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News of the

Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society
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ENTERTAINMENT MEETING: A society Entertainment Meeting will be held at 8pm in the Uniting Church Hall, Denbigh Road, Armadale on Friday 5th December. The hall is near Armadale Station or tram stop 36 in High Street or tram stop 36 in Dandenong Road. An excellent nights entertainment has been arranged. Ian Hanson, a tram driver, has kindly offered to show some rare 16mm films of Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Ballarat trams along with some railway films.

The films to be shown include - New South Wales, Melbourne and Brisbane trams in 1926; "Shot Through Like a Bondi" - Sydney trams; Hobart, Ballarat and Bendigo trams; "The Elephant Will Never Forget" - London.

This promises to be a great night of professional film shown on professional equipment and our Sales Department will be in attendance with the latest lapel badges and books - Come along - We'd love to see you.

After such a promotion because this really is a fine program we intend to have a

BALLARAT ENTERTAINMENT MEETING on Saturday 6th December at 8pm in the Tram Depot.

The same program will be screened and all Ballarat members, and those who cannot come on Friday night, are urged to attend - supper will be provided at the Ballarat meeting.

Annual General Meeting: This was held on Sunday, 12th October, 1980 at the tram depot. As the number of nominations equalled the number of positions vacant there was no election.

The Board of Management consists of -

President	Frank Hanrahan
Ballarat Vice President	Len Doull
Melbourne Vice President	Bill Jessup
Secretary	Richard Gilbert
Treasurer	Carolyn Dean
Ordinary Board Members	Geoff Hanrahan, Andrew Hall, Geoff Dean, Campbell Duncan, Peter Winspur Paul McDonald.

President, Frank Hanrahan, welcomed all those present at the meeting and reported on the activities of the previous year. Reports were then given by the representatives of the various branches. The motion from the Notice given the previous year "that the section in the Memorandum and Articles of Association relating to benefactors be deleted" was put before the body of the meeting and carried. After the close of the business proceedings the members were invited to ride the W3 and W4 trams on their inaugural run in Wendouree Parade.

The trams ran very smoothly and were given much favourable comment by our members. On conclusion of the tram ride some archival 16mm film of the Ballarat Tramways in the early 1960's photographed by Bob Prentice was shown along with afternoon tea being served at the depot.

The day was a pleasant and rewarding one. The only incident that took the final shine off the day was when tram 38 derailed whilst being placed in the new shed, but our tireless workers diligently worked to get things back in order.

W3 & W4 trams: These are not yet fully available for traffic. W3 661 needs work on the air compressor and associated brake gear to be completed before it is available and W4 671 lacks bell cord and some final touches. Peter Winspur is arranging to train our Drivers in the operation of this tram over the next few weeks after which it will be available for ordinary traffic.

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Our tram maintenance crew has worked hard on making these trams available for traffic and the team express thanks to Mr. Tom Carter of the Brisbane Tramway Museum Society for donation of a book on Westinghouse Slack Adjusters and to Mr. J. Dowell for practical advice on brake adjustments to these trams.

Depot Works: Our Contractor, Mr. Beel of Beaufort, has completed his contract at our depot and the society now has full occupancy of the building. At the recent Board Meeting the next steps in completing our project were discussed, and the main thrust of effort is intended to be for installation of water and sewerage connections and amenities for members. Trackwork is still being completed.

The long pit track is fully in place from our park access line to the rear of the new building and now only awaits bolting up with fish plates and welding at some other joints. After this it will be lifted and packed with ballast and the short pit track will then be laid. Peter Winspur has prepared the span wires for the new track area and he intends erecting all these in the new year.

Our Engineering Branch has been heartened by the fact that former Society Engineer Warren Doubleday has moved back to Victoria from the Northern Territory. Warren now lives in Portland and hopes to spend more time with us.

Catering: The Rail Travel Association operated a special train to Bolangum on the weekend of 21st and 22nd November and partook of a leisurely supper at our members house at Bungaree on the Friday night. Whilst the train was remarshalled, and other mainline traffic ran past, the society provided a sizeable amount of hot food, sandwiches, cake, savouries, tea and coffee to the 50 passengers. The funds earned at this venture assist in paying fixed costs associated with the operation of the house. Thanks to Gavin Young, Stephen Butler, Richard Gilbert and Andrew Hall for preparing and serving all the food.

Membership Cards: Some Members are concerned that their membership renewal may have gone astray or lapsed as they have not yet got a Membership Card. In fact these cards have not yet been printed, therefore, if you have renewed your Membership you will still be on our books and the cards should be printed in the not too distant future. The Board thanks all those people you have renewed their Membership as this is vital for the continuation of our society. If you know you have overlooked renewing, please give this your consideration as we value your membership.

Sales Department: We have been busy producing new releases of lapel badges: Available now for \$2.50 are Victorian Railways Silver Trains (tie clip or lapel badge), V.R. 'Y' class diesel loco, V.R. 'R' class steam loco.

By Christmas we expect to have the following lapel badges for sale:-
Commonwealth Railways 'GM' diesel locomotive
Victorian Railways Diesel Electric Rail Motor
Melb. and Metro Tramways Board Z3 class tram.

These three badges will most likely cost \$3.00 each
Badges can be purchased at the Tram Depot or at the forthcoming Entertainment Meetings or by mail to the Society address. For mail orders please add 30c postage for up to 5.

A new postcard will be released by Christmas.

MELBOURNE PAGEANT: The society has been invited to participate in this popular yearly event in Melbourne on Australia Day 1981. Tram No. 27 will be sent from Ballarat and our members will crew it on its day of running from the Hilton Hotel (Simpson St. shunt) along Flinders and Spencer Streets to the 'Age' building. We will need Drivers, Conductors, Sales People.

As you can imagine there is a problem in selecting a number of people from the obvious large number of applicants. Therefore, applications are invited from Traffic Branch members for a position on this day. Forward written Applications to Peter Winspur at the society address by Monday 5th January 1981.

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

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