

TRAM RESTORATION IN MELBOURNE

Members — how about you becoming involved in the restoration of HTT 8/MMTB 114/SEC Bendigo 3?

A start will soon be made on this car, so please note all work will be performed in Melbourne.

All we need are a few workers, like you!

Target date for completion is April 1991, the 75th anniversary of the opening of the Hawthorn Tramways Trust.

If you can assist, please volunteer your services to Michael Norbury.

HELP NEEDED

Robert Green recently received the following letter, but he cannot understand it. Can anyone help?

Dear Robert,

Could you please advise me if you think that the following arrangement of the Society's collection at Bylands is appropriate?

155	39	117	36	Road 1
56	38	101	36	ex Ballarat Road 2
64	2	109	4	Road 3
138	176	66	171	154 127 120 45 183 R'd 4
128	47	180	62	45 Road 5
96	48	24		Road 6

I very much doubt that a Roman would think so!

Cheers,

Signature

GENERAL MANAGER TO RETIRE

Our General Manager, Andy Hall, has announced that he is planning to retire at the end of January next year.

Andy Hall has been our General Manager for the past four or five years and feels that it is time now for a rest from the rigors of managing the programme of expansion that has been going on for the past few years in our museum.

ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK

Response to the changed format of Running Journal has been encouraging.

If you have any suggestions to improve 'RJ', please advise me — 'phone 51 2664; or write to me at 13 High Street, Prahran, Victoria, 3181.

And that is the address for any news, personal pars and, as stated before, any thoughts. Don't forget that photographs are required at regular intervals for inclusion in Trolley Wire.

Starting with the next issue, your Journal should be sent out early in the even numbered month.

Please, therefore, have material sent to The Editor, 13 High Street, Prahran, Vic. 3181, by about the 15th of the odd numbered month.

Once again, and to stress this point, members are invited to submit material for Running Journal and Trolley Wire.

ARCHIVES

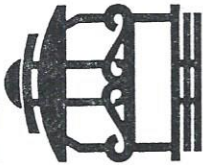
Commencing in December, 1989, the archives, located at Malvern Depot, will be open to members on the first Wednesday of each month (except January) at 8.00 p.m. Access may be gained at other times by arrangement with either the Archivist, Keith Kings, or Assistant Archivist, Robert Green.

SNAKES

Spring-time at Bylands always brings out more visitors — including unwelcome ones. A 70 cm 'Joe Blake' is known to have taken up residence under the cable tram track-work near the depot points. So, BE WARNED AND WATCH OUT!

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As many members will know, October has been a very busy month for several of our Society's stalwarts!

Celebrations commemorating the centenary of the opening of the Doncaster-Box Hill electric tramway occurred on the 14th. Further, as part of the centenary celebrations, our Society, in co-operation with the City of Box Hill, the local historical societies, and the Australian Electric Traction Association, staged a magnificent exhibition of tramway artifacts and memorabilia at the Box Hill Town Hall in the latter part of the month. Whilst acknowledging that various members assisted at Box Hill, I particularly desire to thank Tony Sell and Robert Green both personally and on behalf of the Society for their outstanding efforts which were pivotal to the success of the Centenary Celebrations.

In addition to the involvement at Box Hill, our Society installed one of our cable tram sets in the Exhibition Build-

ings for STAMPSHOW '89, which was held from Wednesday, 18th to Sunday, 22nd October, 1989. Several members worked diligently to clean the cable train, both at Bylands and at Stampshow; loading at Bylands and unloading in Melbourne and vice-versa; however the effort was worth it, for the cable train was the most popular exhibit — it stole the show! My thanks to all concerned.

Also, our Society arranged for another cable trailer to be lent to Australia Post, which was used as a sales point in the Bourke Street Mall outside the GPO during the three days 18th to 20th October. Again I wish to thank those involved in the cleaning, transporting, loading and unloading at Bylands and the Mall.

Finally I would like to remind you all that your assistance is needed in all areas of our Society's activities. If you want to become involved in our Society please contact any board member or the person in charge of the appropriate section.

Len Millar, Chairman.

MEMBERS' MEETING

A meeting is to be held in the White Horse Room at Box Hill Town Hall on Friday, 24th November, at 8.00 p.m.

Enter through door to the right of the main front doors of the Town Hall

Doors open at 7.30 p.m.

A selection of slides will be shown by Stuart Turnbull

THE SOCIETY'S BOARD

As a result of the recent elections your Society's board consists of the following:

Chairman	Len Millar	03-648 7303	057- 89 1242
Deputy Chairman	Michael Norbury	03-608 7788	03-481 2863
General Manager	Andy Hall		057- 82 1428
Ordinary Board Member	Jeff. Bounds		03-509 7040
	Keith Kings		03-836 4932
	Russell Jones	03-605 1493	-
	Peter Bardho		03-852 7358
	Graham Jordan	03-658 5648	03-798 6035
	Rod Atkins	03-611 2121	03-817 2368

ADMINISTRATION

At the meeting of your Society's board held on 13th October, 1989, the following appointments were made:

General Manager	ANDREW HALL (057-82 1428)
Deputy General Manager	GEOFF. DEAN (03-898 4086)
Administration Manager	MICHAEL NORBURY
Archivist	KEITH KINGS
Assistant Archivist	ROBERT GREEN (03-592 3279)
Editor, Running Journal	BOB PRENTICE (03- 51 2664)
Exhibitions' Managers	JEFF. BOUNDS/GEOFF. DEAN
Membership Officer	AILEEN JORDAN
Membership Recruitment	BOB SERLE
Overhead Manager	GEOFF. DEAN (03-898 4086)
Public Relations, Publicity, Marketing	MICHAEL NORBURY
Sales Officer	RUSSELL JONES
Assistant Sales Officer	JEFF. BOUNDS
Secretary	BOB SERLE (03-817 2146)
Tours and Meetings Officer	ROD ATKINS
Traffic Manager	LEN MILLAR
Assistant Traffic Manager	PETER BARDHO
Treasurer	GRAHAM JORDAN
Works Manager	ANDREW HALL

It is the Board's aim to establish committees to assist in the following areas:

1. Publications
2. Exhibitions
3. Tours

4. Public Relations, Publicity and Marketing

Should you desire to become involved as a member of any of these committees please notify Michael Norbury or any board member of your interest.

NEW PUBLICATION

THE FIRST ELECTRIC ROAD
A history of the Box Hill to Doncaster Tramway

As we all know October 1989 is the centenary of the opening of the Box Hill to Doncaster electric tramway; the first such tramway in the southern hemisphere. Our Assistant Archivist, Robert Green, has written a definitive history of this line. The book is presently at the printer and will shortly be available at \$14.95 per copy. An order form is enclosed with this issue of RJ.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS WITH ACCLAMATION

Our Society owes a great debt to Geoff. Dean for his work on the overhead.

He has devoted many hours on this exacting task.

Thanks also offered to the overhead gang from The Met; they applied themselves diligently to assisting our Society on the overhead and, of course, very special thanks must go to Mr Kevin Shea for his assistance and interest in our museum.

CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

The traditional Christmas break-up will be held at Bylands on Sunday, 17 December, 1989. The last Sunday before Christmas Eve.

GOLDEN SUNSET TOUR

Our annual Golden Sunset Tour will be held on Boxing Day; further details in the next Running Journal, or contact Rod Atkins.

VANISHING WEATHER-BLIND TRAMS

The unthinkable is about to happen.

Melbourne will soon no longer have any weather-blind trams in regular service.

With fewer than 20 two-door and three-door weather-blind cars still in service, and this style of car being taken

Our Society has arranged to add a three-door tram, 782, and hopes to acquire a two-door tram for our fleet.

782 is at Preston Depot and is presently in service on the Brunswick Street routes.

CHANGE! CHANGE! CHANGE! (to Work Parties)

Because of increasing traffic on Sundays at Bylands, it has become more difficult to attend to the routine tasks needed to keep the Bylands museum operational. Work parties therefore, will now be held

on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. However, if you prefer Sunday work, do not be deterred — just give Andy Hall (057-82 1428) or Geoff. Dean (03-898 4086) a telephone call to find out what tasks are to be done