

NEWS OF THE BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Annual General Meeting: A reminder that the tenth Annual General Meeting of the Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society Limited will be held at the Tram Depot at 1.30pm on Sunday, 2nd October, 1983.

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

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

| | Candidate | Proposer | Seconder |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| President | F. Hanrahan | B. McCandlish | P. Winspur |
| Ballarat Vice President | L. Doull | G. Jordan | P. McDonald |
| Melbourne Vice President | P. Winspur | G. Roofthoof | C. Jacobson |
| Treasurer | C. Dean | R. Scholten | R. Hellwig |
| Secretary | R. Gilbert | D. Macartney | R. Jinks |

Ordinary Board Members:(6 positions)

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| A. Bradley | L. Doull | I. Martin |
| S. Butler | P. Miller | P. McDonald |
| S. Clarke | K. Welsby | G. Jordan |
| C. Duncan | R. Gilbert | P. O'Conner |
| G. Jordan | R. Gilbert | J. Parker |
| P. McDonald | D. Macartney | S. Butler |
| A. Mitchell | R. Gilbert | S. Butler |

There have been no election statements from the Candidates.

Tram No.13: It gives the greatest of pleasure for the Board to announce that it has been successful in negotiations with the Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Co-Operative Limited to have former S.E.C. tram No.13 returned to Ballarat for operation on our tramway. The tram will remain the property of the Lake Goldsmith Society and will be made available to our society on a lease basis.

The tram is virtually operable but needs some engineering work on the truck frame. The body is in excellent shape as the tram has been under cover since its placement at the steam rally site in 1971. On the weekend of 10th and 11th September a group of our members went to the storage site to prepare the tram for removal to Ballarat. It is hoped to move it on Melbourne Cup Day, 1st November. Any members wishing to assist us should contact Warren Doubleday.

No.13 is a single truck tram similar to No.11 and will be a welcome addition to our fleet. To allow this tram to be placed in the depot, tram No.39 will have to be moved from No.6 road to No.7 road and as the points will not have been laid by that time the crane that unloads 13 will be used to transfer 39. Aha you say - what about the bogies that stay behind when the crane picks 39 up - how do they get shifted onto No.7 road while the crane is holding 39 up in the air? Notonly Houdini was a master of the impossible - we have a solution but won't report on it until it actually happens as there are some details to get sorted out. But we have thought of the problem now - in advance.

For those who wonder when, we must now say, the Depot is full!

Our Board of Management wishes to thank the Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Co-Operative Limited for their willing and pleasant response to our request to operate this tram.

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

| Number | Name | Location |
|--------|--------------|-----------|
| 581 | W. Cameron | Canberra |
| 582 | T. Nanscawen | Bayswater |

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Membership Renewals: The great majority of members have sent their renewal to us and a few are still outstanding. Reminders are included for those in this category and we ask that you please consider continuing your Membership with us. We are keen to keep as many members as possible and invite you to work on our project, simply come along and ride or just receive the mailouts. We really like having you with us. You must be financial to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Conductresses Re-Union: This years Annual Meeting will have the added interest of being a gathering for as many as possible of the former Conductresses who worked on the Ballarat trams during the second World War. David Macartney has been organising this function and reports the ladies he has contacted so far are pleased to be invited. It should be a good day of hearing old 'trammie' stories and sifting through old photographs.

Lake Goldsmith Rally: A handbill advertising the next steam rally at Lake Goldsmith is included as part of this mailout. It's a great place to visit and full of interesting old equipment.

'Tait' train badges: As mentioned in the last newsheet the 'Tait' train badges will be ready by the Annual General Meeting. We expect this will be a popular badge. Another new badge to be released along with the 'Tait' badge will be the 'D3' locomotive. Both these badges will sell for \$3 each and they can be ordered by mail as well as being available at the depot.

School Holidays: The trams ran every day from Saturday, 20th October to Tuesday, 6th September during the recent school holidays and patronage was quite good. It is interesting to chat with the travellers - one lady said her grandfather used to work on the Rockhampton trams whilst others quite often reminis on the days of tram travel in their particular city. Thanks to our members who gave their time to operate the service, especially on the weekdays.

Trackwork: Over the past few weekends efforts have been made toward laying the track and pointwork for No.6 and 7 road. Rails have been sorted, cleaned and placed in position and are now awaiting the delivery of new sleepers which are being procured by the Bellarine Peninsula Railway.

Tramcar Maintenance: The wheels for No.40 have been returned to Ballarat from the Preston Workshops with their new tyres fitted. They are now at Miller Brothers Engineering works being fitted to the rebuilt bogies. We may have them back at the depot by the Annual General Meeting. Work on the window frames for No.18 is progressing. Peter Allen is still working on No.26 and recently the Tramway Museum Society made a wooden crossbench seatback available as a pattern for us to get a similar one made. We thank them for this loan which made our task somewhat easier. We will be getting all new crossbench seats for the drop ends of this tram.

Interior Display Cards: Member John Phillips has produced a supply of display cards for the interior of our trams extolling the many souvenirs we have for sale. The cards are of a bright colour with large black printing and a photograph of the sales item. With the additions to our sales items we have needed an updated display card and many thanks to John for his help in this matter.

Tramcar body work: Dave Macartney has been sanding the window frames on Melbourne tram 661 and the final appearance of this tram will be excellent. The brown and cream colour scheme will impress those who see it on A.G.M. day. Graham Hordan has installed the destinations in the side destination boxes on 671. These boxes had been sealed off by the Melbourne Tramways for many years prior to its withdrawal from service. No.39 was lifted recently to allow the wooden bolsters on which it rests on the ex Melbourne W2 bogies to be replaced with steel rails.

Annual General Meeting; Election of Board of Management

After reading the list of Candidates for election to the Board of Management on Page one of 'Fares Please' you will see an election is necessary for the position of 6 Ordinary Board Members.

The other positions on the Board have only one nomination and the Returning Officer has declared those persons so elected. A Proxy Form is printed below 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, 30th September, 1983. The only postal address a Proxy can be mailed to is:

Mr. S. Lodington
Returning Officer,
2A Gordon Street,
MONT ALBERT. VIC. 3127

Do not mail your Proxy to the Society address as any lodged after 30th September will be invalid.

The Proxy Form is in two parts. You can either nominate someone to vote on your behalf as they see fit or you can vote for the candidates of your choice on the form. Strike out whichever section is not required.

(Tear off here)

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 my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held on the second day of October 1983, and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed
Date

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

| POSITION | CANDIDATE |
|--|-----------|
| 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)