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RED funds sought for work on tramway: The society has conducted a full investigation of the Federal Government Regional Employment Development Scheme and has found that it is most suited to place an application with the Ballarat City Council. The council has indicated their support in applying to the appropriate government department on the society's behalf and it is hoped that \$83,000.00 can be made available to relay the tram line in Wendouree Parade.

The aim of the scheme is to employ surplus labour in regional areas to complete jobs of a social and community nature. The project of relaying the tram line is one such most appropriate task and would employ 25 men for 15 weeks.

At present the Ballarat City Council is carrying out community work in various parts of Ballarat under the RED scheme including beautification work around Lake Wendouree.

Although the tramway is in a safe condition to carry people the advantage of having the line relaid in concrete with a bitumen topping is one that may not present itself too often and once completed the line will not have to be relaid for many years.

Tramway Conference: Over the Anzac Day weekend (25th - 27th April) the society was host to the first Conference of Australasian Tramway Museums. At least 52 representatives from various museums attended what was a most successful and fulfilling conference. The conference consisted of various lectures, workshops (get together discussion groups of those with common interests) and social gatherings.

Museums represented were:- AETM(Adelaide) BT(Bendigo) BTMS(Brisbane) DMOT(Dunedin) MOTAT(Auckland) SPER(Sydney) TMSV(Melbourne) TTMS(Hobart) WATM(Perth) WTM(Wellington) ARHS(Vic. Divn) BTPS(Ballarat)

As a result of this conference a Federal tramway museum body known as the Council of Tramway Museums of Australasia was formed to co-ordinate most aspects of Australasian tramway museum operation. The next conference will be hosted by SPER in Sydney on Queens Birthday weekend 1976.

Passenger Survey: A detailed survey has been taken over the past weekends in an attempt to find some facts and figures on our passengers and what they generally think of our tramway. The results have been very interesting and will provide a basis for many of our decisions affecting our operations. Copies of results of the survey are available on application to the Melbourne Vice President (Bill Jessup). Some of the interesting results are detailed as under:-

Passengers home town: 25.43 Melbourne  
12.7% Ballarat  
10.8% Geelong  
6.3% Sydney  
44.8% Other country destinations.

Where did you first hear of the trams:?

43.2% saw them on the day 21.6% saw them on television  
18.9% read about them in the press 5.4% had been here before  
2.7% were 'looking for old trams'

Passengers making day trip to Ballarat or weekend

84.6% day trip 15.3% weekend

How did passengers come to Ballarat

91.8% by car 5.4% by bus 2.7% by train

Did passengers know who runs the tramway

51.5% did not know 48.5% knew a Society ran them

When did passengers decide to ride the trams

79.3% saw them and decided to ride  
13.7% came deliberately to ride them  
6.8% came as a result of television coverage.

Tram Maintenance: A tram maintenance committee was recently formed to co-ordinate all maintenance of the society's trams. Chaired by Bob Prentice the committee consists of Rolph Jinks (Foreman) Frank Hanrahan (Electrical) Andrew Cook (Car Building) Bob Prentice (Painting) Brakes (John Lodington). Other members of the committee are Terry Oakley, Peter Rees, Graeme Jordan, Tony Smith, David Macartney.

Any other society member wishing to become involved in tram maintenance would be made most welcome and is asked to contact Bob Prentice for further details.

A quote has been received for the rewinding of the armature recently removed from tram No.38. The quote amounts to \$1752.00. At this stage the Board feels that money is required more urgently elsewhere but is investigating other avenues of repairing the motor as the tram is required in service to relieve the workload being placed on the serviceable trams.

Weekend Magazine: The society has purchased a copy of the color movie shown earlier this year on the popular television programme 'Weekend Magazine'. A number of passengers on the trams have stated they saw the programme as far afield as Brisbane, Hobart and Albany.

The tramway has recently been shown on local television (BTV 6) and a popular "filler" between programmes is a film of our trams operating in Wendouree Parade.

Crew Training: At present eight society members are under training as Motormen. Some time will elapse before all these people are qualified as it takes approximately six weeks to train one Motorman and only one trainee can usually be instructed each weekend. We ask that our members whose names have been placed on the prospective Motormans list will display some patience whilst the current group of trainees is being qualified.

Conductors are trained more quickly being only required for one day as a trainee. All Motormen are required to act a Conductor for some time before being so trained.

Museum: Our 'nomadic' museum display has been placed in tram No.38 as tram No.26 is shortly to be lifted to allow replacement of a cracked sideframe by a new one from our store.

Entertainment Meetings: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st July at 8.00pm at the Victorian Railways Institute, Flinders Street Station, Melbourne. Bill Jessup and Graeme Ingils will show slides and movies of their recent trip to Tasmania to photograph the various tramway and railroadiana happening in that state. A feature of the night will be a section on the 'Lune River Tramway' now threatened with closure.

Calender: Following the successful tramway conference SPER have decided to produce a 1976 Calender on behalf of all the participating museums. Our society will have one photograph reproduced in the calender and we are after a good colour photograph of a Ballarat tram from our members. The photograph should be a minimum of 6"x4" and be glossy or semi glossy. Please forward any print you feel may be suitable to our address shown on the heading of this Newsheet.

Bungaree House: Lino tiles have been laid in the kitchen greatly enhancing the appearance. The Association of Railway Enthusiasts recently travelled to Bungaree by special steam train and partook of afternoon tea which was most popular and we look forward to a future similar catering. The group also hired a tram on the same excursion.

Melbourne Tram Tour: The Australian Electric Traction Association is conducting a tram tour in Melbourne in one of Melbourne's new trams on Saturday, 28th June, 1975. The tour will originate at Preston Workshops at 2.30pm and will traverse the Bourke Street routes to commemorate the opening of these routes 20 years ago. It is hoped to use Z class tram No.1. The fare for Adults is \$2.50 and \$1.25 for Children and Pensioners.

For bookings and further details contact:-

Ken Craven - phone 85 3395 or John Prideaux - phone 48 4280  
STOP PRESS: We are looking for colour slides for postcard production of our trams operating in Wendouree Pde. See Bill Jessup for details.