

FARES PLEASE

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Box 632, P.O., 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 1.30pm at the Tram Depot, South Gardens Reserve, Ballarat on Sunday 14th October, 1979.

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, 21st September, 1979. Nominations may either be sent to the Society address (P.O. Box 632, Ballarat, 3350) 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.

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

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| 514 | S. Butler | Alfredton |
| 515 | G. Constantine | East Hawthorn |
| 516 | Mrs. L. Carson | Brunswick |

Stephen Butler has been a member of our Junior Section for some time and has now joined the Full Membership.

We invite our New Members to take part in Society activities. The Society offers overnight accomodation at Bungaree for those not resident in Ballarat, just ask at the Tram Depot for details.

A Membership Card is enclosed for those who have renewed their Membership with us for the current year, however, if you have overlooked renewing, a reminder slip is enclosed. The Society values your membership and asks that you consider renewing should you not have already done so.

Entertainment Meeting: At last, an Entertainment Meeting will be held on Monday 10th September at the Victorian Railways Institute, Flinders Street Station commencing at 8.00pm. The meeting will be held in Room 333 which is on the third floor, two rooms short of the Ballroom.

The entrance to the V.R.I. is in Flinders Street virtually opposite Degraeves Street. After some general business and presentation of slides on current works at Ballarat a talk will be given by Bill Kingsley entitled 'Light Rail - A challenge to Australia'. This talk has been given to a number of professional business meetings by Bill and he is keen to present it to us. He has researched his slide files to turn up 100 slides of light rail projects in Australia and Overseas.

Depot Works: We have been heartened to see a recommencement of work on the depot construction, this time, by our new contractor. By 30th August all the steel beams for the roof had been placed in position and timber for affixing the cladding has been placed along the rear of the new building.

The tender for affixing the cladding has been awarded to our current builder, Mr. Beel of Beaufort, and he expects to have the complete contract finished in not too many weeks.

Trackwork: The new trackwork at our depot extension is taking shape. The point castings and rails for the junction from our access track have been placed at the site. The rails have been sorted with thanks to Geoff Cargeeg, who provided his tow truck and lifting gear for the task. Drains along the track fan are being dug by members led by Dave MacArtney and the pipe for these has been delivered.

In the new depot the earth under No.8 and No.6 roads has to be dug out by about 4 inches to allow the correct amount of crushed rock to be laid after which the track will be laid and arrangements can be made to place trams inside the shed. We wish to move our trams from offsite storage as soon as possible to avoid paying Society funds away in the form of rent.

Each member will have received a questionnaire from our Engineering Branch enquiring if they have particular skills or equipment we could use or if they would simply like to attend on special works days. Please give this your consideration and if you haven't got a questionnaire and you feel you can assist, telephone Bill Kingsley during the evenings on 288 5273 after 10th September.

Safety Boots: Now that work on track construction is virtually underway we remind members that we are dealing with rail which must be treated with caution. Tramway and railway rail can easily tip over, roll down a stack or be dropped when a gang is working with it and it can be a lethal weapon. We ask that you wear sturdy footwear, safety boots or shoes if possible while working on the track construction.

Adelaide Tour: The Society is considering organising a group tour to Adelaide over the weekend of 15th & 16th December 1979 to view the celebrations planned for the 50th Anniversary of the electrification of the Glenelg tram line. A number of AETM trams plus some from SPER and the Paramatta Park Steam Tramway will operate on the Glenelg line during this period. This proposal promises to be better, if possible, than the events of June 1978 when a number of us witnessed a similar event in Adelaide. Costs have not been finalised but should be around \$80 for train travel, accomodation and some meals. If you are interested in travelling in our group please let Richard Gilbert know by telephone (90 3466) or write to him at the Society address. An early response will enable us to gauge whether arrangements for travel should be made.

Recent Charters: Four trams were run on Sunday 19th August to cater for 250 passengers who travelled to Ballarat on a steam train organised by the Australian Railway Historical Society. Three trams ran a service along Wendouree Parade whilst the fourth ran a service between the Gardens Loop and the Tram Depot/Museum. The Sales Department had a busy time, the most popular items being our enamelled locomotive lapel badges. Thanks is conveyed to all our members for their usual good efforts in assisting on this day. The extra patronage over this winter period is most welcome as is the boost to Sales Revenue.

Charters have recently been operated for the Mount Gambier Primary School and the Glenelg District School. On September 15th a group from the Association of Railway Enthusiasts will be riding our trams.

Lapel Badges: The lapel badges produced by the society featuring Victorian Railways 'B', 'S' and 'C' class locomotives have proved to be an excellent sales item. All stocks are virtually exhausted and the 'B' class is currently being re-ordered for the third time. These should arrive in the next few weeks. Originally suggested to the society by Stuart Lodington as a follow up to the tramcar badge we can report a successful sales campaign. If you would like to order a badge through the mail forward \$2.20 to the society stating which type of badge you would like. Types available are: Tram No.27, locomotives of 'B', 'S', 'C' class.

Sign: The much seen but badly flaking society sign which hangs above our depot was taken down last month for a much needed patching job. It has been too awkward and dangerous to paint the sign in situ and a much better job can be done at ground level. The sign should be back in place shortly.

Trolley Wire Magazine: The April edition of this magazine has been mailed to subscribers and the June edition has not yet been released. Carolyn Dean, Society Membership Officer, asks that you don't telephoas her to complain at this stage. We will advise in the next issue of this newsheet on how matters stand.

Next 'Fares Please' issued in September.