

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PRAHRAN AND MALVERN  
TRAMWAYS TRUST WHICH WAS CONSTITUTED UNDER ACT OF  
PARLIAMENT NO. 2130 IN 1907.

The first meeting of the Trust was held on the 23rd March, 1908, at the Board Room, Broken Hill Chambers, Queen Street, Melbourne at 4.45 p.m.

At the meeting on the 16th July, 1908, it was resolved that the Trust treat through an Agent with the Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd. for the purchase of that piece of land situated in Coldblo Road, Malvern, having a frontage of 250 ft. by a depth of 110 feet and being Lots 37 to 41 inclusive on Plan of Subdivision No. 4648 lodged in the office of Titles at a price not exceeding £4. 0. 0 per foot.

Meeting on the 24th July, 1908, the Chairman reported having purchased the land situated in Coldblo Road Malvern, having a frontage of 250 ft. by a depth 110 feet at £4. 0. 0 per foot, and paid a deposit of £50-, balance to be paid within 30 days, and that he had signed contract. Resolved that the Chairman's action be confirmed.

Meeting on the 13th August, 1908, the sum of £950- balance of purchase money for power shed and office site was passed for payment.

Meeting on the 15th September, 1908 - regrading High Street. The Chairman reported that he had interviewed the Railway Commissioners in regard to regrading the Caulfield line at High Street, and was informed by Mr. Tait that the Commissioners were ready to enter upon the work as soon as the Trust were in a position to give the necessary guarantee for payment of the £13000-, and it was arranged that the Commissioners should accept the guarantee of the Trust's bankers. Payment to be made monthly as estimated by the Railway Commissioners. Such payment to be pro rata in proportion to the monthly payment by the Commissioners as £13000- bears to the estimated cost until the sum of £13000- has been paid. Resolved that the arrangement made by the Chairman with the Railways Commissioners as to the mode of payment of the the £13000- be confirmed.



Meeting on the 30th October, 1908, resolved that a crossover be provided at or near Kooyong Road/<sup>to</sup>provide for, if necessary, a special car to Tooronga Road along High Street.

Meeting on the 15th January, 1909 - re extension of tram line to Burke Road. It was resolved that the Malvern Council be informed that the proposed extension of the line could be conveniently operated by the Trust; also that the Trust is willing to enter into negotiations as to the cost of working, etc.

Meeting on the 19th February, 1909. Burke Road Extension. The Chairman's proposals as to joint working were considered, also Engineer's estimates of annual costs of extension submitted to Malvern Council. Resolved that same be tentatively approved of.

Alterations to Sewers, etc. Resolved that the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works' letter of the 21st November, 1908 be approved of, and that the work be authorised, subject to the Trust's amending bill being passed by Parliament, at an estimated cost of £4,430-, but that the Trust does not agree to incur the expense of moving the 20" main. The Chairman was authorised to attach the seal to any undertaking as to payments required by the Board.

Meeting on the 26th February, 1909. Re Survey of route. The Chairman reported to the trust that he had gone into the desirability of making a survey of the route as soon as possible, and would advise that the matter be taken in hand at once. It was resolved to leave arrangements in the hands of the Chairman with power to act.

Meeting on the 5th March, 1909. Re shifting of 20" water main in Glenferrie Road, Malvern. The Secretary reported an interview with the Chairman of the Board of Works, in which it was outlined that the Trust's guarantee that the payment would be accepted. That arrangements as to payment would be made to the mutual satisfaction of both parties, and that with regard to the Trust indemnifying the Board as to liability for accident in the event of the main bursting, favourable consideration would be given to the proposal as made by the Secretary, namely, that the Trust should



forward a report from their Engineer stating that all possible care would be taken to avoid subsequent damage to the main due to electrolysis. Approved. Chairman to be authorised to agree to any reasonable proposition on above basis.

Meeting 12th March, 1909. Re survey.  
dated 5th March, 1909 re survey for not exceeding £40-. Chairman reported that he had authorised the work to proceed.

Re shifting 20" main - Glenferrie Road. Chairman reported negotiations with the Chairman of the Board.

Meeting 19th March, 1909. Re 20" main. The Secretary reported that the matter was still under consideration by the Board of Works.

Meeting 26th March, 1909. The 20" main is to be dealt with by the Legislative Committee of the Melbourne & Metropolitan Board of Works next Wednesday.

Meeting on the 2nd April, 1909. Re 20" main Glenferrie Road Malvern. Secretary placed draft agreement with Board and reported that it was unofficial at present. It was being considered by the Board's Solicitor and the result will be officially notified through the Trust. Resolved that the Chairman be authorised to interview the Chairman of the Board with a view to seeing whether some mutually satisfactory arrangement can be come to.

Meeting on the 30th April, 1909. Chairman's report re agreement with Board of Works. Letter from G. L. Skinner dated 30th April, 1909 enclosing agreement with Metropolitan Board of Works. Resolved that cheque be drawn for £1476. 13. 4d. and that the agreement be signed and sealed.

Meeting on the 20th August, 1909 - re water main in High Street between Glenferrie Road and Tooronga Road Malvern. Letter to Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works dated 19. 8. 09 sent by Engineer was approved.

Minutes the 20th Sept. 1909 - re starting ceremony. Resolved that the starting ceremony take place on the 20th October at 3 p.m., that the Mayor of Prahran be asked to lay the first rail and the Mayor of Malvern weld the first rail.



The Chairman reported that he had on the 15th inst. opened tenders for Permanent Way No. 4 and that the Engineer recommended the acceptance of W. Sim and F. A. McCarthy for £18,780-.

Meeting on the 29th October, 1909. Chairman reported that on the 26th inst. he had opened tenders for Erection of Carshed and Offices, Contract No. 8, and on the 27th inst. he had opened tenders Converter Station Equipment. The Engineer in his report No. 19, recommended the acceptance of W. Sim & Co. for Contract No. 8 - £6,919. 5. 0. Resolved that the tender of W. Sim & Co. be accepted subject to the tenderer satisfying the Chairman as to their financial ability to carry out the Contract.

Meeting on the 11th November, 1909. Contracts Nos. 8 and 9. Chairman reported that he had made enquiries re the financial position of W. Sim & Co. Contractors for No. 8 Contract, and found that same was satisfactory. The Secretary reported that Contracts for Nos. 8 and 9 had been completed and final deposits lodged.

Meeting on the 25th November, 1909. Construction of Coldblo Road, Malvern. The Secretary reported that he had asked the Malvern Council to take steps under the local Government Act to construct this road. Confirmed. The foundation of the carshed was to be laid on the 6th December, 1909.

Meeting on the 2nd December, 1909. The Secretary reported that the ceremony of laying the Foundation Stone of the carshed and offices had been altered to Tuesday, the 11th December, 1909.

Meeting on the 17th February, 1910. The Secretary reported that the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works had refunded a sum of £185. 8. 0, being surplus of amount lodged for alteration to mains and sewers in Prahran and Malvern. The total cost including £12. 15. 3d. legal costs re agreement, <sup>was</sup> ~~which~~ £4,244.12. 0. Resolved that the Secretary inform the Board that the Trust cannot agree to the item of law costs and requesting a further refund of the amount.