

SLEEPER APPEAL

SLEEPERS, track, for the use of Yes, we use a lot and we could use a lot more if we could afford them. They cost \$16.00 each. — CAN YOU HELP? Any donations would be received most thankfully. It has been estimated that we should replace about 170 in the present main line and we will need about another 200 odd for the extension northward.

Can you afford to 'buy a sleeper' or two; or even half a sleeper?

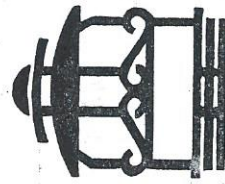
GOLDEN SUNSET TOUR

Boxing Day 1989

See the enclosed leaflet for full details.

LAST MEETING

On Friday, 24th November, twenty-two members were treated to an excellent slide show by Stuart Turnbull, who showed but a small selection of his magnificent collection of slides; many members were re-aquainted with old friends (both two-legged plus four- and eight-wheeled). The end of February. More about this in the next meeting will be held towards the next 'Running Journal'.



AT THE EDITOR'S DESK

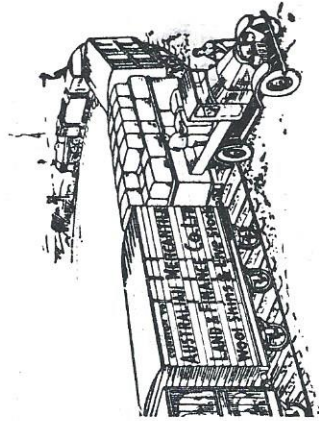
My thanks are extended to Michael Norbury, Graham Jordan and Dean Filgate for their assistance.

CORRECTIONS

The last edition of 'Running Journal' contained two dewirements:

Peter Bardho's telephone no. is 882 7358.

The last tram on road no. 4 is 173 not 183. More about this next issue.



FOR SALE BY TENDER

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES — BUSES

TWO LEYLANDS

1949 C.O.E. with minor defects
1962 Royal Tiger, no engine or trans.
Offers will be received until 31-12-1989.

Inspection can be made at Tramway Museum, Bylands on Sundays — contact Keith Kings

To be sold "as is" with no warranties being given.

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THE SEASON'S GREETINGS



The Directors would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every member a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

THE KILMORE EXTENSION AND OTHER MATTERS

Major news items of the year are:

Bylands to Kilmore railway land

Andy Hall, our General Manager, has been able to arrange the leasing of the P.T.C. land between Bylands and Kilmore (Tootle Street) to our Society in conjunction with the Shire of Kilmore for a nominal rent.

'The Met' Tower Truck No. 17

After many months of negotiation our Museum now has on loan from the P.T.C. Tower Truck No. 17. This is now at Bylands and Geoff. Dean has already been improving the overhead by getting to parts not able to be reached by ladder. Improved tram running has resulted in just a few hours work with the truck.

Government grant

Our museum has also been granted the amount of \$6000 on a dollar for dollar

basis spread over two years to assist with our extension towards Bowers Lane.

Our thanks

Our Society is greatly indebted to both Andy Hall (for his dogged pursuit of various people in the Ministry of Transport and the P.T.C.) and Max McDonauld (our local M.L.A. who 'smoothed' the way). Without the help of these two it is unlikely any assistance would have been forthcoming. Good work indeed!

CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Sunday, 17th December, is our annual Christmas break-up and Members' Day at Bylands. All members and friends are welcome. If you have not been to Bylands recently, why not come and see what's new. We are also planning to have a parade of trams during the day.

TRAFFIC STAFF AND ROSTERS

The success of our Society depends to a large extent on our public image.

The Society is judged, at least by the general public, by the appearance not only of our trams at Bylands and Kilmore, but also by the presentation and attitude of the Society's members who staff our trams. If those members adopt a professional approach, then it reflects well upon our Society; if they adopt an unprofessional approach, it reflects poorly.

Used properly the traffic roster is essential to the proper operation of the Society's trams. Every member of the traffic staff should know when they are on duty and do their utmost to be a professional representative of our Museum. This is the person on whom the general public (our visitors) will base their impressions of our Museum and the Society.

If a member of the Traffic Staff does not perform their rostered task, then it might mean that a tram cannot run, or perhaps someone else, not rostered on traffic duty that day and therefore totally unprepared, will be called upon to run the tram.

In either case it results in our Society looking unprofessional: after all, how silly does our Society look if we cannot run the trams — or if they are run by people wearing soiled work clothes.

Unfortunately there have been a few cases recently of people rostered for traffic not performing their allotted task, or, in some cases, not even turning up.

To avoid this situation occurring again these basic rules should be followed:

1. Always be at Bylands or Kilmore before the opening time so that trams can be prepared in time for the advertised opening time.
- It looks poor if visitors are starting to arrive at 11:10, but the tram cannot run until 11:35.
2. Make sure you know your allotted task and that you perform that task. There are no prizes for doing someone else's task and letting your own slip.
3. If you cannot make your rostered time, arrange for someone to cover for you. Do not just fail to turn up.
4. If you change your mind about the task you have volunteered for, please arrange a swap and inform the Roster Clerk. Do not just refuse to do the task.
5. Turn up in neat attire, preferably a tramway uniform.
6. Finally — keep the Roster Clerk advised of any changes or swaps that you may need to make. We know that circumstances can change during the roster period. The attitude that 'it doesn't matter' and not turning up does not help the others rostered on that day.

If these simple rules are followed, the operation of our museum will be smoother to the advantage of the Society as a whole.



HELP REQUIRED

Please enter this item in your diary now! Our Society is planning to display and operate $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch to the foot model trams at the forthcoming Australian Model Railway Association Exhibition at the Camberwell Civic Centre over the Labour Day week-end (9, 10, 11, and 12 March). Open at 10.00 a.m. and closing 10.00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 6.00 p.m. on Sunday and Monday.

Model trams are required for our display and, no doubt, volunteers will be needed to staff the display.

If you are able to help please contact our Exhibitions team — Jeff. Bounds on 509 7040 or Geoff. Dean on 898 4086; or write to them at P.O. Box 27, Malvern 3144.

WANTED — a member to print the address labels which are affixed to the front of the envelopes of the Society's mail outs.

Graeme Breydon, who currently produces the labels, has indicated that he wishes to cease this task and is, therefore, looking for a member who has an IBM compatible P.C. and who may be interested in relieving Graeme of this job. He is willing to assist with the programming procedures.

Please write to Graeme at the Society address if are able to assist with this.

ARTICLES WANTED

Editor Bob Prentice can be reached by telephone on 51 2664 or at 13 High St, Prahran 3181. All contributions are welcome. Remember — articles should be in by the 15th of the odd month.

MUSEUM WORKS

Work proceeds in several directions at Bylands.

Peter and David Bardho, assisted by Jeff Bounds, are cleaning out and re-forming some of the table drains around the site.

Geoff. Dean has been working on the overhead at both ends of the main line. Marking out poles at the 'down' end and installing span wires at the 'up' (south) end. Before long trams will be running, literally, to Union Lane. As mentioned elsewhere, we now have Tower Truck No. 17 on loan from the P.T.C. and the wire between the depot junction and the station area boundary has been lifted in line with the rest of the overhead.

Andy Hall has been organizing the track gang to lay sleepers at the loop site.

Len Millar is now ready to start painting 667 and 673. He is hoping to paint during the dry summer weather.

ARCHIVES

Commencing in December, 1989, the archives, located at Malvern Depot, will be open to members on the first Wednesday of each month (except January) at 8.00 p.m. Access may be gained at other times by arrangement with either the Archivist, Keith Kings, or Assistant Archivist, Robert Green.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome a new member.

We welcome Ben Morgan from South Melbourne as member no. 493.