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PO. Box 632, Ballarat. 3350.

NEWS OF THE BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting: Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society Limited will be held at 1.00pm at the tram depot, South Gardens Reserve, Ballarat on Sunday, 16th October, 1977.

Nominations are called for the following positions which become vacant on the Board of Management from that date.

President

Melbourne resident Vice President

Ballarat resident Vice President

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Ordinary Board Member (6 positions).

Any two members may nominate any other member to serve as an Office Bearer or Ordinary Board Member provided that no person who at the time of such nomination is an Unfinancial Member shall be entitled to be a candidate for election or a proposer or a seconder pursuant to the Articles of Association.

The nomination shall be sent in writing to the Secretary to reach him not later than 5.00pm on Friday, 30th September, 1977. Nominations may either be sent to the Society address (P.O. Box 632, Ballarat) or handed to him. The nomination shall be signed by the proposer and seconder and consented to in writing by the candidate and may be accompanied by a statement of not more than 500 words of the candidates policies and records of service and experience.

A member may be nominated at any one time as a candidate for more than one position on the Board provided that upon his election to any position on the Board a Member's nomination for any other position shall forthwith lapse.

August School Holidays: The tramway operated every day during the recent school holidays from Saturday 20th August to Sunday 4th September with good patronage on each day. An average of 80 people travelled on weekdays with slightly higher figures on weekends.

Sales: The Sales Department has been making a reasonable contribution to Society funds during the school holidays. Stocks of most current 'tramfan/railfan' literature is acquired for sale and Members are reminded that by purchasing their various publications from our Sales Dept. they are helping contribute towards Society funds.

The latest acquisition in stock is the Association of Railway Enthusiasts Calendar for 1978. This item contains 13 colour photographs measuring 8" x 10" all of Australian steam locomotives and sells for \$3.00 or \$3.60 by mail. Should you wish to purchase one by mail please forward a short note describing what you want accompanied by the correct amount to the Sales Officer at the Society address.

Courier Supplement: On request from the Central Highlands Regional Tourist Authority the Society submitted an article accompanied by photographs describing the tramway for publication in the tourist supplement in the 'Ballarat Courier'. The article featured prominently and the Society is pleased to receive such advertising. As most Members are aware our Society is a financial member of the Central Highlands Regional Tourist Authority and advertising of this sort is part of the benefit of being a member.

Should you wish to obtain a 'free' copy of this supplement please forward a short note to the Sales Officer describing what you want accompanied by a 20 cent stamp.

Tramcar Maintenance: The axle brasses are being fitted to No. 38 which will again make this unit mobile and allow the repaired traction motor to be replaced after which the tram will be available for service.

The 'Junior' section has been busy painting the floor on No. 14.

B.T.P.S. Co-operative Society: Members have responded generously to the call for new and additional shareholders in the B.T.P.S. Co-Operative Loan Society. As mentioned in our last newsheet the Co-Operative exists to provide the capital for the proposed depot extensions and as plans are now before the Ballarat City Council for extensions to the depot we are in the process of raising the capital and require more shareholders.

These are \$1.00 shares paid up to 10cents. By a contribution of \$10.00 you will in fact be buying 100 shares paid up to 10 cents. These 100 shares will enable us to obtain a bank loan of \$100.00 which in turn will enable us to obtain a Government grant of \$200.00 thus overall obtaining \$300.00 for the Society. The amount invested will be repaid over a period of 10 years without interest.

More shareholders are required and we ask that you give this offer your consideration.

The B.T.P.S. Treasurer will be pleased to provide the necessary forms.

R.C.T.A. Visit: A group of approximately 90 people from the Rail Coach and Touring Association is booked to have morning tea at Bungaree on Saturday, 15th October, 1977 whilst en route from Melbourne to Portland by bus. The Society has catered for this group, along with others, on previous occasions and it shows our service must be satisfactory to bring about these repeat visits. The Society is of course most pleased to cater for morning and afternoon teas and should you belong to a group that has regular outings of a similar nature we would be most pleased to quote our service to you.

R.E.S. Tour: The Railway Enthusiasts Society of New Zealand is proposing to visit Ballarat as part of their itinerary covering a visit to Victoria and South Australia. The proposed date is Wednesday 19th April 1978 and a letter has been sent by our Society saying we would be most pleased to provide trams for their visit along with an inspection of the tram depot culminating with a film night that evening before departure to Adelaide on the 'Overland'.

Our Society has been exchanging newsheets with the R.E.S. since our formation in 1971.

From a 'Launceston' passenger: Some Members have been aware of a dispute in Launceston, Tasmania involving a four wheeled tram from that system which has been completely rebuilt by its original manufacturers for public display in a street 'mall'. After plans had been drawn up to house the tram in a glass case, similar to the Melbourne Cable Tram, the City Council decided the tram may suffer vandal damage in the mall and consequently Council decided to go ahead with a suggestion to place it in a hotel as a 'feature' bar dispensing drinks. This brought about an uproar from many quarters and after much publicity to this fact it has been decided to place the tram in the Launceston museum.

Membership: The following new Member was admitted to the Society at the September Board meeting:-

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
486	T. Steadman	Heywood

Somemembers will find there new Membership cards enclosed. Our Membership Officer is still processing late returns and if you havent already received yours it will come shortly. We remind you that you must be a financial member to vote at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Wendouree Station: Three years ago the Victorian Railways agreed to have the Sunday morning train from Melbourne stop at Wendouree to allow persons travelling to the Gardens to have closer access than from Ballarat station. Unfortunately patronage has been virtually nil for some time and the railways are now considering removing this stop. We remind any person travelling by train that they are allowed to travel to Wendouree on a Sunday but they should inform the Guard at Ballarat so he can ensure the train stops. It is not necessary to ask for tickets to Wendouree as 'Ballarat' tickets are honoured to this destination.