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NEWS OF THE BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Depot Extensions: It is with the greatest pleasure that we can report to all members the Ballarat City Council has approved in full the proposed depot extensions. Under the co-ordination of Bill Kingsley, Society Engineer, a number of people have been busy for a long time in all areas planning and preparing a case for the much needed extensions and now we are most gratified that the Ballarat City Council has been able to accept our submission and give the necessary permission. This is not only a welcome goal for the Society but one that will ensure vital maintenance can be carried out on the trams and guarantee their continued operation for many years. A much improved display of archival material along with viewing space for tram maintenance will be among the other advantages of the extensions. All thanks once again to the Ballarat City Council.

A professional model of the extensions is on display at the tram depot for those who wish to view this.

Co-operative Society: Hot on the heels of the foregoing news is the reminder for new and additional Shareholders in the B.T.P.S. Co-operative Loan Society. Now that the extension has been approved we ask that you give consideration to making a loan. The Co-operative exists to provide the capital for the proposed depot extension by providing \$1.00 shares paid up to 10 cents. 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. A Co-operative form is enclosed.

Christmas and New Year Operation: The trams will run every day from Saturday 24th December 1977 to Sunday 5th February 1978 including Christmas Day. Normally the trams do not run Christmas Day but as the 'Lake Lodge' asked for Santa Claus to arrive by tram and one of our members is willing to work this day we will run a service. A two tram service, which should give some bogie tram running, will operate on 26th and 27th December and 1st, 2nd and then all following Sundays during January and February. On the other days a one tram service will be provided by a single truck tram.

T.M.S.V. Outing: The Tramway Museum Society of Victoria this year are conducting their annual 'Golden Sunset' tour in Ballarat. Approximately 30 visitors will arrive at Ballarat by bus and ride the tramway from 2pm to 4pm when they will be conveyed to Sebastopol to inspect our trams stored offsite. The bus will then depart for Bungaree where the visitors will partake of a barbeque tea provided by our catering section once again. In all we are looking forward to a very pleasant day.

Decorated tram: Tram No.14 has been decorated with tinsel and bunting kindly donated by David Macartney. During S.E.C. operation a tram was decorated each Christmas and David asked could this be done again, a request which was of course agreed to. The main aim of the exercise is to convey Santa Claus to the 'Lake Lodge Restaurant' on Christmas Day where a Christmas lunch is being served, however, it is expected Santa will make a couple of round trips after lunch handing out lollies to passengers. An impromptu run was held last Saturday (17th) when a Christmas picnic held by the 'Union Hotel' Social Club asked if their Santa could arrive by tram. The delight on the faces of the children was evident at the sight of the tinsel covered tram swaying along with Santa giving the familiar 'HO,HO,HO' from the front platform.

All thanks to David for his thought and donation.

Senior Appointments: Is how the 'public service gazette' might put it but the Board has appointed Paul Nicholson and Barry McCandlish as Publicity Officer. Barry has been looking after publicity in the Ballarat area since last year and after doing a very good job has again accepted this task. Paul handled publicity in the early days of the Society, before moving to Sydney, and has had quite a deal of experience in the business, formerly working in the news section of 3AW. Richard Gilbert, General Manager, will continue to co-ordinate the activities of the publicity section. Barry will look after all the Ballarat area and Paul will keep Melbourne and other general areas under his control.

New Members: The following new members were admitted to the Society at the recent Board meeting:)

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
487	I.Campbell	Highett	490	D.Drew	Bigby
488	R.Lamprell	Ringwood	491	G.Hanrahan	Wendouree
489	P.McDonald	Wendouree	492	I.Parslow	Blackburn South

We welcome the new members and invite them to take part in Society activities. Accomodation is provided at Bungaree for those do not reside in the Ballarat area.

R.E.S. Tour: The proposed tour to Australia by the Railway Enthusiasts Society of New Zealand in April 1978 has unfortunately been cancelled due to a lack of patronage. The group expressed the hope that the tour may run in 1979 and we look forward to this possibility eventuating.

Christmas Greetings: The Board of the Society wishes all members the very merriest Christmas and all the best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

The forthcoming year looks to be one of excitement and new experience and we ask all members to join with us in sharing and promoting the Society.

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