

The Tramway Museum Society of Victoria Incorporated

P.O. BOX 27, MALVERN, VICTORIA 3144

DECEMBER 1990

Please send me the following tickets in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope:

Total Amount enclosed \$

Contact telephone number

Drivers who have not been to Rylands recently will notice on their next visit on the roster that they will be given a small note book with the tram handles. This note book is for recording the number of trips (i.e. similar to a trip waybill) and this will enable us to keep track of how many kilometres each car does.

In answer to several enquires, the electric tramcar bodies stored at Bylands, just north of the residence of those of Ballarat 42, ex Geelong 37, formerly M&MTB E 38, F 46, G 50, H 3 91, the last four from two houses dentone.

A VAST range of black and white photographs from Peter Bardho have been given to copy to help build YOUR Tramway Museum. You can help by buying these terrific photos. So big is the range that we will do them in batches of ten photos per issue of 'Running Journal'.

Photo 1: Bendigo 3, Eaglehawk
Photo 2: Melbourne Scrubber 10 with 8 and 6 at South Melbourne Depot, 1962

Photo 3: Melbourne Scrubber 11, Swanston Street at La Trobe Street

Photo 4: Bendigo 12, Pall Mall, to Golden Square

Photo 5: Bailarat 13

Photo 6: Ballarat 14, Lydiard Street North

Photo 7: Ballarat 18, 'Trotting Car' at terminus

Photo 8: Bendigo 18, Pall Mall, side view

Photo 9: Ballarat 19, excellent view

Photo 10: Ballarat 19, city, side view

All photos are 150 x 200 mm (6" x 8") - in excellent condition.

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Don Sholten, P.O. Box 222, Malvern, Victoria 3144

Our annual Boxing Day outing this year will take us to TWO operating tram museums; The Ballarat Tramway Preservation Society at Lake Wendouree, and The Melbourne Tramcar Preservation Association at Haddon.

Once again we will be travelling in a luxurious "NU LINE" coach, courtesy of member Craig Coop, departing Flinders St. (opposite Elizabeth St.) at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch (BYO) will be at the Lake, where we shall ride Ballarat cars 13 (J 68) and 18 (H 63). Then we partake of afternoon tea at Haddon, which became operational only this year. Here a barbecue evening meal will be provided, after which we will depart about 7.00 to arrive back in Melbourne at approximately 9.00 p.m.

Full fare for the day is a bargain \$25 (or \$15 concession).

We urge you to return the booking form and a stamped, self-addressed envelope as soon as possible to: Travis Jeffery, 40 Pleasant Road, East Hawthorn, 3123

Travis would be happy to answer any queries, between 7.30 and 9 at night, on 882 3037.

The Board has, with regret, accepted the resignation of Travis Jeffery from the position of Roster Clerk. We wish to extend our thanks to Travis for doing so well at what can sometimes be a difficult job.

This position has now been filled by
Richard Lamprell (telephone 870 0556 A.H.
95 3815 B.H.).

Other new appointments by the Board include Bruce Bredin, as Assets Officer. Over the coming months, Bruce will be conducting a survey of all items belonging to the Museum, to compile a complete catalogue of our Museum's assets.

MUSEUM WORKS

KILMORE TRACK:

work has raced ahead on the Kilmore Cable tram track extension. The track was completed to the southern terminus on Saturday 24 November 1990 at 8:34 p.m. A retired but proud tracklaying crew (Geoff, Jean, Andrew Hall, Richard Lamprell, Jeff Bounds and non-member, Barry Hill) saw the first cable car arrive at the new terminus within minutes. The next day saw a limited service run with passengers while track lifting and packing operations were under taken. The Cable Tram operation has taken on a whole new dimension now that the run can make the car disappear from view, then reappear around the curve.

BYLANDS TRACK:

The formation has now been graded from the present northern terminus as far as the lane. We can now proceed with track building and overhead construction as soon as materials and manpower are available.

Thanks to Bruce Bredin, who produced the metal plates, all overhead poles are now numbered from Union Lane to the most northern pole along the main line. The Depot Yard poles are also marked. Bruce, with David Bowman and Katerina Strancar, has installed these numbers over the past few weeks.

OVERHEAD

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Work continues on the construction of
troughing for No. 4 road. This job is now
well advanced, and once installed will
bring the number of wired depot tracks to
three.

TRANS

Work has now been completed on the painting of L101 and it is looking quite good. W3 667 and W4 673 have been tidied up.

SATURDAY OPERATIONS

Remember the Cable Tram is operating on Saturday during the summer months. If you wish to crew the car on any Saturday please contact the roster clerk to see what days are available. These days have proved quite busy with lots of passengers offering.

TRAMCAR SPONSORS

In addition to the list printed in the last edition of 'R.J.', we appreciate the efforts of the following members who have also supported the Society's funds by sponsoring their favorite tram:

S 164 R. Campbell
VR 34 A. Stone
VR 34 D. Frost
SW2 644 G. Parker
X1 467 J. Wilcox
W3 667 D. Bowman
W2 643 V. Antcliffe
P 132 M. Austin
(Ballaarat 36)

There are still several trams requiring sponsors. If you would like to show your support, please send your donation to the treasurer, advising which tram you wish to sponsor.

Trams still without sponsorship include 15W (Q 198), Ballaarat 17 (J 73), Ballaarat 23 (scrubber car), W1 427, W2 509, W4 673, and X2 680.

APPEALS

We are still seeking support for the sleeper and ballast appeals to help our continuing project of extending the main-line towards Kilmore.

The response to date has been encouraging, but much more is needed in order to continue.

We have enough money to purchase only 100 sleepers and two loads of ballast, far short of our target. If you cannot volunteer your time to work at the Museum, then why not show your support through financial assistance? This would be of great benefit not only to museum projects, but also as a tax deduction for yourself!

Remember - "It's YOUR museum Ralph!"

We thank the following recent donors:

Sleepers -
1 sleeper M. Austin
1 sleeper G. Evans
2 sleepers B. Thomas

Ballast -
B. Bredin
K. Strancar
K. Kings

ARCHIVES

Our archives at Malvern Depot will be open from 8 to 10 pm on the following Wednesdays:

5th December
13th March

There will be no evening in January. Please also note that next year the Archives Open Night will operate on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month.

VINTAGE OPERATIONS

Each Sunday, until the end of March, 'The Met' will be operating vintage tramcars from its 'Heritage Fleet' in normal service. The routes concerned are:

16 City to St. Kilda Beach
69 Kew to Cotham Rd. to St. Kilda Beach and City to the Zoo.

Sunday 18th November was the first day and saw cars 104, 380, 431, 510, and 613 on route 16, 106 on the Zoo run, and 610, 611 and 612 on route 69.

PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Did you spot the deliberate mistake - that's right - Peter Bardho's telephone number was wrong. It is, of course, 892 7358 if you would like to order one of these name badges for \$5.00.

ANNIVERSARIES

1991

15th January - La Trobe Street opened for electric trams 40 years ago.

24th - 29th January - 65 years ago

Swanston Street and St. Kilda Road were electrified in stages.

25th March - Last tram ran in Geelong 35 years ago.

31st March - 70 years since L 101 entered service.

6th April - Opening day for Hawthorn Tramways Trust 75 years ago.

27th April - Melbourne, Brunswick & Coburg Tramways Trust commenced service 75 years ago.

5th May - 85 years since the Victorian Railways St. Kilda to Brighton electric street railway opened.

31st May - 75th birthday of HTT 88/M' 114/Bendigo (2nd) 3.

6th July - Cordite Ave. to Williamstown Road line opened 50 years ago.

9th July - MB&CTT 11/S' 164 is 75 years old.

1st August - Last North Carlton cable tram ran 55 years ago.

1st September - 65 years since the VR's Black rock to Beaumaris line opened and 60 years since it closed.

CABLE TRAM EXHIBITION

Further to our very brief report on this exhibition in the last 'RJ' here is a more complete report of the day's activities.

Norm Maddock and Jack Cranston were the people who formalised the display at the Stanhope Street Hall and they were assisted by Ron Scholten and Peter Bardho.

The vintage trams used on the day were part of the PTC's 'Heritage Fleet'; not the Society's cars. However our non-motorised cable tram set was brought from Bylands, and returned, by Robert Ardolic, Civil Branch, Tramway Division, with loading at Bylands assisted by Geoff. Dean, Richard Lamprell and Andrew Hall.

Our Society was invited to roster members for various duties at the Hall - such as door keepers, raffle ticket sellers, sales officers, etc.

Our grateful thanks are offered to Norm Maddock, Jack Cranston, Bruce Bredin, Malcolm Wagner, Steve Altham, David Bowman, Katerina Strancar, Keith Kings, Robert Green, Richard Lamprell, Ron Scholten, Peter Bardho, Dean Filgate, Ron Scholten's niece, Andrea Griffith (a non-member, who worked very hard) and Met Driver, Peter Rayner.

Also a very special thank you to Dick Scarfe, Depot Foreman, for his able assistance in a number of ways.

Finally we desire to acknowledge that we are most thankful to both the PTC and the ATMOEA for inviting our Society to participate in this exhibition.

TRAINING OF TRAM DRIVERS

Let me assure all members that there is great personal satisfaction when you receive your tram driving authorisation; therefore, if you desire to 'swing the handle around against the brass' - to use a saying of Peter Duckett's - then Peter Bardho should be consulted (telephone 882 7358). He eagerly awaits your call. Yeah members - be in it!

ANNIVERSARIES

1990

28th October - first trial run of a cable tram in Melbourne 105 years ago.

- Ballarat 17 is 75 years old

- The last cable tram ran in Melbourne 50 years ago

24th November - 60th birthday of W2 646 still in regular service in Collins Street.

20th December - The line to West Marybyrnong opened 50 years ago

27th December - 65 years since the Windsor - Esplanade route was converted to electric operation.

ELLIOTT'S PHOTOGRAPHIC CENTRE

Patronise
ELLIOTT'S PHOTOGRAPHIC CENTRE
116 Glenferrie Road.
Malvern 3144.

Obtain your cameras, passport photos, film, photocopying, film processing.

Elliots have been most helpful to us, supplying most of the Society's photographic needs. Recently photography was done in his own time at an excellent discount. We are greatly indebted to Elliotts and give them the highest recommendation.

CAUTION - BEWARE OF SNAKES!

There has been much publicity lately in the local media about the increase in reports of snake sightings. Recent weather conditions have increased the possibility of a larger than normal snake population.

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Snakes HAVE been sighted at Bylands. Take care when walking around spare parts and storage areas, especially through long grass. Extra care is required around the rail and sleeper stacks.

OTHER TOURS

Yapper Tours, in conjunction with The Tramway Modelling Association, wish to announce a special tour organised by Bruce Bredin . . .

When: Saturday 8th December 1990,
1 pm start, finish about 6.30 pm

What: Z1 81; not just any old "Z", but a test-bed car with operating features not found on other Z1s.

Where: Camberwell Depot/Kooyong/Kew Depot/East Melb/Vic Market/East Coburg/NEW Moreland Road curves/Museum/Swanston Street/St. Kilda Junction and Beach/Grand Union (more than one way . . .)/Malvern Depot/Gardiner/Wattle Park (dinner break)/Camberwell Depot.
How Much: only \$15, including light snacks!

Who : Bookings and enquiries:-
Peter Bardho, 882 7358
(Caution, shift worker!)