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Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 1980

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 12th October, 1980.

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, 19th September, 1980. 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:-

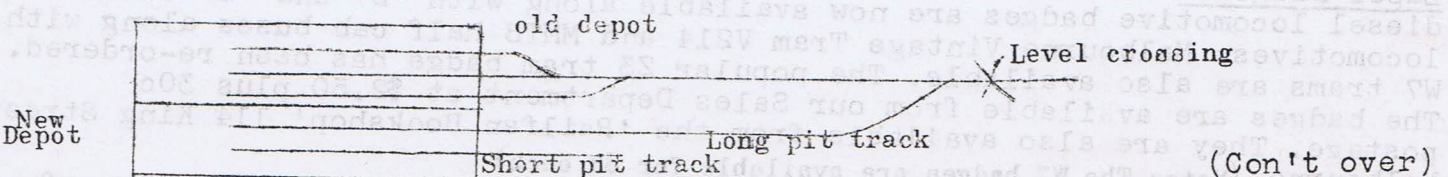
<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
530	D. Doyle	Glen Iris
531	J. Venning	Bendigo

We invite our new members to take part in Society activities. The Society offers overnight accommodation at Bungaree for those not resident in Ballarat. Just ask at the Tram Depot for details.

Those people who have renewed their membership will have a Membership Card forwarded in the next mailout. If you have overlooked renewing, a reminder is enclosed. The Society values your membership and asks that you consider renewing should you not already have done so.

Depot Works:- Our Contractor, Mr. Beel, is welding brackets to our roof structure in the new depot building for overhead wiring to be placed in position. The trackwork is virtually connected from our park access line to the 'long pit' track in the new building. (Diagram below) Our Queens Birthday special works effort was somewhat washed out but an appreciable amount of trackwork was completed. Thanks to new society members Laurie Boyle and Chris Wurr of Ararat who helped us over this weekend along with our regular volunteers.

Society President, Frank Hanrahan, has installed an electric pump to rid our pits of continual water seepage. The pump has a float level control so that water does not exceed a pre determined level. The level crossing at the entrance to our depot should be re-opened in the next couple of weeks and will allow the local school children an easier access across the park.



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75 years celebrations: On 18th August 1980 it will be 75 years since electric trams commenced operating in Ballarat and the society plans to publicise this event. On the 14th August, subject to final confirmation, Society General Manager, Richard Gilbert, will be interviewed on the popular Channel 6 program 'Six Tonight'. A detailed article on the occasion has been written by David Macartney and has been printed in the Ballarat Courier 'tourist news'. It is also intended to place a photo display in a local bank in Ballarat during this period but final details are still being arranged. If you wish to find out details on the location of this display telephone the tram depot on operating days (phone 34 1580)

Historical Park Association:- General Manager, Richard Gilbert and Treasurer Carolyn Dean were honoured to represent the society at the annual 'Presidents Dinner' of the Ballarat Historical Park Association held at Sovereign Hill recently. Carolyn and Richard sat at a table with Ballarat City Town Clerk, Mr. Ian Smith and his wife and with Assistant Manager of Sovereign Hill, Mr. Brian Nunn and his wife. An extremely convivial night was had by all. Councillor Jessie Scott and Victour Representative, Ruth Rice dropped over during the evening to say hello.

The main event of the evening was to farewell Mr. Desmond Kennard, the Manager of Sovereign Hill who has taken a position with the NSW Public Service. Mr. Kennard was always keen to assist our society where he could and was instrumental, for instance, in suggesting we advertise our society on the back of the tram tickets. He always came to our Annual General Meetings and on at least one occasion we had a conference with him at Sovereign Hill on ways of promoting our society. Mr. Kennard assisted us and we wish him well in his new career.

Tower Unit:- In addition to purchasing a Tower Truck from the MMTB to allow us to complete overhead wiring works more competently, the society recently purchased a surplus 'A' frame tower from the MMTB. This unit is one of two used on open ballasted track but now replaced by road vehicles. The 'A' frame can be lifted by a few strong persons or rolled along the tramway on its small wheels (temporarily lost by the MMTB). The unit is in poor repair but with some concerted work it will greatly assist the crew on the 'Tower Truck'. Geoff Dean did the transferring from Preston to Ballarat and the General Managers piano formed back loading from the society house at Bungaree to Mentone. In all good utilisation of our hired truck.

New Zealanders' visit:- The society was visited on a weekday recently by some New Zealand visitors returning from the Council of Tramway Museums of Australasia Conference held in Brisbane. Unfortunately the visitors arrived in the middle of one of our blackest power strikes and could only look around the depot. Thanks to Dave Macartney who opened the depot and welcomed our guests.

C.O.T.M.A. Conference: The conference of Tramway Museums of Australasia in Brisbane over the Queens Birthday weekend and Andrew Hall and Graeme Jordan represented our society. The full report of the conference will be issued by the Brisbane Tramway Museum Society at a later date and will be available, at our depot, for members to read. On the same weekend electric tram operation at the Brisbane museum was inaugurated and we wish the Brisbane Tramway Museum Society well in their new era of electric operation.

Recent Charters:- Three charters were run for the following groups -

Monday 7th July Monash High School 40 students

Saturday 19th July Rail Travel Association 13 passengers

Wednesday 30th July Livingstone Primary School (near Wagga) 30 students

The visitors also inspected our Museum Display and Depot.

We intend to operate on certain weekdays during the third school term and of course we will be operating every day over the school holidays from Saturday 23rd August to Sunday 7th September inclusive.

Lapel Badges: Further stocks of the popular Victorian Railways ('C' class diesel locomotive badges are now available along with 'B' and 'S' class locomotives. Melbourne Vintage Tram V214 and MMTB half cab buses along with W7 trams are also available. The popular Z3 tram badge has been re-ordered. The badges are available from our Sales Department at \$2.50 plus 30c postage. They are also available from the 'Railfan Bookshop' 114 King Street Melbourne. (Note: The W7 badges are available for \$3 each)

Entertainment Meetings:- We still have nothing arranged. A combination of no venue and we are all very busy etc. We hope to arrange something by the next mailout.