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P.O. Box 632, Ballarat. 3350

NEWS OF THE BALLARAT TRAMWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Annual General Meeting: Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society Limited will be held at 1.30pm at the Tram Depot, South Gardens Reserve, Ballarat on Sunday 13th October, 1985.

Nominations are called for the following positions which become vacant on the Board of Management from that date:-

President

Melbourne resident Vice President

Ballarat resident Vice President

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Ordinary Board Member (6 positions)

Any two members may nominate any other member to serve as an Office Bearer or Ordinary Board Member provided that no person who at the time such nomination is an Unfinancial Member shall be entitled to be a candidate for election or a proposer or seconder pursuant to the Articles of Association.

The nomination shall be sent in writing to the Returning Officer to reach him not later than 5.00pm on Friday, 23rd August, 1985. Nominations may be sent to 'The Returning Officer', Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society, Box 632, Ballarat. 3350', or placed in the Ballot Box at the Tram Depot. Envelopes forwarded by mail should be endorsed 'Ballot Material' on the back of the envelope. The nomination shall be signed by the proposer and seconder and consented to in writing by the candidate and may be accompanied by a statement of not more than 500 words of the candidates policies and records of service and experience.

A member may be nominated at any one time as a candidate for more than one position on the Board provided that upon his election to any position on the Board a Members' nomination for any other position shall forthwith lapse.

Membership Renewals: We wish to thank those members who have already sent us their renewal of Membership and if you are still considering doing so we ask that you forward yours as soon as possible. Your early renewal will assist us in the preparation of Membership Cards which should be forwarded in the next mailout. The Membership Rate is \$8.00 which is one of the cheapest subscription rates around, as our policy is to maximise the membership and keep all of them in touch with Society activities by mailouts and offering them the opportunity of taking part in our various activities. We value your membership with us and trust you will renew.

For those who do not subscribe to 'Trolley Wire' magazine it is an excellent bi monthly publication of the Australian Tramway Museums and is produced by the Sydney Tramway Museum. The subscription rate is \$11.50 We remind you that all donations to our Society are tax deductible and if you feel you wish to make a donation we can assure you it will be used to purchase much needed equipment or supplies.

If you have mislaid your Renewal Notice simply forward your remittance along with a note setting out the details to our address.

Tramcar Maintenance: Our Community Employment Project workers and weekend volunteers have been working on restoration and maintenance projects and our C.E.P. scheme will finish at the end of August. This scheme has considerably advanced our tramcar restoration effort. No.27 returned to service on 7th July and is a credit to our hardworking C.E.P. workers. No.26 has had new flooring placed in the drop ends and the new cast metal seat ends have been cleaned and sanded. The curved woodwork on the wooden uprights at the drop ends and the new slat floors are a credit to Steve, our C.E.P. Carpenter.

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No.14 has had the Malthoid flooring removed from the drop ends and a new plyboard floor placed over the very worn timber floor and new Malthoid then placed over the ply. This was found to be the most practical method of restoring the floor surface of this tram.
No.13 has had new wiring placed in one traction motor but there is still no news from the Melbourne Tramways as to progress with re-profiling the wheels. It is known the Melbourne Tramways are very busy with their own workload and we are in the queue of jobs to be done.
As some of our trams do not have our own Destinations on the Destination Rolls ten metres of Destination roll material has been purchased and a sign writer will undertake the task of correcting this matter. White lettering on a black background will be used and of course the Destinations to be painted are 'Carlton St.', 'Depot', 'St. Aidents Dve'

Tram Shelters: Another project to be undertaken is the restoration of three tram shelters to be placed along our line. The Society acquired these shelters from the Victoria Street route and until now we have been too busy to get around to the restoration task. A supply of timber has been purchased and some diagrams detailing the construction of the passenger shelters have been drawn up. A fair amount of work is needed to restore them as an amount of timber needs replacing but we have been encouraged by the number of members keen to work on this project. It should not be long before they are placed at the busier stops along our route to provide seating and shelter for passengers.

Clean rags required: We constantly need a supply of clean rags to be used in cleaning trams. If you can help either bring them with you to the depot or telephone one of our Board Members to arrange for them to be collected. Why not start collecting a stock of rags and bring them along when you come to the Annual General Meeting? - We need soft material rags not old denim or shirt material.

New Drivers: Alan Bradley and Stephen Butler have passed their tram driving exam and are now assisting us on the Drivers column of the Traffic Roster in addition to the Conductors column. Congratulations to them for successfully completing our intensive training course. David O'neil completed his first day of training with our two final day students on single truck tram No.16 at Preston and we look forward to having him join our driving staff. David was a tram driver in Ballarat on the S.E.C. system and then worked for a while as a driver on the Melbourne Tramways at Glenhuntly. He now lives in Geelong and has been conducting for us since February and is a most pleasant fellow to work with.

Charters: We recently had a chartered tram run for 120 students from the Eltham College. The group travelled along the tramway and then inspected our museum display and workshop ably led around by Peter Hill. Now that the depot is open every weekday for the Community Employment Project workers it is easier to conduct weekday tours and at the same time show various restoration projects actually underway. We have another two charters booked for August and one for November.

Reprinted booklet: The reprint of our souvenir booklet, Ballarat Vintage Tramway, is currently underway and should be on sale during late August. The first edition, written and produced by Member William F. Scott, sold out a few months ago and the opportunity has been taken to update the text and improve on the layout and paper quality with this reprint. The final price is not yet known but it will be advertised in the next issue of this newsletter.

The June issue of the magazine 'Australian Railway Enthusiast' has a whole feature of Bill Scott photographs of Australian museum trams and New Zealand museum trams. The magazine is available from the Railfan Shop, 589 Collins Street, Melbourne or it can be ordered by mail from our address. The price is \$1.80 plus 80c postage. There is also a very interesting article on the Heathcote - Bendigo railway and the Dorrigo Steam Railway which makes this issue well worth having.

For our teaspoon collectors we have placed an order for a teaspoon with a photograph of Maximum Traction tram No.38 on it. Our popular Tram 27 teaspoon has also been re-ordered. We also have the following teaspoons available; Horse tram at Bylands (Jam spoon also), Cable Tram, 'R' class steam loco, 280HP Diesel Rail Car at Daylesford, Adelaide 'H' class tram (Jam spoon also) Adelaide No.1 (Jam spoon also) Adelaide 'E' class (Jam spoon also) Bendigo Birney, Eureka Flag, Ballarat Arch of Victory. Spoons available for \$3 each except 280 Rail Car at \$3.50. Add 60c for postage of each or total of \$1.60 if ordering more than 3.

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.

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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 my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held on the thirteenth day of October 1985, and at any adjournment thereof.

Name in block letters _____ Signed

_____ Date _____

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

POSITION	CANDIDATE
Secretary	

Ordinary Board Member
(6 positions)

SIGNED this _____ day of _____ 1985

Name in block letters _____ Signature of Member

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