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News from the Ballarat Tramway Museum

“The Golden City and its Tramways”

Members are invited to join us when Alan Bradley’s superb new book is launched by Cr David Vandy, Mayor of Ballarat, at the Town Hall in Ballarat on Wednesday 21 September 2005 at 2:30pm.

Alan will be on hand to sign your copy after the launch. If you would like to attend you must advise the President, Stephen Butler, by mail at P O Box 632, Ballarat, 3353, by fax at (03) 5334 1580 or by e-mail at secretary@btm.org.au by Wednesday 14 September.

Enclosed with this edition of *“Fares Please”* is a pre-publication offer for you to obtain a copy of the book for only \$29.35, a saving of \$14.60. This offer closes on Tuesday 20 September 2005. Your copy will be mailed during that week or be available to be collected at the launch on Wednesday 21 September or at the Depot from Thursday 22 September.

Also enclosed (for members only) is a Tramway Trivia Quiz compiled by Alan Bradley. The winner will be announced at the launch and will win a copy of *“The Golden City and its Tramways”*. If there is no correct answer the nearest correct answer will win the book.

Centenary Celebrations

Planning continues for the celebration of one hundred years of electric trams in Ballarat.

A dinner for members and friends will be held in Ballarat on the evening of Saturday 24 September 2005. If you wish to attend you will need to contact Richard Gilbert on (03) 9580 8270, by mail at P O Box 632, Ballarat, 3353 or by e-mail via secretary@btm.org.au by Friday 16 September. Richard will advise you at a later date of the exact time and venue.

Sunday 25 September will be a special day for Members and friends. The horse tram will operate for the first time since February 2002. Operation of this tram is always problematic and expensive for the Museum. Unfortunately *“Bear”* who had the honours to lead the Moomba Festival Parade in 2002 has passed on but we have managed to find another operator who is able to assist.

A sausage sizzle at the Museum is planned and the electric trams to operate on the day will be from the Electric Supply Company era.

Come along and join us for a pleasant day celebrating this centenary.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Ballarat Tramway Museum Inc. (Association No. A0031819K) will be held at the Ballarat Tram Depot, South Gardens Reserve, on Sunday 23 October 2005, commencing at 2.00pm.

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

- President
- Vice President (two positions)
- Honorary Secretary
- Honorary Treasurer
- Ordinary Board Members (six positions)

Any two members may nominate any other member to serve as an Office Bearer or an Ordinary Board Member. At the time of nomination, the nominee, proposer and seconder must be financial members for the nominee to be entitled to be a candidate for election Association.

Any nomination must be in accordance with the Rules of Association. All nominations are to be sent in writing to the Returning Officer, to reach him/her not later than 5:00pm on Sunday 9 October 2005.

Nominations may be sent to:

The Returning Officer
Ballarat Tramway Museum Inc.
P.O. Box 632
BALLARAT VIC 3353

Alternatively, nominations 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 five hundred 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 not apply.

New Members

762 James Loftus of Knoxfield
240 John Frost of Doncaster (resumed)

We welcome James and John as members of the Museum.

Museum Accreditation for the Daylesford Spa Country Railway

The Board extends its congratulations to the Daylesford Spa Country Railway (Central Highlands Tourist Railway) on achieving Museum Accreditation under the program operated by Museums Australia Victorian Branch. They join the Ballarat Tramway Museum as the only other Victorian accredited rail heritage museum.

CHHA Fair

Don't forget to visit the Central Highlands Historical Association Family and Local History Expo 2005 to be held on Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 October 2005. A flyer for this event is enclosed with this mailout. The Museum will be exhibiting some of the tramway postcards that it has collected over the years in a exhibition titled "From Postcards to MMS", Ballarat's tramway history shown in postcards.

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No 40 is starting to look like a tram again, with the head lights fitted to the end panels and the first of the green colour applied. 6 August 2005.

Photo: Warren Doubleday



No. 27 heads south on Saturday 6 August 2005 past the works to replace the kerb and channel in Wendouree Parade.

Photo: Warren Doubleday

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Recent Acquisitions

The Museum has obtained two interesting items for its collection. The first, which came just in time for publication in the new book was a photo of two electric trams and an ex horse tram being shunted by hand at the bottom of Sturt St, near Grenville St

This is the first photo of this type of operation we have seen. One of the electric trams is cross bench car No. 19 and the other ESCo 17. The ex horse tram has a number of people on the top deck. The photo was taken during a summer day. The photo raises the question concerning the operation of the trailers – were they towed by the cross bench cars as well? We have only seen photos of them being towed by the ESCo combination trams.

The other item is a notebook of tram driver Jack Prisk along with some other items. Jack joined ESCo in 1908 and was still working for the SEC in October 1943, past his 65th birthday. The notebook we think dates from 1913 when one-man trams were introduced and drivers or motormen had to issue tickets as well.

It lists entries for specific days and dates (matches the calendar for 1913) giving details of the value of tickets issued and the amount returned.

Roadworks in Wendouree Parade

The City of Ballarat is reconstructing the kerb and channel between Pipers on the Parade (the Gardens Kiosk) and Windmill Drive North. They also intend to formally pave between the kerb and channel and the edge of the tramway track.

In the section of track up to St. Aidans Drive, the tram track has been subject to flooding following the reconstruction of the roadway. This was due to the footpath between the lake and tram track being higher than the roadway and the water being unable to get away. The council has recently installed a concrete spoon drain across the footpath to alleviate the problem. Hopefully another one will soon be constructed to further assist.



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