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MEMBERS' DAY 20th December 1987

On this Sunday the Museum invites all members, their family and friends to attend. The day will start off with work being undertaken on the main line just beyond the electrification, and also on the erection of overhead wire and on cars in the No 1 Shed. You are not obliged to work, but while the momentum of development is as high as it is at present, we do not want to miss a day!

In the afternoon M.T.A. Managing Director Kevin Shea and his family will inspect Bylands, as will our good friends Morn Maddock and Les Jean, the Manager, Preston Workshops. Various trams and buses will be in operation for members to ride, photograph and to later take part in a drive of the vehicle of their choice.

The evening meal will be a B.Y.O. Barbecue, followed by evening tram operations.

So please come along and join in the fun!

PERSONAL

Our Fire Protection Officer Andrew Howlett has been awarded an International Teaching Fellowship for 1988 which will take him to Greendale High School near Milwaukee in the USA State of Wisconsin. Andrew, Maxine and their two sons Matthew and Jarrod will trade the hot summer temperature of Rochester for the below zero cold of Wisconsin in January.

Andrew's address while in Wisconsin will be W277 S6484, Riverview Drive, Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149; U.S.A.

Part of the Fellowship is a teaching exchange, so a Greendale High School teacher, Steven Carlson and his family, will be living in Andrew's home and teaching his classes at Rochester High.

Hopefully Andrew will be able to visit some of the transport museums in the U.S.A. and photograph same. Maybe a slide night at a Society meeting in 1989? Anyway, I am sure that all members will congratulate Andrew upon his award and wish him and his family all the very best for 1988. Good Luck!

BALLARAT 43 (GEELONG 40)

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This tram arrived at Bylands on November 12th, and was placed in storage on No 6 Road. We thank the City of Newtown for making this car available. With this acquisition, we now have an excellent collection of SECV trams.

GOLDEN SUNSET TOUR SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER 1987

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To repeat, this year's trip is to Sandhurst Town and the Castlemaine & Maldon Railway. The 'bus will depart Flinders Street Station (Garden City 'bus stop) at 9.00 a.m. sharp. We will then proceed to Sandhurst Town by the Calder Highway, lunching there. We then travel to Maldon to ride the train, after which we go on to Hepburn Springs for a BYO Barbecue tea, arriving back in Melbourne at about 10.00 p.m.

All enquiries to Travis Jeffery, 882-3037 between 7.30 and 9.00 p.m. please.

This promises to be another most enjoyable day, with a good variety of fine scenery, and the varied attractions: we will have time for a good look at Sandhurst Town, and for a stroll around historic Maldon. At Sandhurst Town you may purchase fresh salad rolls, sandwiches etc and drinks: otherwise, take your own lunch.

Incidentally, we will be at Hepburn Springs in time for those who wish to do so to take a mineral bath in the Bathhouse- several dollars per head, and bathers required!! The kiosk there apparently shuts when it feels fit, and it is recommended that supplies be acquired in Maldon.

BYLANDS

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Work is progressing steadily on the overhead and track. More members are still required on work party days, which are the third Sunday of each month. All enquiries about Work Parties to General Manager Andy Hall on 51-4718 8.00 - 9.00 p.m.

The next work party dates are 20 December, 17 January, 21 February and 20 March, and also the Australia Day weekend of January 23,24,25,26 is a work-party weekend -- come pitch your tent or bring your caravan and stay at Bylands for all or part of this weekend.

Remember Bylands is your Museum, so how about pitching in and helping -- there is a job for every body!!

TRAMS

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36 continues to operate the service and does an excellent job as passenger car and sometimes as works car.

15W is busy performing its old MTA job as our sleeper transport car.

Bendigo 3 was recently moved from the rear of Malvern Depot on to Road 4: special thanks to Dick Sparfe, Depot Foreman Malvern, for re-railing No 3.

No 1 SHED, BYLANDS

After general consideration of the appropriate manner to recognise the contributions of the stalwart supporters of the Museum, the Board has decided that the old or No 1 Tram Shed should be named the R. H. Prentice Shed in recognition of the work of founding member Bob Prentice.

SALES DEPARTMENT

We have a new range of tram teaspoons; with our three spoons, the horse-cable-W1 class, we can now offer 10 different classes. They are as follows: Horse - Cable - W1 427 - L class - T class - X1 class - X2 class - W7 class - Z class - A class -- 10 spoons.

PRICES: 1 to 4 spoons -- \$5.00 each spoon
5 to 10 spoons - \$3.80 each spoon.

GREAT FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS !!!

BOOKS

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| The Wisbech & Upwell Tramway Centenary Album (Reduced) | \$3.00 |
| Mile End's Steam Finale | \$8.00 |
| Kuala Lumpur and Singapore Railway | \$6.00 |
| A. N. Locomotives 1982 S.A. & N.T. | \$2.00 |
| N. Z. R. Locomotives | \$3.00 |
| S. T. A. Railcars | \$2.00 |
| M. T. T. Perth Bus Fleets | \$3.00 |
| Steamtown | \$3.00 |
| From Omnibus to O-Bahn | \$15.00 |
| The Tramway Museum S. A. | \$6.00 |
| The Bay Line | \$2.00 |
| Tramways of Adelaide 1909 | \$3.00 |
| Destination Paradise (S.A.) | \$4.00 |
| Adelaide Railways S.T.A. | \$1.00 |
| Destination City (Melbourne) | \$10.00 |
| 100 Years of Melbourne Trams | \$4.00 |
| Kilmore Horse Tram | \$1.80 |
| Ballarat Trams | \$1.80 |
| Burnside Lines (Adelaide) | \$8.00 |
| Q.R. Loco's 1983 | \$2.00 |
| Australian Articulated Buses | \$20.00 |
| Trolley Buses of Tasmania | \$8.00 |
| Bus Fleets: A.C.T. | \$2.00 |
| Melbourne Private Buses | \$5.00 |
| Back Issues of Trolley Wire and Electric Traction | |
| The North Sydney Lines | \$20.00 |
| The Sydney Tramway | \$12.00 |
| The Melbourne tramway | \$12.00 |

ENAMEL BADGES: Ballarat 27 -- Ballarat 38 -- W1 427 -- W2 331 -- X1 467
-- W7 1018 Coming Soon: S 164.

NEXT ISSUE: Material to Editor Bob Prentice, P.O. Box 27, Malvern 3144 no later than 20th February 1988, please.

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