

FARES PLEASE

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Your Board joins in wishing all members
a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year

NEWS OF THE BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Box 632, P.O., Ballarat, Victoria, 3350

November/December, 1979

Annual General Meeting: This was held on Sunday, 14th October, 1979 at the tram depot. Approximately 40 members attended and listened to reports presented by the Chairman, Frank Hanrahan along with Carolyn Dean, Richard Gilbert, Bill Kingsley, Graeme Jordan and Peter Winspur.

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
	Geoff Hanrahan	Barry McCandlish

The Board has since appointed the following people to the various positions of management:-

Traffic Manager and General Manager	- Richard Gilbert
Overhead Superintendent	- Peter Winspur
Legal Officer-	- Campbell Duncan
Tramcar Maintenance Representative	- Andrew Hall
Publicity (Ballarat region)	- Barry McCandlish
Publicity (Melbourne region)	- Paul Nicholson
Sales Manager	- Bill Jessup
Engineering Manager	- Len Doull

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

<u>number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
518	G. Uffill	Mount Waverley
519	E. Carew	Caulfield North

We welcome New Members and invite them to take part in society activities. The society offers overnight accommodation at Bungaree for those not resident in Ballarat.

Holiday Running: The trams will run every day from Saturday 22nd December to Sunday 3rd February 1980 inclusive except Christmas Day. 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.

Depot Works: It is with the greatest pleasure we can announce the depot extension is at the lock up stage. The rear wall of the original depot at the end of number 3 road has been removed revealing the full size of our now joined buildings. The trackwork will be laid in the new building as soon as possible to allow all the trams at Sebastopol to be transferred.

The points from the access line across the park leading to our new depot area were laid on 27th and 28th October and after some adjustment and packing have been working satisfactorily. The big work party required for such a task resulted from an organised team effort led by Bill Kingsley. We thank Mr. Ted Gillian for his fine effort of welding the trackwork and all the other society volunteers who worked well over this weekend and the intervening weekends in laying the pointwork in position and packing ballast around it.

Whilst this work went ahead the tram service ran in the Gardens without interruption through the good planning by Peter Winspur and Frank Hanrahan.

Tram Movements: With the impending Australia Day Transport Cavalcade being run again in Melbourne, similar to the last two years, the society has been asked to provide a tram once again. The Society Board decided to send tram No.40 and this was moved to Preston Workshops on Thursday 29th November to enable the MMTB workshops staff time to prepare the tram before the Christmas holidays. To make good use of the equipment hired it was decided to move what trams we could from Sebastopol, where our surplus trams are being stored until the depot extensions are completed, to our depot and single truck trams No.14 and 11 were placed on the newly extended No.3 road. No.14 had not run since being in Melbourne during the Transport Cavalcade last Australia Day and after servicing and inspection was placed in service on Sunday 2nd December. Number 11 has no motors and will have bodywork restoration commenced virtually immediately. This tram was acquired from the Daylesford Historical Society some two years ago for eventual operation on our tramway.

The former Melbourne trams, W3 661 and W4 671 will be moved to our depot as soon as the trackwork is laid.

Number 40 - This tram has been inspected by the MMTB Workshops Staff at Preston and a fair amount of work will be required. The electrical wiring is not up to MMTB standard and a lot will be replaced as well as a fair amount of work being done on the bogies. The steel tyres on the wheels are badly worn and cannot be trimmed up on the wheel lathe therefore we are required to transfer our spare wheels to Preston where they will be machined and placed under No.40.

Press Cuttings:- For some time now the Society has been subscribing to a 'Press Cuttings' agency which sends us cuttings relating to tramway activities around Australia. The coverage is quite good but only those people working around the depot manage to see them and the Board has suggested that a lot of newsworthy information is not being passed on to the Members and the full potential of this service is not being gained. We have arranged the reprinting of some of the more interesting recently received articles on the enclosed page and we intend to make this a regular feature.

The articles came from the following papers:

- 'Cossack Line' - West Australian, Perth 16th Oct.
- 'Trams \$35m loss' - Sun, Melbourne 14th Nov.
- 'Penny Royal Tram' - Examiner, Launceston 11th Oct.
- 'Electric Buses' - Age, Melbourne 14th Nov.
- 'Leonora Tram' - West Australian, Perth 16th Oct.
- '12000 patrons to Don River' - Advocate, Burnie 29th Sep.
- 'Bendigo Christmas Trams' - Bendigo Advertiser 10th Nov.
- 'Questions in Parliament' - Victorian Hansard 31st Oct.
- 'Jubilee of Glenelg Trams' - News, Adelaide 13th Sep.
- 'Tram Blow' - Diamond Valley News, Greensborough edition 23rd Oct.
- 'Transport Grants' - Mirror, Doncaster, Vic.

Adelaide Tour: Only four members are travelling to Adelaide on our group booking for the Jubilee of the Glenelg Tramway on 15th and 16th December. A number of others are travelling individually.

The trams from Sydney will not be at the celebrations but the W2,F., H1 and tram No.1 from the A.E.T.M. museum plus repainted H class trams will be present. A Transport Procession will be held in Jetty Road, Glenelg on Sunday 16th December at 2.30pm.

Any enquiries about the society group booking should be referred to Richard Gilbert on 03 90 3466.

MELBOURNE PAGEANT: The society has been invited to crew No.40 in Melbourne on Australia Day. We will need Drivers, Conductors, Sales People, Revenue Security staff and assistants.

As you can imagine there is a problem in selecting a number of people to drive and conduct the tram from the obvious large number of applicants expected. Applications are therefore invited from Traffic Branch members to drive and conduct on No.40 on this day. Either telephone or forward written applications to Richard Gilbert (phone 90 3466 evenings or mail to Society address) by Monday, 7th January, 1980. Although the Traffic Manager will recommend the selected persons the Board of Management will make the final decision. Offers of help for the other positions mentioned above will gratefully accepted.

Badges: The society has received a supply of lapel badges featuring Melbourne's famous $\frac{1}{2}$ cab buses. Forward \$2 for each badge plus 25c postage to our address.