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News of the

Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society
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Annual General Meeting: A reminder that the ninth Annual General Meeting of the Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society Limited will be held at the Tram Depot at 1.30pm on Sunday, 10th October, 1982.

We urge as many members as possible to come along, bring your friends and families and enjoy a day in the picturesque Botanic Gardens.

Board of Management: The following Members have nominated for the vacant positions on the Board.

	Candidate	Proposer	Seconder
President	F. Hanrahan	P. McDonald	S. Butler
Ballarat Vice President	L. Doull	A. Mitchell	P. McDonald
Melbourne Vice President	A. Hall P. Winspur	G. Dean S. Butler	G. Jordan D. Macartney
Treasurer	C. Dean	R. Prentice	D. Soden
Secretary	R. Gilbert	L. Doull	F. Hanrahan
Ordinary Board Member (6 positions)	A. Bradley S. Butler C. Duncan A. Hall G. Jordan P. McDonald A. Mitchell A. Smith	A. Mitchell L. Doull F. Hanrahan G. Dean C. Withington R. Gilbert L. Doull C. Withington	S. Butler P. McDonald L. Doull G. Jordan R. Prentice S. Butler R. Gilbert J. Withers

Candidates speech: Only one written statement from a Candidate for election was received stating his policies and records of service and experience. This statement is from Mr. A. Smith and is reprinted below:-

'Dear Members, I have been involved with the Society since 1972 and have actively participated in many workparties from the early years when we were removing points and rail from the old S.E.C. tram depot through to the present day.

I now desire the opportunity to serve in the administration of our Society and consider I have the practical experience and maturity necessary to fulfill this role. With the Society in its second decade of existence I see the main problems confronting us will be that of deteriorating trackwork and the condition of our tramfleet. It is in these areas I feel I could make a worthwhile contribution.

Should I be elected to Office I will work hard to further the aims and objects of our great Society.

Yours sincerely,
Anthony Smith. Member 204.

Enamel Badges: The stock of 'Hitachi' silver suburban train badges has run out and a further supply has been ordered. A new badge is about to be released - the orange 'B' class diesel locomotive. This badge should still cost \$2.50 but the final price will depend on the final Bill from the manufacturer. Orders for these badges can be made through the mail at the Society address enclosing a cheque for \$2.50 for each badge plus 35c postage in Australia. Persons overseas should just order the badges required and an account will be forwarded with them.

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Depot cleanup: The new extensions to our depot have been gathering a lot of equipment placed in a disorganised manner at any convenient point. The weekend of 11th and 12th September saw a busy work party stacking and re-arranging our equipment in proper order and it is surprising the amount of extra floor space now available. Warren Doubleday has been constructing shelving to take such things as long tram seats, roofing iron, trolley poles and wall cladding. The area now cleared at the rear of the depot on No. 6 and 7 roads will have a light track laid at right angles to the shed roads to take our spare bogie and wheel sets. These are currently on No. 2 road but are taking valuable room that is needed to store the trams currently on No. 1 road. No. 1 road is to be fully dismantled to allow the Museum, Office and Crew buildings to be built.

We recently acquired a load of crushed rock to allow completion of the surfacing in the 4 and 5 roads area of the depot. David Macartney has been working steadily on the task of spreading out this material. Around \$500 has been invested in the purchase and installation of good quality fluorescent lighting for the large inspection pit on No. 4 road. This lighting is necessary for those Members working under the trams and is much better than our earlier arrangement of hand held portable fluorescent lights being used.

Meeting the Minister: The Minister for Arts, Mr. Race Mathews, was in Ballarat on Wednesday, 25th August, to meet deputations from various groups and he asked to meet a representative from our society to discuss our application for funds from the State Government. Stephen Butler met Mr. Mathews and was able to clarify our situation on a number of points. In all it was a good opportunity to discuss details that can be hard to put in writing.

Your Book: Since your last 'Fares Please' mailout you should have received an extra letter with our free book bonus in it. This book was printed by the Metropolitan (Perth) Passenger Transport Trust and deals with the history of that organisation. For those overseas members who do not know, Perth is the Capital City of Western Australia. The M.T.T. kindly made enough copies of this booklet available for our mailout and it was gratifying to receive a very appreciative letter from Member Brian Morrell thanking us for our initiative in sending the books out. We hope the rest of the Membership got an equal amount of pleasure from the book.

Included in the same envelope was the Membership Renewal Form and should you still have not renewed we ask you to please consider doing so. We really value your Membership with us and by being a Member you can work on the trams in Ballarat, ride for free as often as you like, attend the Annual General Meeting and vote, and participate in any other Society function. Should you live some distance from us and cannot attend at Ballarat we still, as always, value your membership and we try to keep your interest in the form of 'newsy' mailouts. If you feel you have displaced your renewal form simply write to the Membership Officer at our address and she will be pleased to reply.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome the following new Members to our Society and trust they will enjoy their membership with us.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
T. Kruger	Balaclava
Mr. & Mrs. S. Ohlsen	Mount Waverley
R. Lilburn	West Essendon
J. Ellis	Oatley
P. Miller	Middle Park

We also welcome back a resumed Member:-

C. Stevenson St. Kilda

Members do get a Membership Number but the Editor of this newsheet forgot to get the Numbers from the Membership Officer at the last Board Meeting. Your Number will be on your card soon to be forwarded to you.

The Tram House: The Tram House at Mentone, in fact both of them, one at No.12 and one at No.14 Kilara Road have been pulled down. This startling news was only made known 12 hours before the tramcar bodies which made up the bulk of the houses were due to be moved. It appears that the house at No.12 which was reported sold in the last issue of this newsheet was brought by the new owners with a view to them building a new house on the land. The Tramway Museum Society of Victoria were both quick and wise to negotiate with the new owners for purchase of the trams and a deal was worked out where the TMSV demolished the house and removed the trams. On hearing this the owners of No.14 realised the value of the trams and offered the TMSV the same sort of arrangement in demolishing their house. Both houses were therefore demolished and the TMSV gained these good tramcar bodies. Two were sold to a separate person and one 'H' class four wheeled tram body was left. The TMSV and others including Ballarat Society members tried to find a person who would like a good condition 'H' class body but no such person could be found. The tram was surplus to what the TMSV wanted. A decision was made to strip the tram of its worthwhile fittings and demolish the remains and Graham Jordan and Richard Gilbert worked one complete day along with TMSV members removing the parts. Our Society has gained a number of very good parts which will assist in the restoration of tram No.26 and also add generally to our spare parts store.

The working bee with the TMSV members was a good example of working co-operation and it also gave time for worthwhile discussions between both groups. Our thanks goes to the TMSV for allowing us to dismantle and remove these valuable parts for our work at Ballarat.

School Holidays: The trams ran virtually every day during the school holidays from 21st August to 8th September and some good passenger loadings were experienced. Thanks to our volunteers who made themselves available to operate the service.

Annual General Meeting; Election of Board of Management.

After reading the list of Candidates for election to the Board of Management on Page 1 of this Newsheet you will see an election is necessary for the position of Melbourne Vice President and 6 Ordinary Board Members. The other positions on the Board have only had one nomination and the Returning Officer has declared those persons so elected. A Proxy Form is enclosed for those people who will not be attending the Annual General Meeting. If you intend sending a Proxy it must be lodged with the Returning Officer by Friday 8th October 1982. The only postal address a Proxy can be mailed to is; Mr. S.Lodington, Returning Officer, 2A Gordon Street, Mont Albert. 3127. Do not mail your Proxy to the Society address as any lodged after 8th October will be invalid.

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PROXY

(Articles 41, 48 (i)

BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY LIMITED

I, _____ of _____
 being a Member of the abovenamed Society, hereby appoint
 _____ of _____
 or failing him _____ of _____
 or failing him the Chairman of the Meeting as my proxy to vote for me on
 behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held on the
 tenth day of October 1982, and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed

* This form is to be used in favour of the following candidates for election to the Board.

POSITION	CANDIDATE
Melbourne Vice President	_____
Ordinary Board Member (6 positions)	_____

SIGNED this _____ day of _____ 19 _____
 Signature of member

Strike out whichever section is not required. (Unless otherwise instructed the Proxy may vote as he thinks fit.