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NEWS OF THE BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Australia Day Pageant: The 1982 Transport Pageant will be held on Monday, 1st February, 1982. The cavalcade of trams will operate from Market Street, along Flinders Street and Wellington Parade to the Simpson Street shunt. Ballarat tram No. 27 has been sent to Preston Workshops to be inspected prior to operating on the Pageant day. The Bendigo Trust have supplied their California Combination tram No. 19 and the MMTB will operate trams L 104 and V 214.

Our Society will be manning a Sales Tent in Lansdowne Street, as has been the case for the last few pageants. There will be many activities in the area on the day and a procession of old vehicles such as buses, fire trucks and vintage cars will proceed along Flinders Street to the Fitzroy Gardens. We urge all members to come along on this day. If you want to give us a helping hand we can always use someone at the Sales Tent, just call in there and offer your time. Tram No. 27 will be returned to Ballarat on Wednesday 3rd February.

No. 39: We intend to transfer No. 39, a Maxim Traction tram, to our depot from its current storage at Ballarat East on 3rd February, utilising the crane and truck that will handle No. 27. A temporary track has, and still is being laid into the depot, on which No. 39 will be placed. Again, any willing workers are welcome at the depot this Saturday and Sunday (30th & 31st) to complete the tracklaying.

No. 39 is being returned for 2 main reasons; The owners of the storage site have indicated they would prefer us to now remove it and we feel the bogies from this tram can be placed under No. 40 allowing it to return to service. We will then be able to remove the bogies from No. 40 and hopefully determine what is preventing it rounding curves successfully.

We are negotiating with the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board to purchase two No. 1, without motors and brake gear and No. 39 will be placed on these. These will also be useful as workshop transfer bogies when required to support other tramcar bodies at our depot.

"Destination City": This book gives details of all trams in the Melbourne Fleet and has just been re-written and printed. It is a fine collectors item and reference book and has a good quality colour front cover. It is available from our Sales Department for \$6.00 plus \$1.40 postage. Should you wish to purchase a copy they can be bought from the tram depot or at the Sales Tent in the Melbourne Pageant.. They can be ordered by mail by writing to the society address enclosing a cheque for \$7.40.

The Begonia Festival: This event will be held from Friday 26th February to Monday 8th March 1982. The Board has not yet decided if the trams will run on weekdays as patronage has been minimal in the past. The tram service will need to be supplemented above the ordinary service at weekends. On Sunday 7th and Monday 8th March the usual intensive service will be provided.

Adelaide Tour: The Australian Electric Transport Museum will be celebrating their Silver Jubilee at the St. Kilda Museum on Saturday 20th March and a joint tour is being planned with the Association of Railway Enthusiasts. Details of the planned tour have not yet been worked out and the next members mailout will be out too late, therefore, we suggest you watch the mailout from the A.R.E. for details, or if you are not a member of that group, contact Richard Gilbert at the Society address and details will be forwarded to you as they are arranged.

The plan will most likely allow for travel on the 'Overland' from Melbourne on the Friday evening returning from Adelaide on the Sunday evening. The Saturday would be spent at the Museum and an outing to some other venue will be arranged on the Sunday. Accommodation will be arranged in Adelaide for the Saturday evening and a mini-bus will be hired for the weekend.

Depot interior: The terra cotta tile filling is being spread between the tracks in the depot extension and is being covered with quarry fines. It is pleasing to see the stockpile of broken terra cotta pipe at the rear of the shed being reduced as a result of this work. Some wall panelling has been installed and the ceiling is being placed on the new changing room.

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A large amount of construction material and spare tramcar equipment has had to be moved to make room for No.39.

Tramcar Maintenance: No.33 is still on jacks as the bearings that allow the motors to rest on the axles are about to be placed in position. The task of having the bearings whitemetalled to fit the axle diameter proved to be an exacting and time consuming one (it consumed a lot of money too).

It is hoped to have the tram back together shortly. As regular readers will know tram No.40 is very sluggish to operate and it will not proceed around curves. This is a result of the bogies having new tyres which has thrown them off their old pitch of balance along with a few other things. Now that No.39 is to be transferred to our depot it has been decided to place 39's bogies under No.40 and we could then get this tram running much quicker. As mentioned earlier No.39 will be placed on two No.1 bogies purchased from the MMTB.

Charters: We had six charters during December and some of these were: City Oval Hotel Social Club, Ballarat Courier Social Club, Amcast Social Club and Coghills Creek Primary School. There were four charters during November.

Badge Sales: The Sales Department has made a scoop on the sale of our enamelled badges. The Commonwealth Engineering Corporation has ordered 1,000 lapel badges and 1,000 tie-bar badges of the 'Comeng' suburban train. This order was placed through the 'Railfan Shop' and the profit will be split between the Society and the Association of Railway Enthusiasts. A reminder to members that our badges and souvenir books are available at the Railfan Shop, 632 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

New Members: We extend a warm welcome to the following new Members.

Number	Name	Location	Number	Name	Location
539	R.Scholten	Glen Iris	548	G.Hawkins	Nth. Coburg
540	M.Harper	Templestowe	549	N.Beatty	Moonee Ponds
541	L.Bricknell	Prahran	550	R.Campbell	Sth. Melb.
542	S.Miles	Thornbury	551	R.Hellwig	Dandenong
543	D.Featherstone	East Prahran	552	D.Hellwig	Dandenong
544	M.Campbell	South Melbourne	553	M.Stanley	Glenhuntly
545	G.Wood	Wendouree	554	A.May	Sth Melb.
546	C.Rosewarne	Sunshine			
547	G.Torney	Airport West			

We welcome back the following resumed members;

418	T.Borchiers	Bendigo
383	P.Allen	Ballarat

We invite our new members to take part in Society activities should they wish to do so.

Traffic Staff: Members are most welcome to join in the task of operating our trams. The usual conditions that apply to become a Conductor and Driver are printed below as a lot of our new members may not be aware of them.

Conductors: New members can become a Conductor on joining the Society. A uniform has to be worn and the society supplies the shirt and jacket. The society will order the trousers from the supplier and these take about 3 weeks to supply. The cost of the shirt and the jacket is approx. \$20. The jacket is society property and is loaned to the Member. Training in Conductors duties takes one day. The minimum age for Conductors is 16 years but younger members may perform the same duties assisting the Driver on a one man tram. Conductresses can have a skirt made from society material.

Drivers: The MMTB supervise our Driver Training and we must follow certain guidelines for safe and legal operation of the trams. Drivers must be the current MMTB minimum driving age (currently 21) and have a motor car or motor cycle drivers licence. Classes of 3 at a time are held and the total time for training takes 8 full days which when spread over our operating days and allowing for other volunteers to have their time at driving it can take from 3 to 5 months.

A Traffic Roster is issued monthly and most people choose to work at least one day a month. Drivers must drive at least once every three months to retain their qualification.

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Note:MMTB Drivers have an amended course to that detailed above.