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NEWS OF THE BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting: This was held on Sunday 15th October under pleasant weather conditions outside the front of the tram depot. Approximately 30 members attended and listened to reports presented by the Chairman, Frank Hanrahan along with Noel Forster, Carolyn Dean, Richard Gilbert, Peter Winspur and Graeme Jordan. The meeting appointed Stuart Lodington as Returning Officer for the conduct of the election of candidates for the Board of Management and the following candidates were successful.

President	Frank Hanrahan
Ballarat Vice President	Len Doull
Melbourne Vice President	Bill Jessup
Secretary	Geoff Dean
Treasurer	Carolyn Dean
Ordinary Board Members	Richard Gilbert, Campbell Duncan Peter Winspur, Andrew Hall Graeme Jordan, Barry McCandlish

Since the election Graeme Jordan has resigned from the Board and Bill Kingsley has been appointed to fill that position.

New Members: The society extends a warm welcome to the following new Members:-

Number	Name	Location
501	D.J.G. Storey	West Parkville
502	B. Newman	Malvern
503	I.B. Wright	Blackburn
504	R.J. Morgan	Dandenong North
505	A.J. Rees	East Coburg
506	J. Harvey	Delacombe

We welcome new members and invite them to take part in society activities. The society offers overnight accomodation at Bungaree for those not resident in Ballarat.

Resumed members: We also extend a welcome back to the following members:-

Number	Name
10	G. Netherway
288	Mrs. N. Netherway
84	A. Harnwell
40	M. Martin

The society now has 240 members.

Holiday Running: The trams will run every day from Tuesday 26th December to Sunday 4th February. Members of our Traffic Branch should contact Gavin Young, the Roster Clerk if they have some spare time over this period to help with staffing the trams. The Monday to Friday period is when we are usually short of operating staff.

No.14 Transferred: The Australia Day Transport Cavalcade will be held in Melbourne again this year and the Government Committee asked our society if it would provide an operable four wheeled tram for inclusion in the activities. As a result No.14 was sent to Preston Workshops on Monday 11th December. The compressor needed some expert attention to improve its compressing performance and the tram was sent at this early stage to enable MMTB staff to rectify the problem and we are pleased to report repairs have been completed and the tram is fully trafficable.

New tram in the fleet: To overcome the shortage of trams at our Ballarat depot caused by the transfer of No.14 to Melbourne the Board decided that it would be wise to move No.33 from our Sebastopol storage area to our depot. We have found by experience that our period of intense seven day a week running takes its toll on the trams. The routine maintenance and servicing tasks occur more frequently and the trams tend

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to develop all sorts of common faults proportionate with the extra running. No.33 was moved to our depot the same day No.14 was moved and has run a test trip on the access line on 16th December. The tram will require extensive cleaning and some oiling and preparation, but otherwise it is fully operational and will provide us with another available tram along with satisfying the photographers with a new subject to capture.

Australia Day Operating Staff: The society has been invited to crew No.14 in Melbourne on the day of the festivities and we will need 3 drivers and about 6 conductors. As you can imagine there is a problem in selecting a small number of persons from all those 'who wish to have a go' and therefore applications are invited from Traffic Branch members to drive or conduct on No.14 on this day. Either telephone or forward written applications to Richard Gilbert by Monday 8th January. Telephone number during weeknight evenings is 90 3466 and written applications can be left at the tram depot.

Although the Traffic Manager will recommend the selected persons the Board of Management will make the final decision.

Depot Works: All the material for roof trusses and the cladding for both walls and roof has arrived at the depot and this should allow the contractor the whole of the Christmas period and January to complete the building to lock up stage. Warren Doubleday is spending his annual holidays with us again and will supervise the construction work and we thank him for his efforts in this regard.

Tree lopping: On Sunday 22nd October an unfortunate error of judgement was committed when Graeme Jordan cut down a tree on the proposed line of the access track to the new depot building. Although the tree would eventually have had to be removed this premature action was condemned by the Board who have at first priority the presentation and environment of the Gardens. The Botanic Gardens Supervisor, Mr. Tom Beaumont was advised and he discussed the matter with us and agreed that the removal of the tree was virtually imminent but was at this stage not approved by himself and he expressed concern over the action but thanked us for being completely honest and diligent enough to come forward and advise him of the situation. An enquiry into the matter was held by our Board to determine responsibility and Graeme Jordan has subsequently resigned from the Board expressing his apology for such an error of judgement.

No address: A copy of the seminar papers 'Tramways in Adelaide' presented at the University of Adelaide in June has been received by the society for a Mr. R.R. Watson who did not provide an address.

If Mr. Watson could contact Bill Kingsley on (03) 288 5273 we will deliver the papers to him.

Trolley Wire: The Treasurer would like to hear from anyone who is not receiving their 'Trolley Wire' magazine after subscribing for it. It's understood some people have not yet received the October issue.

Taxation: If anyone is having trouble with the Taxation Dept. regarding donations to the society being not accepted please contact the Treasurer.

Tramcar Maintenance: Andrew Hall has been appointed as Tramcar Maintenance representative to the Board. Bob Prentice is still the Chairman of the Tramcar Maintenance Committee.

An amount of work involving brake blocking, painting the truck frame and tightening of screws in the woodwork was completed on No.14 before it left for Melbourne.

No.33 is now receiving attention. It needs a full day with a vacuum cleaner as it has not run for 7 years and dust is everywhere. The tram has K36 controllers which is something new for both maintenance and operating staff.

No.38's armature still sits on the works trolley. Our electrical contractor intends to test the motor under 600 volt DC power before he recommences work on it.

No.28 still requires numbers and SEC motifs.

No.40 will be getting new axle brasses in January.

Driver training: On Sunday 17th December Carolyn Dean and Lindsay Rickard were qualified as society drivers on No.16 at Preston, although Carolyn has yet to undertake the written exam. Len Doull also underwent his first day of training. Peter Winspur represented the society and MMTB Driver Training Officer Bruce Davey conducted the exam.