (plus 25c postage)
<u>Mind the Curve</u> - History of Melbourne Cable Trams 1885-1940. By J. Keating		\$ 3.90 (plus 30c postage)
<u>The Ballarat Tram</u> History of Ballarats Tramways. By K. S. Kings		\$ .75  (plus 10c postage)
<u>Ballarats Tramway Preservation Project</u> - The Society's Story plus history of G.P.O. Tramways		.20 (plus 1c postage)
<u>Tramway Drawing of 17</u>		.20 (plus 10c postage)
<u>Ballarat Courier</u> Souvenir of Ballarats last trams. Last stocks. First come first served.		.20 (plus 12c postage)
<u>Destination City</u> Melbourne Tramways		\$ 1.00 (plus 14c postage)
<u>Destination Subiaco</u> Perth Freemantle Leonara and Kalgoorlie Tramways		.15 (postage) 14c
<u>Destination G.P.O.</u> Tasmanian Tramways		.75 (plus 14c postage)
<u>The Red Lines</u> Story of the Tramways of the Western Suburbs of Sydney, Balmain, Rozelle, etc.		\$ 2.40 (plus 20c postage)
<u>The Enfield Lines</u> Story of Enfield System		\$ 2.00 (plus 20c postage)
<u>The Australian Tram</u> Photos of Australian trams.		\$ 1.00 (plus 20c postage)
<u>Tramways Byways</u> First of a series of Tramways Histories No. 1 North Sydney		\$ 2.00 (plus 20c postage)
<u>New Zealand Publications</u>		
<u>Tramway Topics</u> Journal of New Zealand Tramway Museums featuring news from Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch. Issues in stock - Jan., Feb., March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, 1973.		.35 (plus 7c postage)
<u>Combo 22</u> Di edin 22		.20  (plus 7c postage)
<u>All Fares Please</u> Christchurch Tramways		.70  (plus 10c postage)
<u>Traction on the Main Line</u>		.10  (plus 7c postage)

MIRBOO NORTH

ANZAC DAY-Thursday 25th April 1974- ANZAC DAY.1974.

Following the success of our first rail tour last Melbourne Show Day, the Society under rather sad circumstances, will again provide you with the opportunity of travelling to Mirboo North by a genuine Mixed train, now that a date has been announced for the closure of this picturesque branch line.

Yes, unfortunately progress has caught up with the last remaining branch line in the Eastern District, and soon it will be but a memory such as the Noojee, Thorpdale, Outtrim and Strezlecki lines.

The Mirboo North line was originally listed for closure late in April, but it has been given a six week reprieve until mid June. The reason for closure - the SEC open cut brown coal mine at Morwell is extending and soon it will be encroaching on the right of way, and the cost of a diversion does not warrant.

This will probably be the last time that a car will be attached to the REGULAR goods, before closure. Interest will be added by the shunting of wagons, the clickety-clack of the 10' lengths of rail, and the general operation of a day to day rural branch line.

TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS: Travel from Melbourne is by regular passenger services. The following schedules will apply:-

	AM		PM	
Flinders Street	dep. 7.20	Mirboo North	dep. 1.30	G
Morwell	arr. 10.07	Morwell	arr. 3.00	X
	G dep. 10.15		dep. 4.33	
Mirboo North	arr. 12.10	Flinders St	arr. 6.30	

X - Change Trains                      G- Goods train with car attached.

FARES:      RETURN Melbourne to Morwell      \$4.95      Childs fares  
                    FARES Morwell to Mirboo North      \$1.75      on application

REFRESHMENTS:

At Warragul the Refreshment rooms will be open on the "Down", while at Mirboo North there are plenty of cafes and hotels at which to purchase lunch. An evening meal may be obtained in the Buffet Car (which closes Drouin) on the "Gippslander".

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS:-

As this Tour was arranged at fairly short notice to cover the line again before closure, it will now not be practical to send tickets out. Therefore tickets will be issued on the day of travel and it is requested that those interested contact the Booking Officer, by either mail on the attached form or by telephone advising him of your requirements prior to the tour. On the day of Travel if people going on the tour could meet in the country Booking Office, Flinders St. Station at 7.00AM.

ENQUIRIES:-

For any enquiries regarding bookings or any other arrangements please contact the Booking Officer, Richard Gilbert 90-3466 or Geoff Cargeeg 579-1015 7pm to 9pm any night.

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Richard Gilbert 7 Warrigal RD MENTONE.

I wish to book                      Adults      Melbourne & Morwell      \$4.95