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Summary of the Association's Activities

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ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIAN
TRAMWAY ENTHUSIASTS.

Australian Electric
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Minutes

Summary of Meetings etc prior to the adoption of the Provisional Constitution of the A.V.T.E.

15 May 1943

The first meeting at which any discussion took place re formation of a group of Enthusiasts was held on 15 May 1943 to celebrate anniversaries of the SK-B & P & M tramways. After the business concerning these 2 systems was finished a discussion followed centering on such a club or society. This was continued after the dinner & Picture Night, but no decisions were reached, although considerable grounding was made.

Several informal talks & discussions followed at various periods among PND, NHG & LM-W and during July CLB joined in with these three. It was decided that LM-W prepared a Provisional Constitution for an association to be discussed at a meeting to be held later such a meeting was held on 28.8.43. During the above period several excursions of tramway interest were held, & the picture night held in connection with the 15.5.43 meeting took place at the Victory Theatre, Fildes.

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and the Dinner was held at the V.R. Café
at S'Kilda Rly Station prior to the meeting

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Minutes of the Meeting of Tramway Enthusiasts held at
21 Herbert St S.2 for the consideration of a Prov^t Constⁿ

Present P.W. Duckett, L. Marshall-Wood, N.H. Gipps.
Apology for non-attendance was received from
C.L. Busch who stated that he would
support any Constitution adopted by the
members present.

Proceed'gs P.W. Duckett was elected Chairman for
the meeting, and after opening the
proceedings at 5.45pm, asked Mr M-Wood
to read the Prov. Constⁿ he had compiled.
As each article was read, a short discussion
followed. When the reading was completed,
it was decided to adopt the Constitution
without amendment. It was stressed
that the Constitution was only a temporary
one to keep the enthusiasts together until
more stable times, when a permanent
one would be adopted. In accordance
with decision, office-bearers were decided.
Mr P.W. Duckett was unanimously
elected our first President, Mr M-Wood
as Secretary & Deputy President, Mr
C.L. Busch as Treasurer & Mr N. Gipps
as Chief Recorder. A discussion followed

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on the duties of the Officers to make quite clear the Constitution sections dealing with that point. The Order of Procedure for meetings of the Association was then compiled, following standard lines. Mr G.N. McAlpin, one of the original VR Tram enthusiasts with Mr M-Wood, (who is now in the R.A.A.F.) was made one of the original members of this new club subject to his approval. The secretary was directed to contact him on the matter. The secretary informed those present that Mr McAlpin had forwarded him several tram & interurban timetables & pictures. After a toast had been drunk to the Victorian tramway systems, the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

P. W. Duckett

President

L. Marshall-Wood

Hon. Sec.

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In connection with this meeting a Dinner was held at the V.R. Cafe @ Kilda Station from 5-5.30pm & a Picture Night followed the meeting at the Victory Theatre, Kilda where "Limber" & "Invincible Agent" was shown.

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Minutes of the 1st (General) Meeting of the AVTE held at 69 Bourke Rd Caulfield; Sunday 3.10.43

Present

Mr Duckett (President), Mr Marshall-Wood, Mr Gipps Mr Busch & 4 visitors. Apologies

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~~the meeting~~ ^{was received} from Messrs Stanley, Pryor & Wilson.

Opening

The meeting opened at 8.15 pm (E.O.S.T.) & the Minutes of the previous meeting were read following a short speech by the Pres.

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CLB moved that the Minutes be confirmed & NHA seconded. The secretary then read a summary of meetings prior to formation of AVTE & then stated that Mr E Browne had wished the new assoc. success in the future. The President directed the secretary to convey the association's thanks to him. Correspondance between Sec & Hobart Municipal Tramways was then read, & NHA moved that the secretary's action in congratulating the H.C.C. on their 50th tramway anniversary be approved & that the reply from Hobart be received. CLB seconded & motion carried. The Deputy President then took over & introduced the

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Address speaker for the night, who was the Pres^r Mr Duckett. He gave a very interesting 15min talk on "Single Wire Overhead Construction for O Gauge Model Tramways". He dealt mainly with the construction erection & dimension of his own model tramway overhead & at the conclusion several questions were asked. Mr McBride moved a motion of thanks to the speaker & Mr O. L. White seconded it. The President then opened the Tramway Topics session, which commenced with the reading by the secretary, of the Associations trips & excursions up to date. An interesting discussion followed on various subject most visitors joining in. These subjects included recent MMTB rolling stock, tram braking, Maitlymong Bridge, peak loading etc. The General Business of the Association followed & three main motions were carried. They were (1) That LMR & CLB be granted "leave of absence" from December to February 1944 under section 29 of the constitution (Moved by NHC seconded CLB) (2) That ~~Article~~ section 8 of the constitution

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be suspended till February 1944, as another meeting in the next 3 months would be impossible because of examinations & absence of most members. (Moved LMR seconded by NHC.) (3) All future new members pay an entrance fee of 2/6 while there is no subscription (Moved CLB seconded by LMR). The meeting was then closed at 9.30 pm & members & visited adjourned to the model rail tram layout of PWD where it was ably described by the President. An excellent supper was then provided by Mr Duckett.

Doing

PWD layout

L. Marshall-Wood

President

P. W. Duckett

Hon. Secretary

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Visitors

Mr A. Ravenocroft, Mr P McBride, Mr F. Taylor, Mr O. L. White.

NHC

JW