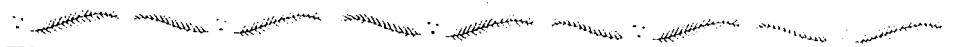


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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
& A HAPPY
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YEAR**



News of the Ballarat Tramway
Preservation Society Limited.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, 12th October, saw members meet at the tram depot for the annual general meeting for 1985-86. Fine weather graced us this year, and so the formal part of the meeting was again held outdoors, with several of our tramcars poised around the depot fan as decoration.

The Society President and chairperson of the meeting, Frank Hanrahan, opened the meeting at 2.00 p.m., offering the traditional welcome to members and guests. In attendance this year were Simon Munro of the Tramway Historical Society, Ferrymead, N.Z., Noel Forster, former B.T.P.S. secretary, treasurer and ordinary board member, now with the Perth Electric Tramway Society, and Terry Turner, visiting us from the Australian Electric Transport Museum, Adelaide.

As usual, reports were presented by the President, the Treasurer, Society Engineer, Traffic Manager, Secretary and General Manager, with the reports being followed by General Business. Several members spoke at this time, including Bill Kingsley, who complimented the Society on a well-run, cohesive year.

Elections for the Board of Management were not required this year, as the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies. Your Board for 1986-87 is:

President	Frank Hanrahan	
Ballarat Vice-President	Paul McDonald	
Melbourne Vice-President	Peter Winspur	
Treasurer	Carolyn Dean	
Secretary	Stephen Butler	
Ordinary Board Members	Alan Bradley	Andrew Mitchell
	Richard Gilbert	Howard Stoney
	Paul Miller	Garry Wood

Minutes for the previous annual general meeting, usually reproduced in the Society's annual report but not available at the time of printing, are now available from the Secretary, on request.

C.O.T.M.A. CONFERENCE

October also saw the biennial conference of the Council of Tramway Museums of Australasia, of which the B.T.P.S. is a founding member. Richard Gilbert, Paul McDonald and Alan Bradley travelled to Adelaide to represent the Society at the conference. Representatives from all but one member museum were present; at the official opening dinner - addressed by the South Australian Minister for Transport, Mr Keneally - friendships and acquaintances were renewed as Australasia's biggest regular gathering of tramway enthusiasts again took place.

C.O.T.M.A. CONFERENCE (cont.)

One of the major decisions to be taken by the delegates was to incorporate C.O.T.M.A. under the Associations Act of Victoria. The conference also decided to create some new positions on the committee responsible for the running of the Council. The first of these was to establish the office-bearing position of Spare Parts Co-ordinator, responsible for the allocation and transfer of spare parts between and amongst museums. To ease the workload of the Executive Officer, the position of Assistant Executive Officer was also created. A decision was taken to further expand the Secretariat to include one member of an Australian and New Zealand museum respectively.

Election of office bearers saw the following appointments: Chairman - John Radcliffe; Executive Officer - Bill Kingsley; Assistant Executive Officer and Spare Parts Co-ordinator - Tony Smith; additional Secretariat Members - Lindsay Richardson and David Hinman. The Newcastle Tramway Museum was admitted to C.O.T.M.A. at the Council Meeting.

With the Council shortly to be incorporated, a committee - chaired by Tony Sell and comprising also Craig Tooke, Richard Gilbert, Lindsay Richardson and Les Stewart - has been formed to modify the Council's constitution. Keith Kings retired as Executive Officer at this conference, and all present expressed their appreciation for his work in that position.

Social events at the conference included slide and video presentations, a visit to the A.E.T.M. at St Kilda to witness the return to service of their newly-restored tram, F264, the Victor Harbour Horse Tramway, the new Glengowrie depot for Glenelg line trams and the recently-completed O-Bahn busway.

Thanks must go to the A.E.T.M., the host museum for this conference, as well as congratulations for the excellent restoration of F264 and overall presentation of their museum.

Finally, venues for the next three conferences have been decided: 1988 - Sydney; 1990 - Wellington; and 1992 - Perth.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome the following new members and trust they will enjoy their membership with us.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
627	Richard Church	Doncaster
628	Dean Bernardini	Watsonia

All members should now have received their membership cards for 1986/87. If you have not received yours please contact the Membership Officer, Howard Stoney.

CABLE TRAM TRAILER NO. 461

Recently, the Society was approached by the Wycliffe Bible Translators, who own a house in Camberwell, with a view to donating to the Society a cable tram trailer at the rear of the property. Upon inspection, the trailer - No. 461 - was found to be complete with brake blocks and rigging, although the body was in derelict condition.

A work party, comprising David Tidy, Warren Doubleday, Howard Stoney and Richard Gilbert arrived on Friday, 14th November to begin dismantling the tramcar, in preparation for its removal to Bungaree the next day. Several parts of the tram were found to be salvageable, including window frames, shutters and doors. However, the frame of the trailer was so rotten that at one stage the workers had to retreat quickly when the roof came crashing down.

On the Saturday, Rolf Jinks and Alan Bradley joined the team and so the tram was moved from its accustomed position at the rear of the yard, along the side of the house, through the garage and onto a tandem trailer. Its remains may now be seen at Bungaree. Parts of the vehicle are to be used on the Horse Tram project and we are grateful to the church group for making 461 available to the Society.

COME HEAR THE BAND!

Sunday, 7th December, will be a day of musical entertainment! Member David O'Neil is also actively involved with the Geelong City Band, who will be visiting our Society on that day. The band will commence playing at 2.00 p.m. with a street-march from the depot junction, with trams following behind. Upon arrival at th Gardens Loop, the Band will board No. 38 to perform along the entire tram route. Next, to the depot, where they will play on the lawn before partaking of a barbeque meal to be provided by the Society.

We urge our members to join us for what promises to be a most enjoyable and unique day on the Ballarat trams! If you wish to join in the barbeque, please contact the depot before the event so that we may provide for you.

ANOTHER WEDDING

Congratulations to member Stuart Lodington on his marriage to Shirley Webb in early November. Stuart has been a member since the Society's beginnings and his contributions to the Society over that time are great.

Richard Gilbert and Carolyn Dean represented the B.T.P.S. at the happy occasion, and were pleased to see another Society member, Garry Hawkins, at the reception.

BEREAVEMENTS

It is with regret that the Society notes the passing of longstanding member Mr Bob Stevenson, father of Kathy Hanrahan. Bob was present at our inaugural meeting at the Ballarat Civic Hall in May, 1971, and joined the Society at that time. He was often at our annual and social meetings.

Bob was a coal contractor for the Victorian Railways and it is no surprise that after spending such a long time within the environs of a locomotive depot that an interest in railways would develop.

Bob Stevenson was eighty years old at the time of his death and we extend our condolences to Kathy and Frank Hanrahan and their family.

The Society also regretfully notes the passing of Mr Forster, senior, father of member Noel Forster. We extend our sympathy to Mrs Forster, Noel and Melanie.

SALES ITEMS

Now available from our sales department are a series of reprint postcards of Ballarat street scenes dating from the early days of Electric Supply Company operation. These cards are first-rate reproductions from the original hand-tinted "Rose Series" cards. The cards are available in sets of six for \$2-00 or individually for 40c each. Please add 36c postage for each set. It is worth repeating that these cards are of the highest quality and are highly recommended.

Members are reminded that the Society still has for sale copies of the video production, "Trams Around". This excellent film features footage of various tramway operations in Britain and Europe. East German standard and narrow gauge tramways, the Blackpool Illuminations, tramways of the Isle of Man and Madrid are just some of the systems represented in this video. Running for approximately fifty minutes, the tape is available in both VHS and Beta formats, with hi-fi sound. Purchased at the depot, the video costs \$39-95; for mail orders, add \$1-50 per tape for postage.

New to the sales department is a teaspoon featuring a new illustration of tram No. 27. This spoon is of the same high standard as the original No. 27 teaspoon. At the time of printing, prices are still being finalised and by the time this "Fares Please!" arrives, should be available on application.

A little late for winter are green pullovers, featuring a monogram of No. 26 in its refurbished red and yellow livery. Cardigan and short-sleeved jumper styles are also available. Orders may be placed through the depot or Andrew Mitchell. Prices vary depending on the particular style and size required.

TRAMCAR MAINTENANCE

Work is progressing steadily on Tram No. 13. The bearings are currently being fitted and it is hoped to have the wheels under the tram before Christmas.

No. 26 is looking resplendent in its new livery and remodelled drop ends. When the body is completed it will exchange places with No.13 on the jacks to have its wheels replaced before being returned to service.

Garry Wood continues work on the conversion of No. 39 to its new form which will house the new museum display and sales area. In conjunction with this work, John Phillips is building the office and messroom. No. 1 road is now considerably different from its appearance twelve months ago.

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