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NEWS OF THE BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Annual General Meeting: A reminder that the eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society Limited will be held at the Tram Depot at 1.30pm on Sunday, 14th October, 1984.

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	L.Doull	C.Dean
Ballarat Vice President	L.Doull	F.Hanrahan	C.Dean
Melbourne Vice President	P.Winspur	W.H.Stoney	C.Jacobson
Treasurer	C.Dean	J.Phillips	H.Stoney
Secretary	R.Gilbert	R.Cook	G.Cleak
Ordinary Board Member(6 positions)			

P.Allen	G.Jordan	W.Doubleday
A.Bradley	J.Phillips	I.Martin
S.Butler	G.Young	R.Gilbert
A.Chapman	G.Jordan	E.Chapman
G.Jordan	A.Chapman	P.Allen
P.McDonald	M.Foo	F.Hanrahan
A.Mitchell	R.Gilbert	G.Young
G.Wood	S.Butler	D.Macartney

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. G. Wood and is reprinted below:-

Fellow Members, my name is Garry Wood and I am currently standing for the position of Ordinary Board Member on the Board of the B.T.P.S. Many of you will not have met or heard of me and so I present you with this brief 'résumé' so that you may be better informed when voting at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

I have been involved with the society for several years now but have only been actively involved in the societies activities for 12-15 months. During this time I have been involved in the restoration of tram No.18, the recovery of tram No.13 from Lake Goldsmith, the laying of No.6 road plus many other tasks around the depot and have also undertaken the maintenance of the tramways track telephone system. In the future I would also like the opportunity to tackle a complete restoration of a tramcar to operational condition.

About myself: I have lived in Ballarat for about ten years, I attended Ballarat High School and in January this year I started an apprenticeship with Telecom Australia as a Telecommunications Technician. I recently moved to Melbourne to work at Windsor Trunk Exchange as part of my training.

I have only a limited memory of the Ballarat Tramways and only rode them a few times while in service but I have always had a great interest in tramways and railways throughout the world. My other interests include electronics, music and model tramways.

I have a strong desire to see the B.T.P.S. continue to grow and hope to be involved with the society for many years to come. I have kept this brief so as not to occupy too much valuable space but nevertheless

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I hope you will now know a little more about who I am and what I have done.

Garry Wood

Membership renewals: The great majority of members have renewed their Membership with us and we are sincerely appreciative. Some are still outstanding and for those who still wish to renew we ask that you do so as soon as possible as we have to have a cut off point for renewals somewhere and this will be at the Annual General Meeting on 14th October. Remember that to attend the A.G.M., participate and vote you must be financial. If you have mislaid your Renewal Form simply forward \$6 to the Membership Officer at the Society address with a covering note explaining that the money is for a renewal. If you wish to subscribe to the 'Trolley Wire' magazine please add another \$9.

Membership Cards; The cards were almost ready for this mailout but just failed to get here before we despatched it and therefore they will have to be held over until the next mailout. If they are ready for the Annual Report mailout, which should be mailed this week or at the start of next week, they will be included. Meanwhile your 1983 Membership Card is valid for rides on the trams.

Tramcar Maintenance: No.40: Miller Brothers Engineering works have completed all the work on the maximum traction trucks, including some whitemetalling on the axle brasses and are now ready to drop the wheels into the bogie frames and that should make them ready for transfer back to the depot. Warren Doubleday has been working on the air compressor governor on No.40 and with the aid of a recently acquired copy of the governor working diagram, dated 1927, from the Melbourne Tramways it is now working correctly.

No.18: Work is proceeding on the installation of the windows in this tram and now there are only 4 side saloon windows to be installed. New malthoid has been laid on the floor and painted by Andrew Mitchell. The seat covering is in poor condition and the Board has agreed to have new seat covering purchased. A good quality vinyl, coloured brown and called 'Cavalier' has been purchased and will be used to cover the saloon seats. The excess will be used to cover Drivers seats on any trams that require it.

No.14: New bearings have been fitted and the axle boxes packed with new wool. The varnishing of the tram interior is finished.

No.26: The new cast seat ends have been delivered and look very good. The saloon side panels on one side have been removed to allow tightening of the tramcar body to be undertaken.

Discussion was held at the August Board Meeting that the thicker Melbourne point bars in our Melbourne trams are not entirely satisfactory for changing the smaller bladed Ballarat points. It was agreed that Ballarat point bars be included in the equipment of these trams and that they be carried at the No.2 end.

Visit by New Zealand tramfans: The proposed visit mentioned in our last newsletter has been postponed. The Organiser says that while a number of people are keen to join the tour, sufficient numbers of people could not be arranged in a short time. The tour will possibly be planned to visit Australia around March next year.

Equipment for Christchurch: We finally despatched the two T.I.F. Controllers and two maximum traction pony wheel sets to the Ferrymead Tramway Museum at Christchurch, New Zealand, about 4 weeks ago. The equipment will be used on tramcar restoration at that museum and our society was pleased to be in a position to help. After the recent C.O.T.M.A. Conference Paul McDonald, Allan Bradley and Richard Gilbert viewed the restoration work being carried out at the Ferrymead Tramway and were keenly motivated on return to Ballarat to get the equipment despatched.

Trackwork: Eleven new sleepers were placed along the access line between the tram depot and Wendouree Parade over the weekend of 15th and 16th September. The well worn old sleepers were taken to the Members house at Bungaree where they will 'keep the members warm beside the fireside'.

School Holidays: The trams ran virtually everyday from Saturday 18th August to Tuesday 4th September for school holiday traffic. Figures weren't exceptionally good but it was certainly worth running. For the month of August 1049 passengers were carried which is the second lowest August figure on record.

Steve Ohlsen became a Driver during the last month and we welcome him to this area of society activities. Allan Bradley and Stephen Butler are being trained as tram drivers at present.

Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally: The popular steam rally will be held at the Lake Goldsmith site on 27th and 28th October. There are many varied types of steam engines assembled at the rally and one new attraction will be the steam shovel, acquired from the Fyansford Cement works, which will be steamed and operating. The rally is always interesting and well worth a visit. The site of Lake Goldsmith can easily be found a few miles south from the township of Beaufort.

V/Line Charter: A charter has been booked by V/Line (the railways) on Tuesday 2nd October and we will be keen to see this operate without a hitch as the V/Line Package Tours are booming and they are looking at regular attractions of tourist interest. If this Charter is operated in the best possible manner it may be the start of regular dealings in this area.

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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 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 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, 12th October, 1984. The Proxy Forms can either be handed to the Returning Officer, Mr. Trevor Kruger, or posted to: The Returning Officer, Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society, PO. Box 632, Ballarat, 3350. Please mark the back of the envelope 'Proxy Paper'. Any Proxy Forms lodged with the Returning Officer after 12th October will be invalid.

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PROXY

(Articles 41, 48 (1))

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 fourteenth day of October 1984, and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed _____

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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CANDIDATES</u>
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.