

FARES PLEASE!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are reminded that the thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the Society is to be held at the tram depot on Sunday, 12th October, commencing at 1:30 p.m. We urge all members to attend on the day. Bring your friends and families and enjoy a day in the Botanic Gardens. After the formalities of the meeting will follow the traditional tram ride along Wendouree Parade for members and their guests. Afternoon tea will also be served.

The following members have nominated for Board positions which fall vacant on A.G.M. day:

Candidate	Proposer	Seconder
<u>President</u>		
Frank Hanrahan	Warren Doubleday	Kathleen Hanrahan
<u>Ballarat Vice President</u>		
Paul McDonald	David Macartney	Gavin Young
<u>Melbourne Vice President</u>		
Peter Winspur	Chris Jacobson	Lindsay Rickard
<u>Secretary</u>		
Stephen Butler	Richard Gilbert	James Parker
<u>Treasurer</u>		
Carolyn Dean	John Phillips	Howard Stoney
<u>Ordinary Board Members</u> (6	positions)	
Alan Bradley	David Macartney	Garry Wood
Richard Gilbert	Michael Dunstan	James Parker
Paul Miller	Peter McMahon	Richard Gilbert
Andrew Mitchell	Stephen Butler	Gavin Young
Howard Stoney	Glenn Roofthoof	Anthony Carson
Garry Wood	Richard Gilbert	David Macartney

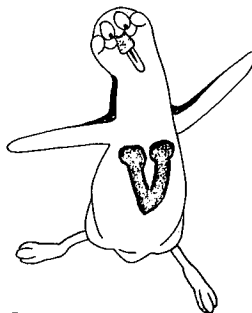
As the number of nominations have not exceeded the number of positions vacant, no election is required. The only special business to be enacted on the day, therefore, is for the Society's Annual Report to be presented, and for members to vote upon acceptance of the report. Those members who are not able to be present, but still wish their vote to be exercised, may complete the proxy form (enclosed with this newsletter) to authorise another financial member to vote on their behalf.

News of the Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society Limited.

TRAFFIC

Patronage over the recent school holidays was good, with over one hundred passengers travelling on our trams each day. Once again, trams operated on every day during the holidays.

Penguin Vic, as anticipated in our last newsletter, paid a visit to the tramway on the morning of Monday, 25th August. An enthusiastic tramload of children greeted Victoria's official tourism mascot, and clapped along with his musical theme as he took a tram ride along the parade. Penguin Vic then performed in a pantomime for the passengers and other gardens visitors, near the Lake Lodge, before returning to the depot, from where he departed to continue his busy schedule at Ballarat's many tourist attractions.



Penguin Vic.

The organisers of the visit were thrilled with the tram ride and the success of the visit, and advised us that the Ballarat Vintage Tramway is mentioned on Penguin Vic's Canberra "Hotline" as one of the fun places in Victoria to visit (Go on, Earl - ring 11660!).

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals have been very good to date, however, for those few who have forgotten, a final reminder is enclosed. We welcome the following new members and trust they will enjoy their membership with us.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
624	Bruce Thomas	Forrestville
625	Melissa O'Neil	Whittington
626	Jackie Edwards	Ballarat

TRAMCAR MAINTENANCE

Work has continued on the restoration of No.26, especially since we have restarted full time work, spending the last of the C.E.P. funds. The end platform seats bases have been received from the joiner. Preparatory work prior to painting panels etc. continues, as well as finishing off the pillars.

Since the return of the wheels for No.13, little work has been performed due to the Engineering Manager's crook neck. He has started however on the fitting of the axle bearings, done for once the easy way, with the wheels not under the car.

On No.39 the restoration of the driver's compartment and entrance way continue, with the work now about 60% complete.

TRAMCAR MAINTENANCE (cont.)

Regular maintenance as required has been carried out on the operating service fleet as well. No.18 disgraced itself when the compressor governor decided to play up, just at the time the TV team for Penquin Vic was about to record the brakes being released. When the fault was investigated, nothing wrong was found and the governor worked satisfactorily. Looks like one of those gremlins have got in.

HORSE TRAM No.1

Assistance for the restoration of Horse Tram No.1 continues to be received. Although donations so far are not enough to ensure completion by the due date, we are hopeful of commencing work soon.

Other fund raising avenues, such as a video tape of Ballarat in its operating hey day, are being actively pursued.

IN THE MOVIES (Again!)

The Film and Television Unit of the Swinburne Institute of Technology has been an excellent and resourceful training ground for young film-makers for many years, and we were pleased to be able to assist them recently in a tramway-related production. Although actually set in Melbourne, the producers faced some difficulties with some scenes, particularly of tram interiors, so approached the Society for assistance. Of course, we obliged, and W3 No.661 was pressed into service.

Whilst talking about films, we should mention that Penguin Vic's visit was also recorded and will be used as part of future tourist promotions for Victoria.

COMMEMORATIVE POSTAL COVERS

The Post and Telegraph Historical Society at the Ferrymead Museum, Christchurch, have available for sale a number of commemorative postal covers. The entry to service of Boon Car No. 152 is featured on one, whilst there is also available a set of six various tram covers. Stamps and covers featuring trams and other forms of transport, from fire engines to aircraft, may also be purchased. For more information, please contact the Sales Department at Ballarat.

DEPOT

The construction of the office and messroom continues under the capable hammer of John Phillips, who continues to curse the well dried out hard wood.

Dave Macartney, with the occasional help of Jackie and Gary has managed to resleeper No.3 road and part of No.2 road. The points for No.1 road have been removed, pending resleepering of No.2 road. The old sleepers (well, that's being kind to the wood) are forming the future fire wood at Bungaree.

C.O.T.M.A. CONFERENCE

The biennial conference of the Council of Australian Tramway Museums is to be held from 26th to 29th September. To be held in Adelaide, delegates from most Australian museums will attend, and our organisation is to be represented by Paul McDonald, Alan Bradley and Richard Gilbert. A report on the proceedings of this conference will be included in the next issue of "Fares Please!".

Our Society hosted the first C.O.T.M.A. conference in 1975 - we are proud to have witnessed the growth of this association which has developed into a well-established and respected forum for the co-ordination of Australian and New Zealand tramway museums.

SALES ITEMS



Now available for sale is the Society's new sticker. Costing only one dollar, the circular sticker is of quality vinyl material, features car No.27 and measures approximately 10cm in diameter (see illustration). If required, stickers may be forwarded by mail for an additional 36c to cover postage.

On A.G.M. day, our gold-embossed 10oz beer glasses, which usually sell at \$3-50, will be available for the special price of only \$3-00. After the A.G.M., the normal price will again apply.

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