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We trust all our reader found the last issue of a greatly improved nature. The council of the Sydney branch have approved of us using the better quality paper at a cost of 5/- per month, this will allow us to give you a six page issue each month.

As you no doubt know this bulletin is only a spare time job (and who has much more spare time) so of course we cannot turn out a 1,000 copies, for this reason, you will understand, we can only supply those members who can spare the time to let us know they would like a copy.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Brisbane branch and wish them all the best in their mission work in Queensland.

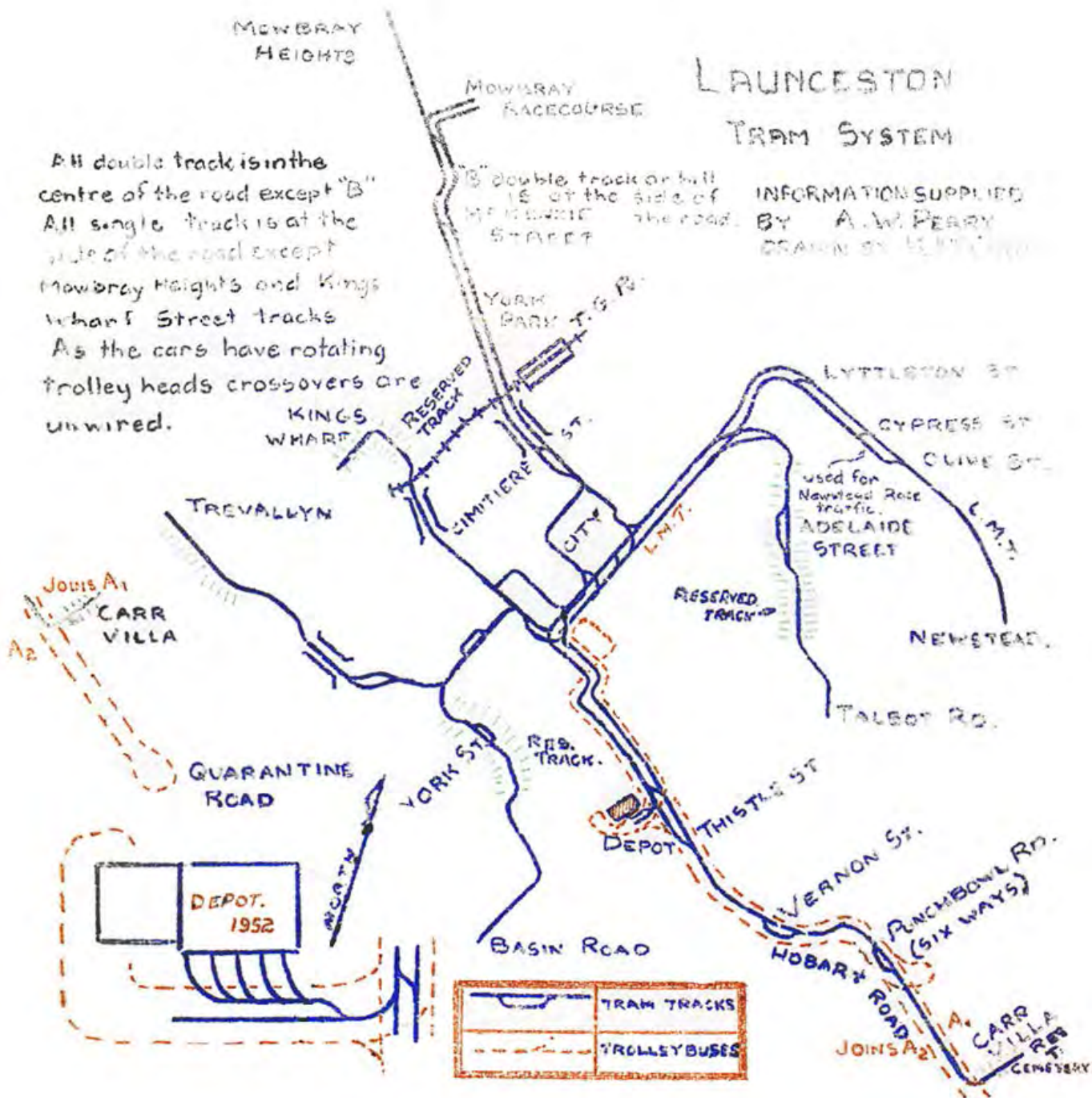
Work is commencing shortly on our book History of the Tramcars of NSW. Place your order now, only 3/6 per copy. This book is the result of many months work spent in careful research which has disclosed many interesting facts, particularly in the service stock section.

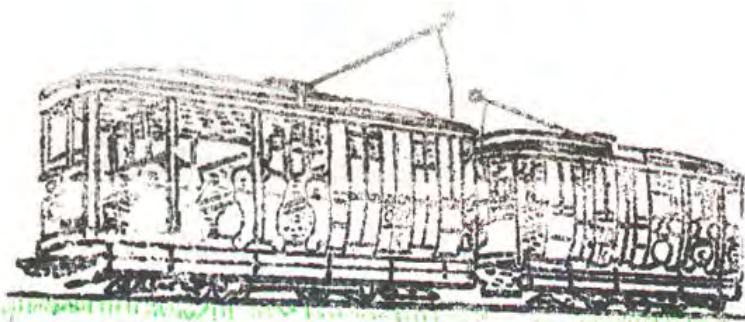
Surely some member has an article he wishes to have printed? Please do send it in to us as soon as possible.

Last month an error occurred in our news section. 2016 collided with an ordinary truck whose petrol tank exploded all over it. Also 2019 went to Rozelle not Ultimo.

PLEASE FORGIVE US but we only print what we are told, unfortunately we do not have the time to verify all our information. However we try to give you the latest correct news of Sydney. So help us to help you by verifying all your information before you pass it on.

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STAFFS

FROM

SYDNEY.

The new terminus for the Botany line at Chelmsford Avenue Botany will most likely be brought into use on Sunday June 22nd. This is not certain. Buses will then take over the Botany and Matraville trams runs.

138, 139 "S" have been fitted with a table for the staff "at meal times," chairs are provided by removing the sand box protection lids and sitting on same.

1694 "P" has been experimentally fitted with R1 type braking equipment which was removed from 1666 "P" and slightly modified.

2020 "R1" has been fitted with the first of the new signs fitted over the centre door reading "Smoking rear of this notice only".

The following list is the total number of trams to be retained when the current order has been completed.

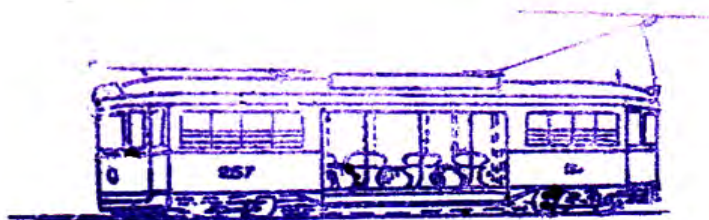
"O" class 278, "P" class 253, "O/P" class 8, "P/R" class 1, "P/R1" class 4, "R" class 195, "R1" class 305, "E" class 4, "K" class 2. The following will be stored and later scrapped: "O" class Direct Control 49, "O" class Multiple Unit 289, "O/P" class Direct Control 2. That is 340 cars to be written off and 1,050 to be retained.

The limerick from Dowling St. Depot to Rob. Rd. now carries a supplementary sign reading "Staff Special".

TRANSFERS. N. to D: 956, 959, 989, 1046, 1048, 1049, 1052, 1089, 1111, 1120, 1126, 1185, 1200, 1208, 1218, 1251, 1359. N. to U: 807, 825, 809, 1123. U. to W: 958. W. to U. 1233. K. to W: 1971, 1973. N. to D: 1538, 1539, 1547, 1548. R. to D: 1012, 1059, 1076.

It has come to our notice that copies of this Bulletin are reaching the Newspapers each month. Please leave any "Publicity" to the Public Relations Section.

A new "Booster" is being fitted to "P" Class cars. This equipment gives greater acceleration, in conjunction with this the bodies are being strengthened by steel brackets above and below the windows, attached to the roof and floor. This is to prevent the body from being left at the previous stop (a calamity peculiar to the "P"s).



NOTES FROM BRISBANE

Car No. 530 entered service early in May and car No. 531 should be in service by the time this mag. is issued. Cars 532-536 and now under construction in the workshops.

The Trolley Bus route at present in service is from Gardens-Gregory Ter. – Milton Depot via Petrie Ter. Routes under construction are from Greg. Ter., Hospital and to Balmoral via Story Bridge. The extra buses needed for these new routes are at present stored in Light St. Bus garage.

A recent statement made by the Council is that 13 new trams were built during 1951. The rate of construction set down for 1952 is one new tram every ten weeks. Contrary to front page news insufficient time was at the disposal of Sydney members in Brisbane to form a Brisbane branch.

Since the war extensions have been opened to Chermside 77 chns., Belmont 77 chns., Enoggera 1 mile 22 chns., Mt. Gravatt 1.75 miles 65 chns., and Clayfield 8.5 chns. Re the first two mentioned, duplication must be carried out prior to extension.

Much relaying has been carried out and most of Brisbane track is now laid in solid concrete. At present relaying is being carried out on the Dutton Park line and at Petrie Bight, City.

THE FIRST BRISBANE TRAM TOUR. The tour was held in car 512 "R" from Paddington Depot on Sunday June 8th. The B.C.C. was represented by Chief Engineer and the Rolling Stock Engineer. Routes travelled over were Bardon, Dutton Park, Greenslopes, Mt. Gravatt and back to Milton Rd, where the party of 7 Sydney members and 5 Brisbane people boarded a trolley bus which the manager, Mr. Quinn asked the members to ride. No. 512 "R" was selected because it was fitted with resilient wheels and roller bearings. The tour was held under ideal conditions in typical Brisbane weather. All agreed that the trolley coaches compared favourably with many others in the Commonwealth and that the tramway system had progressed much better than others. A.E.T.A. members take pleasure in extending thanks to all officials of the B.C.C. who made the tour and our stay in Brisbane so successful.

ASHFIELD SIDE ROLL

ASHFIELD
BRIGHTON AVENUE
ENFIELD *
TANGARRA STREET
PLYMOUTH STREET
BURWOOD
WELLBANK STREET
CABARITA
CABARITA JUNC.
MORTLAKE
SPECIAL
DEPOT ONLY
* STRATHFIELD
HOME BUSH
HURSTON PARK
DULWICH HILL

No. 2 N.S.W. TRAM DESTINATION ROLLS

SUMMER HILL
ABBOTS FORD
LEICHHARDT

ROCKDALE SIDE ROLL

BRIGHTON-LE-SANDS
ROCKDALE
SPECIAL
DEPOT ONLY

ALL SIGNS WHITE LETTERS
ON BLACK GROUND
† NEWCASTLE SIDE

PLAFTSBURG
WALLSEND
WST. WALLSEND
SPEEDWAY
HAMILTON SOUTH

BROADMEADOW
ADAMSTOWN
HAMILTON
LAMBTON
NEWCASTLE
DEPOT
NEW LAMBTON
SPECIAL
TELFORD ST.
WARATAH
BOREAS ROAD
MAYFIELD
TIGHES INCL.
WICKHAM
GLEBE
MEREWETHER BEACH
SHOW GROUND
RACE COURSE
SPORTS GROUND

* Only a few trams fitted with "Strathfield" down to Leichhardt. In print after Port Waratah sup. closed
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