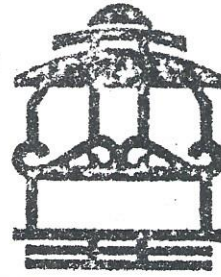


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## MR DUDLEY SNELL

With deep regret we record the sudden death of Mr F. D. (Dudley) Snell in Hong Kong on 14th December, 1988. Mr Snell, a Bendigo boy, had a distinguished career with the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, the Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board, the Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Leighton/M.T.A. Consortium. He was heavily involved with the U.I.T.P. and Melbourne Rotary, and was most helpful towards the Society. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs Snell and family. A full obituary will appear in the February issue of "Trolley Wire".

## W5 782 TOUR

The Society's next outing will be a day-long tour in W5 782 on Saturday 18th February 1989, leaving from South Melbourne Depot at 11.00 a.m. We will cover the Elizabeth Street lines on which the W5 cars were for so long a familiar sight. No booking is needed --- just turn up at South Melbourne before the appointed hour! 782 has been chosen because it has been sought as the Society's three-door W5. (Members will recall that we had originally selected 799. The MTA has now decided to retain all RC [Remote Control] cars, which will be required in service for some time, and so we looked again at the Clyde controller cars still in the three-door state [i.e. not "improved"]. None is exactly in pristine condition, but 782 appears to be the least run-down.)

Fares have had to be reviewed, in the light of the recent massive increases in charter rates, and are \$15 for adults, \$10 concession. (Pay on the day.) There will of course be appropriate stops for personal purposes and for lunch.

## WORK PARTIES

The usual work parties will continue on the third Sunday of each month at Bylands and Kilmore. There is plenty for all to do: the present major projects are continuing the overhead down the main line to the proposed loop, trackwork to make good the ravages of the deluges of winter at Bylands, and laying in track on the extension



at Kilmore the earthworks for which have now been done by the Shire. Plenty of useful jobs for all!! Come along and have a pleasant day in the open air!!!

#### MEMBERS' DAY

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The 18th December 1988 showed Historic Kilmore country at its best -- fine and sunny, with all the great scenic beauty of the Bylands site able to be clearly seen. A good crowd saw Mr Peter Cleeland MHR officially launch the powered cable set into public service at Kilmore. The set had already done its first good deed by delivering Father Christmas along the line to the Christmas picnic of the Shire workers! Notwithstanding this practice, the driver -- helped by Murphy's law -- naturally managed to stop the cars on the curve outside the Depot in the one spot where the motor could not "lift" the very full load on the first trip: however, a quick set back, and we drove off in style under the able gripmanship of Mr Cleeland. Then we moved to Bylands, where Mr Max McDonald M.L.A. commissioned the second stage of electrification by driving the first official car out of the shed. A pleasant day of tram riding then ensued, followed by an equally pleasant barbecue, despite the downpour which, of course, arrived as the barbecue reached cooking temperature. The many members and our welcome guests seemed all to enjoy the day.

#### GOLDEN SUNSET TOUR

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The annual day of recovery from the demands of the festive season this year took us to Bendigo. Our fine coach -- member Craig Coop really did us proud -- was all one could ask (except for flanged wheels?). After the luncheon break, we rode cars specially made available by our friends of the Bendigo Trust Tramway section, and then toured through the Central Deborah Mine, remarking just how heavy a safety helmet becomes after the first half-hour. Then we sampled W2s 441 (still in 150th Anniversary colours) and 456, and waddled in one of the Birneys. After an inspection of the Depot, and of the Gas Works Depot (including its newest arrival, 1903 car #7) it was time for the evening meal: those who partook of the pre-arranged meal were satisfied and sated, and the rest enjoyed the other charms of Bendigo. The trip back via Heathcote was another comfortable ride. We thank the Bendigo Tourist Tramway for its outstanding co-operation, and all concerned in arranging the day for their work, and particularly Craig Coop for making the coach available.

#### NEXT "RUNNING JOURNAL"

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Material to the Society by the middle of February, please, for issue by the end of February: the following issue should then appear around Easter, and the normal schedule be resumed thereafter.