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NEWS OF THE BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 1.30pm at the Tram Depot, South Gardens Reserve, Botanic Gardens, Ballarat on Sunday, 14th October, 1979.

The following nominations have been received by the Secretary:

Position	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Frank Hanrahan	Richard Gilbert	Geoff Dean
Ballarat Vice-President	Len Doull	Geoff Dean	Frank Hanrahan
Melbourne Vice-President	Bill Jessup	Geoff Dean	Frank Hanrahan
Secretary	Geoff Dean	Ian Wright	Tom Murray
Treasurer	Carolyn Dean	Bill Scott	John Chadwick
Ordinary Board Members (six positions)	Campbell Duncan	Richard Gilbert	Len Doull
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	Andrew Hall	Bob Prentice	Paul McDonald
	Geoff Hanrahan	Geoff Dean	Graeme Cleak
	Graham Jordan	John Chadwick	Bill Scott
	Bill Kingsley	Peter Winspur	Stephen Butler
	Barry McCandlish	Dave Macartney	Geoff Hanrahan
	Peter Winspur	Chris Jacobson	Carolyn Dean

As the number of nominations for the executive positions does not exceed the number of vacancies, the persons nominated for President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer are therefore declared elected. As the number of nominations for the positions of Ordinary Board Member exceed the number to be elected a ballot will be held. Each member is entitled to vote at the meeting in person or by proxy. Members may vote for up to six of the candidates for the six vacant positions of Ordinary Board Member. You are not obliged to vote for six candidates, but any number up to six. A Proxy Form is enclosed with this mailout for your convenience. Should you desire to vote by Proxy the form must be either handed to the Secretary or mailed to PO Box 632 Ballarat 3350 to reach either place at least forty eight hours before the time for holding the Annual General Meeting. Proxy envelopes should be marked 'Proxy Form'

The AGM this year will again be held at the Tram Depot and it is suggested that this could be made a "picnic day" for members and their families and friends. Electric barbeques are available in the Gardens between the Depot and the Lake. After the AGM we invite you to afternoon tea and a pictorial look at our achievements over the past year.

Membership: We welcome the following new member to our society,

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
517	Mr. J. Corrin	Hawthorn

We welcome our new members and invite them to take part in Society activities. Should you not have renewed your Membership with us, we ask that you give this your careful consideration. The Society values your Membership. To be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting you must be a financial member and Carolyn Dean, Membership Officer, will be pleased to collect renewals at the meeting.

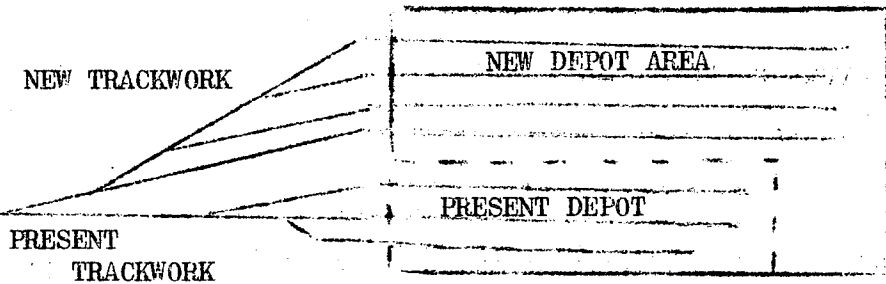
For those who have not renewed, this will be your final mailout.

'B' class badges: A new shipment of our popular sales item, the Victorian Railways 'B' Class locomotive badge has arrived this week from England, and they are available at \$2.00 each from our usual outlets.

Trolley Wire: The June issue of Trolley Wire magazine has been released and subscribers should now have received this by mail.

Depot Works: The building framework for the new depot is now complete and roofing has been placed on the back extension of the present depot extending to building line of the new depot building. The fixing of the roof and wall cladding on the new building is expected to commence shortly. A sketch of the new depot area is overleaf.

PLAN OF DEPOT EXTENSIONS



Wedding Tram: The Society was very pleased to provide bogie tram No.40 for a wedding charter on Saturday 8th September. The happy couple were married in the tram whilst it was parked near the Gardens Loop. The tram looked fine with its white lace and bunting, provided by Dave Macartney, and after the ceremony a return trip along the length of the tramway was run with the wedding guests aboard. Stuart Lodington had the pleasure of driving the tram and kissing the bride. X X X X X

Trackwork: Excavation work around the area where the first set of points for the new depot area departs from the present depot trackage has taken place. Rails for this pointwork have been prepared and all is ready to proceed with this task which will probably be tackled on Saturday 20th October. Members interested in assisting on this important work task should contact the Engineering Manager shortly before this date to make sure the work will go ahead as planned.

Adelaide Tour: Enquiries have been received from a number of members indicating they would like to travel to Adelaide on 15th and 16th December to attend the celebrations planned for the 50th anniversary of the Glenelg tramway. We will advise further on details as they become available. Any member who wishes to travel and has not indicated interest, please advise the General Manager of your intention so that up to date numbers travelling can be maintained.

Entertainment Meeting: The meeting held at the V.R.I. Melbourne on Monday 10th September was a success with about 20 members present. Bill Kingsley showed his slides of Australian and overseas light rail systems which was well received. Another meeting will be held in the next few months and will be advertised in this newsheet.

Members leaving us: Three members of our Traffic staff are leaving us this month. Clyde Croft, Driver/Conductor, is moving to England for a couple of years and Noel Forster, Driver/Conductor, and his wife Melanie, Conductress, are moving permanently to Perth, Western Australia.

Clyde was a Board Member from 1972 to 1976 and held the positions of Secretary, Overhead Superintendent and Driver Training Officer for part of this time. He was our first Driver Training Officer and was instrumental in arranging our Driver Training scheme with the Melb. Tramways Board.

Noel was a Board Member from 1975 to December 1976 during which time he held the position of Treasurer and Board Member again from 1977 to 1978 during which time he held the position of Secretary.

We thank all three Members for their active participation in the Society and look forward to their continued membership with us.

Melbourne Transport Pageant: The Society has received a letter from the Premiers Department asking for our attendance at the proposed Australia Day Transport Pageant to be held in Melbourne. The society Board has agreed to attend and at this stage proposes to use maxim traction tram No.40.

Overhead: Two poles supporting overhead wiring in the depot area have been relocated to allow for proposed new trackwork. Peter Winspur has been adjusting span wires in conjunction with these works. As the amount of overhead wiring to be erected and altered is considerable, arrangements are in hand to acquire a substantial tower and platform to assist in this work. A couple of fairly definite proposals are in hand ranging from horse drawn to motor operated units.