

BALLARAT TRAMWAY MUSEUM
50th YEAR CELEBRATIONS PROGRAMME
Saturday, 29th May, 2021

In commencing our year of events to celebrate the 50th year of the Ballarat Tramway Museum we invite our members and their partner/friend to attend a luncheon to be held at the Royal Mail Hotel, Sebastopol on Saturday, 29th May, 2021. On this date, 50 years ago the Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society was formed, which eventually became the Ballarat Tramway Museum and has seen enormous progress in that time.

The Royal Mail Hotel has been a focal point of the former Ballarat Tramway system and has been there before the trams commenced running. It is from there the last tram left on 19th September, 1971.

The tramway systems of Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong had similarities, these being at least one tram route ended at a cemetery and at least one tram route ended outside a pub. This last point of comment leads to many stories of rollicking times with pub patrons arriving and departing by tram, and never let it be said that a tramway employee on duty would be found inside such a den of refreshment.

All this conjecture, memory and stories will be re-told at this celebratory gathering and this will be a jovial event with plenty of banter, a lot of it created by our own experiences in working on the trams over the years. This will be a great event to kick off our year of celebrations.

Our event commences at 12.15pm with a set menu and a wide range of drinks to choose from. A complimentary drink is provided with the meal. There will be a keynote address given by Clyde Croft, who was a foundation member, one of the first 56. His main contribution was setting up the tram driver training program and the formal legal entity in the form of a company in 1973. He was Secretary from 1973 to 1975 and oversaw the qualification of the first drivers and commencement of operations in 1974.

At 2.45pm you are invited to attend at the Tramway Museum where several trams will be in operation. You will also have the opportunity to view the progress of the construction of the new museum display building.

A specially chartered coach is being provided to meet the 10.14 am train from Melbourne to run to the Royal Mail Hotel, the Tramway Museum and return to the railway station to connect with the 5.20pm train to Melbourne.

The Royal mail Hotel is at 290 Albert Street, Sebastopol. It has easy car parking, with one accessible parking space and accessible entry and toilet.

This iconic hotel in Ballarat Tramway history amply serves our needs in all aspects for this great day. We thoroughly look forward to celebrating our milestone with you.

BOOKING FORM

I wish to book the following for the Royal Mail Luncheon;

NAME

NAME of Partner or Friend

Email address;

Contact phone number

Menu; All meals are \$25

Battered Flathead & chips, with either veg _____ or salad _____

Chicken Schnitzel & chips, with either veg _____ or salad _____

Sausages & Mash, with peas & gravy (Gluten Free)

Burger & chips (Gluten Free)

Gnocchi (Vegetarian)

A vegan meal can be prepared on request.

Any special dietary requirements

Additional drinks and deserts can be purchased at your expense on the day.

The coach transfer is an additional \$20 to the cost of lunch.
Please tick the box if you wish to use this option.

Method of payment:

Direct Credit into the BTM Bendigo Bank Account is preferred. Remember to leave a reference name;
BSB:633 000 Account: 156638066

Alternatively by;

Direct Debit

Card number _____

Name on card

Expiry date:

Or by Cheque or Money Order, made payable to Ballarat Tramway Museum Inc.

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID

Email this form to: cambers72@optusnet.com.au
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