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IT'S YOUR MUSEUM RALPH!!

What do we have to do to get some more workers? Only the faithful few continue to turn up to do the essential work. We need track workers (better than a Gym, brothers/sisters) and people to help out on the traffic roster. Bylands has the potential to be a great museum. Wouldn't you like to be able to say you played your part in building it?

SALES SALES SALES THE PETER BARDHO COLLECTION

A VAST range of black and white photographs from Peter Bardho have been given to copy to help build YOUR Tramway Museum. You can help by buying these terrific photos. So big is the range that we will do them in batches of ten photos per issue of 'Running Journal'.

- Photo 1: Bendigo 3, Eaglehawk
- Photo 2: Melbourne Scrubber 10 with 8 and 6 at South Melbourne Depot, 1962
- Photo 3: Melbourne Scrubber 11, Swanston Street at La Trobe Street
- Photo 4: Bendigo 12, Pall Mall, to Golden Square
- Photo 5: Ballarat 13
- Photo 6: Ballarat 14, Lydiard Street North
- Photo 7: Ballarat 18, 'Trotting Car' at terminus
- Photo 8: Bendigo 18, Pall Mall, side view
- Photo 9: Ballarat 19, excellent view
- Photo 10: Ballarat 19, city, side view

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Photographer: David Doyle

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of our Society was held on Friday 31 August 1990 at the Victorian Movie Makers' Hall, Napier St, Fitzroy.

In the absence of the then Chairman, Len Millar, Deputy Chairman, Michael Norbury, opened the meeting and welcomed the 38 members and friends present. The various reports were presented and adopted by the meeting. The results of the election for the vacant positions on the Board were announced. The Board for 1990/1 is:-

Chairman: Rod Atkins
Deputy Chairman: Andrew Hall
General Manager: Geoff. Dean
Treasurer: Graham Jordan
Ordinary Board Members:
Travis Jeffery
Keith Kings
Peter Bardho
Jeff Bounds *
Russell Jones

The special business of the meeting was to confirm the appointment of Mr Kevin Shea, and to elect Mr Tony Sell, as Honorary Life Members in recognition of their valuable service to our Society. Both were elected unanimously and each, after receiving a commemorative certificate and giving an eloquent speech, were applauded by the assembly.

After the business of the meeting entertainment was provided by a series of short films from the wonderful collection of Bob Bishop. Among the many gems appreciated by everyone was colour footage of Adelaide and Sydney trams in regular service.

Another excellent supper and refreshments were supplied by Aileen Jordan and Bruce Bredin

* Following the election of Rod Atkins as Chairman, his vacant position on the Board was filled by the appointment of Jeff Bounds.

MUSEUM WORKS

TRACK: The last remaining lengths of the former broad-gauge main line north of Bylands have been removed and the formation now awaits grading and the tower truck to erect the bracket arms before the ballast is spread. New sleepers for this extension have been ordered, but their delivery has been delayed by the high level of the Murray River.

Work is well underway at Hudson Park on the extension of the Cable Tram track. The present 'end of track' was slewed over to the new alignment with great difficulty as the ground was so hard it took a front end loader with our friend, Barry Hill, sitting on the bucket to break through the granite sand topping. Now this track has been resleepered (not on the works programme) the new track is rapidly taking shape and advancing up the hill toward the site of the miniature railway. When the track is completed the Shire will fill the track to rail level.

OVERHEAD: Little has been done recently due to the absence of the tower truck. However, 5 road has been properly connected to the 2 road wire to allow trams to run in and out of both depot roads.

TRAMS: As well as general maintenance carried out on our operating fleet, restoration work continues on L.101 with repainting of window sashes and sills. The tram will represent the 1950's period with cream trim around the doors. Improvements to date have enhanced the appearance of the tram. Un-motored trucks from W2.331 have been placed under W.220, thus releasing its motored trucks for use under SW2.644. Meanwhile 644's trucks have gone to Preston Workshops for the motors to power W5.782, so adding a fully operational 'Clyde' to our fleet.

GENERAL: Repairs have been effected to the roof of the house and the drain at the south end of the depots has been rebuilt under the track.

Passenger figures and revenue continued at a reasonable rate despite some unsettled weather of late. Recent visitors to our Museum included the T-model Ford Club on 9 September.

Shunting of our tramcar collection has resulted in having our operational passenger cars being placed on the wired shed roads (2 and 5) for ease of running into service. Any other operational vehicles not "under the wire" have been located at the front of the unwired shed roads, where they can be easily moved using the wandering lead.

SPARE PARTS

The society has recently obtained a large quantity of windows, body panels, fittings and other parts suitable for restoring our ex-Geelong 'Butterbox' No. 9. These parts were retrieved from what remained of sister tramcar No. 3 which was used as a garden shed for the past 34 years following the closure of the Geelong Tramways in early 1956. Society members Warrington Cameron and Graham Jordan, assisted by Fraser Cameron, spent a day removing the parts and dismantling the car body.

WELL DONE

The following is an extract from a report in the Kilmore Free Press of Wednesday 19 September 1990, about a tourism function held at the Kilmore Civic Centre.

"Mr. McDonald (Member for Whittlesea) specifically referred to the Bylands Tramway Museum, and the dedicated volunteer work of museum society members. It is a unique attraction for a country centre."

PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Some years ago, members were given the chance to acquire Society badges. They comprise a rectangular name board (engraved with your name) with the society's logo attached in an attractive gilt and black enamel finish. The good news is that they are once again available - and at the old (bargain) price of \$5. If you would like one, please contact Peter Bardho (822 7358) and he will make you your own personalised badge.

BOARD NEWS

At the last Board Meeting it was decided that the Cable Tram should be operated on both days of the week-end - starting with Saturday 1 December.

If you are able to assist with this we would like you to contact Travis Jeffery, our Roster Clerk, and we will arrange for you to be rostered on a Saturday over the next few months of summer. Some members have been running the Cable Tram over the past few Saturdays, as well as Cup Day, and we have found it to be very beneficial financially. We would like to see the tram run from about mid-day until at least 4.45 p.m. or later if you are able. The operation of the Cable Tram is fairly simple and you can be instructed very quickly in the art. So, if you are unable to help on the roster on a Sunday, please come and help on the Kilmore Cable Tram on a Saturday. And, the trip is getting longer each week-end with the track extension currently under way.

MEMBERS' DAY

Our annual Christmas Members' Day will be held on Sunday 2 December at the Museum and at Kilmore, with the Minister for Transport, Mr Peter Spyker, officially opening the Cable Tram extension at Hudson Park, Kilmore, at 3.00 p.m.

Many trams will be available for photographers during the day. All members and friends are welcome to join us for the day. If you have not been to the Museum within the last two years you will find many changes around the site.

ADDRESS CHANGES

The Secretary advises that his move from Kew was not in time to get into the latest Melbourne Telephone Directory.

His new address is:-

R. P. Serle
2/301 Dandenong Road
Pahran 3181
Telephone: 521 2406

From "The Tramway Record", Vol 13, No 9, December 1947:

She was one of those 'bit-above-you' types. As she tendered a pound note for a twopenny fare, she said: "I am awfully sorry I have no pennies." "Don't you worry about that lady", said the conductor, "you will have 238 of them in a minute."

This year's tour will be to visit Ballarat and Haddon to inspect these two kindred Museums. We will travel by bus to Ballarat, then on to Haddon where we will have a Barbecue Tea before returning to Melbourne.

Final details are still be worked out. More details will appear in the next issue of 'RJ' which will be published the first week of December.

Keep the date free for a great day.

KILMORE FESTIVAL

The annual Kilmore Festival was held on the weekend of 27-28 October with a myriad of activities in Hudson Park on both days. Passenger loadings on the Cable Tram were very good with over 600 passengers being carried over the two days. In fact on Sunday the "Car full - take next car" sign on the dummy had to be put into use as we had standing room only. The first time the car has had a "crush load" for a long time.

CABLE ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

The same weekend saw an exhibition held in the hall at Stanhope Street, Malvern, to commemorate the closing of the Melbourne Cable Trams 50 years ago. The exhibition contained lots of memorabilia, photos, maps, and our vintage Trams gave rides to the public. The Society's other Cable Tram set was also on display. The exhibition was well attended thanks to good publicity and sales of books, etc. was good.

To commemorate the Melbourne Cable Trams, a tour was run on the Golden Jubilee of the cable tram closure. The tour used a vintage half-cab omnibus to traverse the route of the last cable car run (with a detour around the Bourke St. Mall). The tour was well attended and had an unexpected pickup in Prahran for two late but determined passengers.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our past Deputy Chairman, Michael Norbury, and his wife Rosemary on the recent birth of their daughter, Alexis, and give them our best wishes for the future.

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ARCHIVES

Our archives rooms are open from 8 to 10 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for private research, reading or viewing photographs. All members are welcome and no appointments are necessary.

For any information, please contact Keith Kings.

TRAMCAR SPONSORSHIP

Members are reminded that the Treasurer keeps segregated in the development account, a special section of funds for tram sponsorship. This fund can be called on to pay for all the small individual items which enable our maintenance team to keep the "runners" in our fleet alive and well. So for this financial year the following members have paid \$52 per annum to support "their" tram. PLEASE help to fill the gaps in the list - when these gaps are filled, doubling up on your favourite tram can start.

7w Ron Scholten

15w -

16w Peter Bardho

17 (Ballarat)

19w Ron Scholten

36 (Ballarat)

101 Barry George

220 Bob. Serle

427 -

467 Travis Jeffery

509 -

643 Peter Rayner (MET)

644 Andy Hall

667 Ron Scholten

673 -

782 Norm Maddock

795 Jeff Bounds

1041 Keith Kings