

TRAFFIC:

Our operating sites at Bylands and Kilmore have been very busy in recent months. Apart from the obvious increase in patronage from the general public, we have been fortunate to have hosted visits from similar kindred groups. In the last few months the Holden, Jaguar, Daimler and Vauxhall car clubs have called in as part of their respective outings. It is quite pleasant to see the restored motor vehicles side by side the trams from the same era.

FARE INCREASE:

Effective from the 1st July 1989 our fares have been increased. These changes have been necessitated by the ever increasing costs involved in operation of our operations sites at Kilmore and Bylands.

THE FARES NOW CURRENT ARE:-

Adult	\$2.00
Child	\$1.00

Even with this increase, we feel fares are still quite reasonable and within reach of the average family. Remember, one ticket allows the holder one ride on the cable car set and one ride at Bylands.

TRANSCARS:

Work continues on maintenance and restoration of our fleet. Len Millar continues on W3 667 whilst others from time to time (usually on wet days when outside work is limited) have commenced preparing W4 673 for repainting. SW2 644 has developed a small malfunction to its compressor. This is being attended to. Ballarat No.36 and W1 427 are presently the main service trams. 15W continues to be used as works vehicle and sleeper tram, while 19W is used by the overhead branch.

It is anticipated to commence restoration on ex-Bendigo No.3 at the rear of Malvern Depot in the near future. If you are interested in joining a team for this work, to be carried out mainly over weekends please contact Michael Norbury at the Society's address. If you are unable to get to Bylands and are interested in this project which is based in Melbourne, your help would be appreciated.

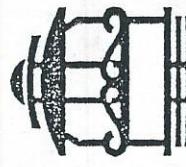
CHANGES:

By now you would have noticed a change in the format of "Running Journal". This issue sees the first major change to our newsletter since the old printed versions of Running Journal in the early 1970's. As you may appreciate, the compilation of a newsletter such as this is a fairly demanding task, so changes will occur from time to time.

To be honest, we don't know whether what we have produced in this issue is acceptable or readable. We would however be most interested to hear any suggestions that you may have as to its production, content or its overall appearance. Please drop us a line and let us know.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The resumed Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on the 24th September 1989 at the Society's museum site at Bylands. The meeting was conducted inside car SW2 644, which was placed at the southern terminus of the mainline.

Society Chairman Len Millar opened the meeting and welcomed all present. The various reports were presented and adopted by the meeting. The results of the election for the vacant positions on the Board of Directors was announced. Your Board for 1989/90 is:-

Chairman: Len Millar.
Deputy Chairman Michael Norbury.
Ordinary Board Rod Atkins.
Peter Bardho.

Russell Jones. The continuing members of the Board are Jeffrey Bounds, Graham Jordan and Keith Kings. After the conclusion of the meeting, members enjoyed rides on the various trams currently available for service.

BYLANDS: TRACK EXTENSION OPENED.

The extension of the mainline to near the future loop site was officially opened by Mr Kevin Shea on the 24th September 1989. Until quite recently Mr Shea was Managing Director of the MET and it was felt that he be invited to "do the honours" in recognition of his great interest and assistance to the museum in the past.

Mr Shea was assisted in the cab of W1 427 by Geoffrey Dean who was responsible for the majority of the work in installing the overhead wiring on the extension. Our local MP Max MacDonald was also present and once again commended the Society on its achievements.

OVERHEAD:

The brackets for the troughing in No.5 road have been put into place and all the troughing has been installed. All overhead fittings and contact wire have been fitted and now only require final alignment and tensioning to be carried out prior to connection to the depot access track.

Timber for the construction of the troughing for No.1 road has been purchased and delivered, construction will commence shortly. Most of the support brackets to hold the troughing on No.1 road are already in place.

TRACKWORK:

Work continues on the upgrading of the mainline and extension at Bylands. To date only about 60 meters of track just south of the loop site still requires resleepering, packing and ballasting. Once this is complete a temporary terminus will be established, this being in sight of the Northern Highway which will hopefully generate more welcome patronage and revenue.

The next stage is to extend the mainline further north past the loop site, by about 100 meters. This work will also include the placement of the turnouts for the loop and the reconstruction and regauging of an untouched portion of the mainline.

WORK PARTIES:

Work parties are held on the third Sunday of each month at Bylands. All are invited and there is plenty of jobs to fill. Please give this ago - we need your help in continuing the good work and to further develop your museum. With the summer months almost here a refreshing day in the country is an ideal way to relax or relieve tension. You may also get a suntan too!

SALES NEWS:

Our sales range will shortly be enhanced with the release of a new item. We have been fortunate to arrange with a large manufacturer the production of a long sleeve "WV" neck jumper with an embroidered motif. The colour motif consists of a reproduction of W1 427 surrounded by the Society's name in yellow lettering. The motif is embroidered on the upper left hand side of the garment.

All jumpers are made of pure new wool and are available in navy, red, royal, bottle green, maroon or chocolate colour. Each jumper will cost approx \$40.00 (final costs not yet available until order time), plus postage and handling if required. It is anticipated to place one bulk order with the supplier which will reduce overall costs, as any additional orders will attract a slight extra charge on each garment.

If you or any of your friends are interested, please drop us a line to the Society's address and include your required size and garment colour preference. Do not send any money at present.

They would make an ideal Christmas gift?

BOX HILL CENTENARY:

The Society will be conducting a display at the tramway exhibition in the Box Hill Town Hall from the 17th October 1989 to the 22nd October 1989, to celebrate the centenary of the first electric tram in the southern hemisphere.

The City of Box Hill in conjunction with their Electricity Supply Department, have organised several events to commemorate this historic event.

BOX HILL CENTENARY (CONT)

Already on display outside the Town Hall is MTO cable tram and trailer No.1, which has been moved from outside the Victorian museum in Russell Street, Melbourne whilst renovations are taking place. It is also expected that the replica of the original tramcar used at Box Hill will also be on display during the exhibition.

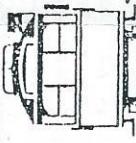
The display will be open between 10 am and 4 pm weekdays and 10 am and 6 pm weekends.

AUST STAMP 1989 - STAMPSHOW - TRAM STAMPS

The five trams to feature on the stamps to be issued by Australia Post in October 1989 are a Sydney steam tram, a Brisbane single truck combination car, Hobart double deck electric tram, Adelaide horse tram and a Melbourne cable tram. The issue date will probably coincide with the opening of Stampshow 89 a major stamp exhibition to be held in the Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne from the 18th October to the 22nd October 1989.

The Society has been invited to attend and accordingly a cable car set will be placed in the foyer of the Exhibition Buildings. It is also understood that MTA car V 214 will also be on static display. It is also hoped that a cable tram trailer will be on display outside the Melbourne GPO, in the Bourke Street Mall for the duration of Stamp Week.

Melbourne's trams have been adopted as Stampshows logo. A re-production is shown below.

ANNOUNCEMENT
STAMPSHOW '89

Melbourne Vic 3000
18-22 OCTOBER 1989

MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome the following new members to the Society; -

Number	Name	Location
488	Mr B Thomas	Forestville
489	Mr R May	Abbotsford

Membership renewals were posted out during June and to date a small number are still outstanding. If you have not already renewed and intend to do so, please complete your form and send it to the Membership Officer C/- PO Box 27, Malvern 3144. If you have lost your form or did not receive one, please let us know.