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RUMOURS

The Museum Board is disturbed to hear rumours concerning tram No 680, that this car is to be sold or burnt. What rubbish! No other electric tram will be sold by this Museum, nor will it be destroyed. W2 331 was sold as the Board felt that the Museum had a surplus of W2 trams, and this did not fit in with our fleet, i.e. our overall concept of a representative collection of Melbourne trams, the more so since the MTA has retained examples of the class. The money from the sale, \$7500, has been earmarked for the long-needed pit at Bylands, which is required to maintain our cars. (It is in fact held in a separate, high-interest account until work can commence over summer.) The members who originally proposed the acquisition of 331 were approached prior to the sale, and were not in a position to subsidise the retention of the tram, and there was felt to be no practical way to retain it.

In general, members are recommended to check such rumours with a Board member, or just ignore them. We repeat, there is no foundation in the story about 680 -- it is a lot of unfounded rubbish.

427 REACHES BYLANDS

On Friday 29th July 1988 the Museum's restored tramcar W1 427 returned to Bylands. As yet the car is not operational, but this will take place in the next few weeks. Many thanks to Keith Kings and Andy Hall for doing once again the loading and unloading of 427. 427 is presently stored at the rear of #2 Road; it will change places with 643 in the Hurren Shed, which car is out of service with a defective traction motor.

TRACKWORK

The Museum has acquired a second-hand generator to operate the electric drill for boring holes in sleepers (thus moving from the 19th Century to the relief of the track gang) and to provide power at other locations.

The generator is a 10 hp Honda motor in a light-weight frame which makes for easy transportation to each work place. It of course lives in No 15W.

A quantity of new sleepers has been obtained from a sawmill in Echuca. These have been put in the track where the trams currently operate in the yard, as this had deteriorated considerably.

Many thanks to Stuart Turnbull, Michael Norbury, Jeff Bounds, Don English, Len Millar, Steve Altham and the Leek family, and of course our General Manager Andy Hall.

Member John Beckett has reconstructed a number of faulty track joints, and we thank him for his work on this.

DRAINAGE

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The Society Engineering Consultant Bill Kingsley has done a detailed drawing of the drains at Bylands and has also recommended where some new drains should be dug, and the old ones cleared as well. We thank Bill for his assistance with this. A contractor will start work in the next few weeks on this important task.

CULVERT

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Councillor Barry Hill has advised our General Manager that the culvert required at the front gate will be installed by the Shire of Kilmore, and paid for from the Council's Tourist Funds in the next estimates.

Barry has also restored the Society welder to operation again. We thank Barry for his valued assistance and support.

TRAMCARS

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667 -- Len Millar and Charlie Huggard have been working diligently away on this car and further progress has been made.

467 has been returned to service after a lot of work by Len Millar.

Trams 36, 644 and 467 are our current service cars.

TROUGHING

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Graham Jordan has continued his work in manufacturing the troughing for the overhead in the sheds.

HOUSE

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The occupants have vacated the house, and work has proceeded on the necessary cleaning and attending to minor defects. A new water tank is to be installed, and new power points installed, the old electric stove replaced, and other work done. Many thanks to Jeff Bounds, Keith Kings, David Leek and Chris Treganowan for assisting Andy Hall in this task.

HURREN SHED POWER

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Power (non-traction) has been connected right through the length of the Hurren Shed by our contractor McKnights. Wiring has also been run along the shed for the later connection to the toilet block to provide light and hot water there as funds permit.

TRACTOR

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The Society tractor has continued to be caused problems by unauthorised operation. The tractor is not to be used without express prior approval on each occasion from Andy Hall, Len Millar or Keith Kings: offenders will be dealt with: the continual need to have the tractor attended to must stop.

CONTACT NUMBER

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The new after-hours telephone number for General Manager Andy Hall is 057-82-1428.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of The Tramway Museum Society of Victoria Incorporated will be held at the M.T.A. Hall, Stanhope Street, Malvern at 8 p.m. on Saturday 27th August 1988.

The ordinary business of the Meeting will be:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the 1987 Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive from the Board reports upon the transactions of the Society during the financial year 1987-1988.
3. To hear the declaration of the election of Chairman, Deputy Chairman and ordinary members of the Board.
4. To receive and consider the statement submitted by the Association in accordance with Section

30(3) of the Associations Act 1981.

The special business of the Meeting will be:

To consider and if thought fit adopt the following resolution, which is recommended by the Board pursuant to Rule 4(1):

That in recognition of his outstanding service to the Society, Mr Leonard N. Millar be elected to Honorary Life Membership of the Society.

The Society's Rules provide that votes on a question at a Meeting shall be given personally (i.e. there is no provision for proxy voting) and only a member who has paid all moneys due and payable by him to the Society (including the annual subscription payable for the current financial year) is entitled to vote.

ANTHONY SELL,
SECRETARY.
4th August 1988.

THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND THREE
ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AUGUST 1988.
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Pursuant to Rule 26 (4) (a) of the Rules of the Society, members are notified that the following valid nominations for election to the Society's Board of Management have been received:

CHAIRMAN : Mr Len Millar (Nominated J. Dowel/ K.S. Kings)

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr Anthony Sell (Nominated L. Millar/
R. J. Atkins)

There being no excess of nominations over vacancies no ballot is required for these positions.

ORDINARY MEMBER OF THE BOARD: (Three to be elected)

Mr Jeffery Bounds	(Nominated A. Hall/ G. Dean)
Dr Stuart Turnbull	(Nominated A.E. Sell/ A. Hall)
Mr Allan Arthur	(Nominated P. Carwardine/ R. Scholten)
Mr Michael Norbury	(Nominated L. Millar/ K.S. Kings)
Mr Graham Jordan	(Nominated A. Jordan/ P.J.A. Allen)

POLICY STATEMENTS supplied by the candidates pursuant to Rule 26 (4)(a) :

Mr Bounds: No statement submitted.

Stuart Turnbull

I have been a member of the Society Board for the past two years, and during this time I have been active around the Museum. Recently I have been assisting the General Manager and have been active in Museum works, as well as taking part in the Marketing Committee. I have enjoyed my term on the Board, and, if re-elected, I will continue to work to further the Society's aims.

Mr Arthur: No statement submitted.

Michael Norbury

I seek election as a member of the Board.

During my two year membership of the Society I have substantially contributed to the Society by regularly attending the Society's museum

on work party and other days, to assist with maintenance and construction.

I am also convenor of the Fundraising and Marketing Committees. In addition to introducing tram tour "meals on wheels", I have produced the new pamphlet advertising the Society. Further, together with Stuart Turnbull and Len Millar, I am involved with the organisation of the Kilmore Rail Centenary Tour on 1st October 1988.

As a member of the Board, I will contribute to the effective management of the Society by directing the Society to better use of its resources. The Society must set and maintain priorities. For instance, at Bylands, once the main line is repaired, a task which is well in hand, the next task should be the wiring of one shed road in order that the amount of labour needed in relation to the movement of trams at the commencement and completion of running sessions is reduced. This has two results: labour is released to perform other tasks, the opening of the museum on additional days becomes more attractive.

Mr Jordan:

I have served as Treasurer and on the roster at Bylands and intend, if re-elected, to continue to devote my best efforts to the advancement of the Society.

ELECTION

The election will proceed in accordance with Rule 26. Each member entitled to vote at general meetings (see below) has herewith a ballot paper setting out the candidates.

Members voting on a ballot paper shall indicate the order of their preference by writing numbers opposite the names of one or more candidates and a number written against the name of a candidate shall indicate preference for that candidate over a candidate opposite whose name a higher number or no number is written and the same number or no number opposite the names of two or more candidates shall indicate that the member voting considers those candidates of equal merit.

The ballot paper shall then be placed in a sealed envelope, which shall be endorsed with the member's name and signature, and lodged with the Secretary not later than forty-eight hours before the opening of the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to be declared: the Annual Meeting is called for 8 p.m. on Saturday 27th August 1988, and accordingly ballot papers must be lodged either at the offices of Messrs Anthony E. Sell & Co, 901 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill or at the Society's postal address, P.O. Box 27, Malvern 3144, no later than 8 p.m. on Thursday 25th August 1988.

The ballot envelopes are passed to the Returning Officer who after satisfying himself of the member's entitlement to vote, opens and discards the envelope, and places the ballot paper, without examining it, into a suitable secure receptacle. After the closure of the ballot, the Returning Officer counts the votes, discarding any ballot paper not marked in accordance with the Rule.

Eligibility to vote: A member is not entitled to vote unless all moneys due and payable by him to the Society (including the annual subscription payable for the current financial year) have been paid. (Rule 20)

Secrecy of Ballot: The Returning officer appointed by the Board, former Chairman Hamish Haugh, is required to sign an undertaking that he will not breach the secrecy of the ballot in any way, nor disclose to any person any information to which he may become privy as to whether or how any member cast his vote. (Rule 26 (4) (b))

Any enquiry may be referred to the Secretary on 890-1053 (office hours.)

ANTHONY SELL
SECRETARY

4th August 1988.

NOTE: All members will receive this circular and a ballot paper. Only ballot papers returned by eligible members as described above will be admitted to the count by the Returning Officer.