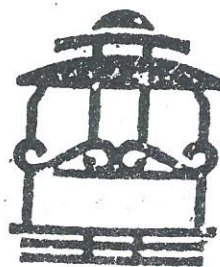


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The
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NEW SERIES

JULY 1989

BYLANDS:

As previously noted, we now operate along the main line over One Tree Hill, and almost to the site of our loop. We are grateful to the Met for its assistance, and to the people from Coburg Overhead Depot for their invaluable contribution, and especially David Gregory. The difference in operating out of the yard is quite incredible -- you are out of site of the car barns when you change ends!! -- and the sensation of riding through the rather fine scenery is very pleasing -- and this winter we've had a lot of clear days when the full scenic beauties of the site are apparent. Geoff Dean and Andy Hall also put in a lot of work in connection with the extension of operation.

When the surface water lessens, the next step will be special working parties for the track and overhead to the loop and of the loop, as we are committed to our friend Mr Kevin Shea opening the loop extension on Sunday 24th September 1989. The Board decided to invite Mr Shea in recognition of his great interest in and assistance to the Museum. Mark that date in your diary! (And see below about work parties -- we need your help.)

Overhead: The brackets for troughing are in place in on #5 Road in the Bern Hurrenm Shed, so we'll be running in and out of both sheds for 24th September.

Tickets: Travis Jeffery and Geoff Dean have produced our new issue of tickets consequent upon the recent price increase, to \$2 Adult, \$1 Concession. (It is quite some time since the charges were increased, there are not many like attractions charging less than we now do, and, of course, there is the usual extreme need for funds to continue the improvement of the museum, the costs of which increase at least in line with general costs.

Running Staff: We are pleased to announce that Keith Kings has been appointed an Electric Tram Driver. Congratulations, Keith! Traffic Manager Len Millar draws to all members' attention that there is the continuing need for more people on the roster -- don't be bashful about contacting Len (057-89-1242 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.) or Travis Jeffery (when he returns from his overseas trip.)

Fire Protection: Keith Kings has been upgrading the fire protection system, installing the proper markers, and so forth.

Work Parties: Work parties are held on the third Sunday of each month at Bylands.

All are invited and welcome -- and there are plenty of jobs for all!! Most

definitely, a'l are welcome!! It is helpful if you can arrive between 10 and 11 a.m., but don't be put off if you have to arrive later! Presently work is directed chiefly to the track and overhead extension, to the opening of which in September we are committed. Please give this a go -- we need your help in developing your Museum!

BOARD CHANGES:

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We regret to announce that Dr Stuart Turnbull has been forced by work pressure to resign from the Board. Stuart has made a great contribution to the Board during his years there, and also to the Museum generally as a dedicated member of the work force: we are happy to say that this will continue as time permits. The Board invited Keith Kings to take up the vacant place, which he has done, and we welcome him back to the Board table.

TRAMCARS:

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We expect our W5 (three-door, canvas blind) car 782 to be available later this year, as the delivery of articulated trams enables the withdrawal of canvas blind cars. 782 is presently operating out of Preston Depot. The Board has also accepted an offer by Mr Jeff Bounds to sponsor the acquisition of W5 795, another canvas blind W5, and this car will also appear at Bylands in due course. We acknowledge Jeff's generosity.

SHORT NOTICE TOUR:

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A short notice tour will be run using W5 782 when it comes out of Mo' service at Preston Depot for its Museum retirement. The intended route will include the new double track bridge on the direct run from the Depot to the Workshops. It will obviously not be possible to give the usual notice of this: if you would like to be notified as soon as we are able, please write to 782 Retirement Tour, P.O. Box 315, Box Hill 3128, or telephone 890-1053 (office hours/ recorded message taking machine) giving your name and TELEPHONE NUMBER for contact (preferable both a work and home number) and we'll let you know the details when they are available.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

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You will have had your renewal notice by now (if not, please let us know -- Box 27, Malvern 3144 or ring 890-1053 and leave message): to vote at the Annual Meeting, or to nominate or stand for the Board, you must have paid the Society all moneys due, so now's the time for those who have not yet done so! If there's an "X" on your address label, we haven't had your renewal.

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 R. H. Prentice Shed at

the Society's Museum, Union Lane, Bylands, at 2 p.m. on SATURDAY 26th August 1989, on which date the meeting will be opened, and a motion for its adjournment to SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 1989 at Bylands will be put.

The business of the resumed Annual General Meeting will be:

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;
2. Reception of the Board's Reports on the Society's transactions for 1988-1989;
3. Reception and Consideration of the statement submitted in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Financial Statements);
4. Declaration of Elections of Chairman, Deputy Chairman and ordinary members of the Board;
5. Special business of which notice has been given in accordance with the Rules of the Society.

As prescribed, Messrs Millar (Chairman), Sell (Deputy Chairman), Atkins, and Dean retire at this Annual General Meeting. (Messrs Hall, Jordan, Bounds and Kings continue in office.) Members are reminded that the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and three ordinary board members retire at the meeting: any two members may nominate any other member, with his consent, in writing to the Secretary at Box 27 Malvern 3144, no later than 27th August 1989, for fill. If there is an excess of nominations over vacancies a ballot will be conducted in accordance with the Rules. (Refer Rules 23, 24, 25 and 26.)

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,
ANTHONY SELL,
SECRETARY.
17th July, 1989.

NOTE: THE MEETING WILL HEAR A MOTION THAT IT BE ADJOURNED TO THE 24th SEPTEMBER 1989 at BYLANDS and the Board has directed that the September date be treated as the date of the meeting for election purposes.

SALES NOTICE:

Various back issues of English and Australian Railway and Tramway magazines have been donated to the Society for sale: for a list, send Stamped Self-Addressed Envelope to Sales Officer, P.O. Box 27, MALVERN 3144. All proceeds

BOX HILL CENTENARY:

The City of Box Hill has instigated various moves to mark the centenary of the first electric tram in the Southern Hemisphere. Among other things, the Society has agreed to be involved in a Tramway Exhibition in the Box Hill Town Hall from 17th to 22nd October: volunteers to assist in manning the display will be needed: if you can help with a day -- or an hour -- or two, please ring 890-1053 and leave a message -- we'll get back to you.