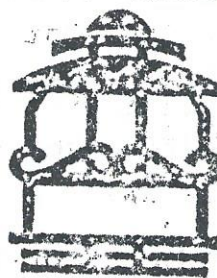


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BYLANDS -- EXTENSION OF OPERATIONS:

The Museum is now over the hill !!! Shortly after the target date of Easter, the overhead on the main line extension was energised, and trams began to trundle majestically not only down the hill and along the flat, but back up again. This is a great step forward: the views are excellent, of course, and the sensation of distance just by moving out of sight of the depot sheds is almost unbelievable.

The next step at Bylands is to operate right up to the loop site, and to install that facility, and work will start soon.

KILMORE -- EXTENSION:

The Shire has now completed the earthworks, and work on the track-laying will soon begin in earnest. This also will take the cable car out of sight of the shed, and give the impression of a longer ride, which is not just less monotonous for the operators, but much more interesting for the public.

EXTRA WORKERS:

We have now begun to receive the benefit of hours of community service from those who are so directed by the Courts: whilst these people are not necessarily skilled in the trades we would choose, they are starting to make a notable contribution.

VISIT BY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT:

The Hon. J. H. Kennan MP, Minister of Transport, visited the Society's operations on 28th April 1989. He took a great interest in developments at Bylands, and the potential for further advances, and also at Kilmore. It was

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interesting that the local authorities were quick to latch on to the visit to present their own matters to the Minister. We hope for good things from this visit!

BOX HILL TRAMWAY CENTENARY:

The Centenary of the inauguration of the Box Hill - Doncaster Electric Road, the first electric tramway in the Southern Hemisphere, falls on Saturday 14th October 1989. The occasion will be marked by the City of Box Hill, and probably the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, with the installation of suitable markers at the termini and depot sites, and with a Tramway Exhibition at the Box Hill Town Hall the following week.

The Society is involved in the planning of this event, and there will be a need for volunteers to staff the exhibition. It is hoped that the opportunity will be taken to transcribe some of our historic movie film on to videotape initially for display at the Exhibition, but with great potential for later use. Please remember 18th October onward, 10-4 weekdays, 10-6 weekend, and see if you can help out for an hour or three!

BENDIGO MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION:

The ever-energetic Jeff Bounds and his helpers did well in representing the Society at this show, returning a useful profit. We will be seen at more such events in the future.

PERSONAL:

We regret that former Chairman Jim Dowel has been off work unwell for some time: all the best, Jim, and may you soon be fighting fit again.

TRAFFIC ROSTER:

Traffic Manager Len Millar mentions that new faces are always welcome on the Traffic Roster at Bylands/Kilmore: the duties are not onerous, the scenery can be magnificent, and it is an essential part of the Society's progress. No previous experience is necessary, though always useful!! Contact Len on (057)89-1242 (after 7 p.m. weeknights) please!

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