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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society Limited will be held at 1.30 p.m. on Sunday 9 October 1988. The meeting will be held at the Society's tram depot in the South Gardens Reserve, Ballarat.

Nominations are called for the following positions which will fall vacant on the Society's Board of Management on that date:

President,
Melbourne Resident Vice-President,
Ballarat Resident Vice-President,
Honorary Secretary,
Honorary Treasurer, and
Ordinary Board Member (six 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 of such nomination is an unfinancial member. Members must be financial to be entitled to be a candidate for election, a proposer, or a seconder pursuant to the Articles of Association.

Any nomination is to be sent in writing to the Returning Officer, to reach him not later than 5.00p.m. on Friday 9 September 1988. Nominations may be sent to:

The Returning Officer,
Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society Ltd.,
P.O.Box 632,
Ballarat Vic. 3350;

or may be 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 is to be signed by the proposer and seconder and consented to in writing by the candidate. Nominations may be accompanied by a statement (of not more than 500 words) setting out the candidate's policies and record of service.

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

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Model Railway Spectacular

The display stand our Society had at the Ballarat Model Railway Spectacular over the Queen's Birthday Weekend from 11 to 13 June was most successful. The stand consisted of three display boards, a sales table and a television.

The theme of the display was to attract more active members to the Society. It was decided to produce some publicity photographs of members enjoying their work at the tramway and Richard Gilbert took a roll of film of members undertaking varying tasks. The next step was to gain the assistance of railway enthusiast Mark Bau to print up the 18" x 20" size prints which enlarged very well despite some makeshift arrangements for printing. By 2 a.m. the tenth print was washed in the bath (literally) and the collection was complete. Ian Hill spent the next day mounting these superlative prints onto art card and they were then rushed to Ballarat. As is common in most volunteer organisations, time was running out.

John Phillips offered to produce a video tape of our members working on the tramway. After shooting an amount of tape, John edited it, Richard Gilbert wrote the script. Next was to add the narration and some music to accompany it. The final result was excellent.

Thanks to all those who produced the basis of the display.

The display boards showed photographs of the Ballarat Tramways over the years and our 'members at work' were prominent amongst these. With our practice of wearing the correct SEC style uniforms many of the visitors thought these photographs had been taken in the SEC days. A trained eye could spot a couple of differences though, e.g. desert boots on one of our drivers!

Stephen Butler produced colourful notices which invited people to ask about membership and the television has a queue of viewers watching our tape plus archival tape of Ballarat Trams over the years. The archival tape was clearly popular with all generations of viewers. The sales table did well and our staff looked most professional in their uniforms. In all, it was a very successful weekend and was truly a united effort by many people to make it come together.

Commuting by Cable

The Association of Railway Enthusiats has produced an excellent 54 minute video tape of Melbourne Cable trams. It is selling strongly and has been well received by people. Copies in both Beta and VHS are available from our Sales Department (P.O. BOX 632 Ballarat 3350) at \$39.95 plus \$4.00 postage. It can also be bought at the Railfan Shop in Transport House, Collins St. Melbourne.

Pole Replaced

On Wednesday July 7, a motor vehicle struck two SEC poles in Wendouree Parade glancing the first, and breaking the second at the base. The pole supports our overhead via a bracket arm. The SEC after inspecting the pole, which was still standing but dislodged slightly, requested us not to drive past it with our trams. The service which was operating daily at this time for the school holidays, terminated at Depot Junction, rather than at Carlton St. for the following four days. On the following Sunday, Peter Winspur removed all the scroll work and prepared the bracket arm and other tramway overhead work to be easily removed by the SEC on the following Tuesday, when they replaced the pole with a new one. A new bracket arm was fitted, as the old one was of the type which had a collar type arrangement to fit the pole. To refit this one, would have required the pole to have been specially turned. Thanks to the SEC who replaced the pole speedily and refitted our equipment again.

Society Promotion

Bill Scott has written a comprehensive article about the restoration of Tram 26 which has been printed in the June/July issue of "Australian Railway" magazine. This issue features a number of 'light rail' articles both of a current and historical nature. It has a wealth of interesting articles in it. Available from the Railfan Shop or other magazine outlets.

The Amazing COTMA Bi-Centennial Tram Tour

Bill Kingsley, Executive Officer of the Council of Tramway Museums of Australasia is organising a very special, never to be exactly repeated again, tram tour on the 8/8/88, using tramcar 888, upon route 88, and many other routes which are a function of 8, reaching the route 88 terminus at 8.8 p.m.

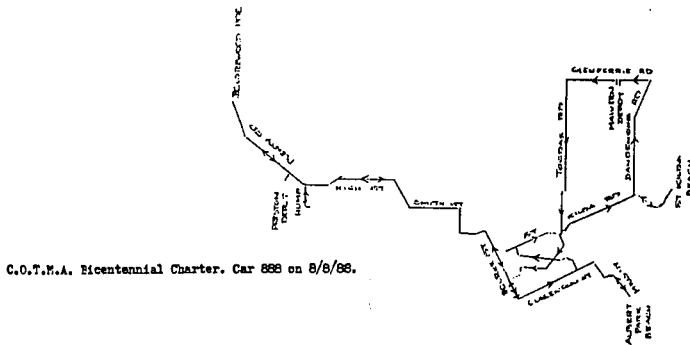
The tram tour will commence at Malvern Depot at 6.30 p.m. returning to there at 10.40p.m. Pick up in city available only in Spencer St at Bourke St. (northbound) just after 7.00 p.m. A corresponding set down in the return at Flinders St. station.

Other features of the tour are Albert Park Beach, St. Kilda Beach, East Brighton and the newly duplicated 'hump' at Preston over the Epping line.

All COTMA museum members and friends are invited. A second tram SW5 808 is available if needed. SW6 888 is currently receiving an 01 overhaul at the workshops.

Cost is \$10.00 per person. Cheques to "COTMA", post to Bill Kingsley 51 Lenna St., East Burwood Vic 3151, or phone Bill at (03) 288 5273.

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Tramcar and Depot Works

The largest job undertaken during the time since our last report has been the installation of the maximum traction truck, with the cut open motor under the future museum display tramcar, No. 39. This involved lifting the tram one end at a time, taking out the former bogie cable tram trailer truck and replacing it with the maximum traction truck. At the rear end of the car, the tram was similarly lifted and the cable tram truck was removed as well. Both these cables tram trucks used as workshop dollies for many years by the MMTB. At the moment, the car is sitting on two traverser jacks at the rear end, awaiting the completion of the framing for the office. It will then be traversed back to the wall to match up with the wall.

Painting of this car has been held waiting for warmer weather.

Resoration of Horse Tram No. 1 continues though, with the various panels being screwed into place. Preparation of many of the other fittings is continued, and the tram is now starting to look like a tram again. Dave Macartney has been busy working out how to form the canopies for either end of the car. Once these are complete, the major job will be fitting the internal seats and all the necessary metal work, including the stairways.

A recent visitor to the depot was Mr. Jack Leviston, the former owner of the car, who called to see how the restoration work was coming along.

Fares Please! is published six times a year in alternate months commencing in January and is distributed to members and friends of the Ballarat Tramways. For further information regarding the Society's activities and publications, please contact:

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