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# ANNUAL ELECTIONS 15TH. SEPT.

The annual election of officers will take place at the September Meeting, which will be held at 8pm. Thursday 15th September 1955 Devonshire St. Railway Institute. All members should make a point of attending this important meeting.

# November meeting.

Attention is drawn to the date of the November Meeting, this meeting will be held on Thursday 10th November, that is the SECOND THURSDAY.

#### THEATRE NIGHT.

The meeting decided to postpone the theatre party night until late November or early December, this will enable members to have a Christmas Dinner prior to the Theatre Party. Further details will be given lter as to arrangements.

### MUSEUM NEWS.

Last month you may remember that we printed that WE BELIEVED that 103A was already at Parramatta, but further investigations have proved this to be wrong.

#### A.E.T.A. Museum.

Much activity has been taking place as to setting up cars 154, 728, 948 & 393 at a permanent site, the Council of the A.E.T.A have appointed Messrs. Chinn, McCarthy, Parle & Young, to a committee to investigate the possibilities of setting up a separate society for this purpose called the A.E.T..M. – Australian Electric Transport Museum. Negotiations are well ahead re leasing of property for a site, and a meeting has been called for Tuesday 1st September at 8pm at the Devonshire St. Railways Institute for all bond holders and others interested, to cover the ground work necessary for such a body as the A.E.T.M.

DON'T FORGET ALL INTEREST SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING.

#### JULY MEETING.

The July meeting was held on 21st of that month and we were all pleased to have Mr. B. Johnson from Melbourne present. Much business was covered dealing with federal constitution and the possibility of setting up the A.E.T..M. The meeting concluded with a short lecture by Mr. K. McCarthy on the Sutherland steam tramway.

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| COURTNAY P <sup>T.</sup><br>NORTHLAND  | Peak hour city short working )   |
| BOTANICAL G <sup>DN</sup> KARORI C <sup>EMTY</sup> KARORI P <sup>K</sup> KARORI HATAITAI POST OFFICE   | ) Closed route, Karori ) Little used spur on Mirimar route City terminus not now used  |
| ARO S <sup>T</sup><br>BROOKLYN   | Peak hour city terminus  |
| KILBURNIE<br>SEATOUN   | Closed route Workshops & depot on Lyall Bay route  |
| RAILWAY S <sup>TN</sup> ISLAND BAY MIRAMAR   | Main City terminus )   |
| MIRAMAR A <sup>VE</sup> MIRAMAR J <sup>UNCTN</sup>   | ) Miramar route  |
| BERHAMPORE CONSTABLE S <sup>T</sup> NEWTOWN NEWTOWN PARK THORNDON WADESTOWN WALLACE S <sup>T</sup> CUBA S <sup>T</sup> ATHLETIC P <sup>K</sup> TINAKORY R <sup>D</sup> | Short working Island bay route Short working Newtown Zoo route Depot on Newtown Zoo route  ZOO Depot at end of route Closed route Outer city short working City short working Short working Island Bay route Short working of Wadestown route  |
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Both the Karori and Northland routes ran along Tinakori Rd. until just prewar when a connection was built along Bowen St, which was the last track construction carried out.

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# SYDNEY NEWS.

FIVEDOCK SERVICE. A new bus service in the off peak period Saturday afternoon and Sundays is, as we reported last month.

The last car for Fivedock in morning peak leaves the Quay approx. 8-30 am. The first car for Fivedock in the afternoon leaves Ross St. Junc. approx. 3-30 pm. A non peak service now operates to Annandale as well as Sth. Annandale. <a href="MEW IRON COVE BRIDGE">NEW IRON COVE BRIDGE</a>. was opened to the general public on Saturday July 30th 1955, with much political "ballyhoo". The Hon. Mr. Jackson M.L.A. for Drummoyne "put his foot in it" when he said that the new bridge will correct many complaints received over the past two years from the ratepayers and commuters of Drummoyne. (Is it just coincidence that the trams stopped operating to Drummoyne around TWO YEARS AGO??)

# TRACK LIFTING.

Is proceeding around Sydney at a steady pace. Noted to date are the following:- ROCKDALE. All track lifted back to cutting near Princes Highway, EXCEPT that track in General. Holmes Drive. HARRIS ST. CITY. Lifting is now approaching Ultimo Depot. CANTERBURY. Lifting has progressed to a point around the bend from Summer Hill Junction.

#### BOGIE BREAKDOWN CARS.

Are almost certain to replace all the old four wheel cars still in service. As reported 140S (822 "O") is to become Rozelle's new car in place of "Swanhilder" It is understood that two more "O" cars are to be converted in the near future, Nos 1000 and 1020. Full details on these current conversions when they are released by Randwick.

#### STORED "R" CARS.

Ex Rozelle cars are to be seen operating out of Dowling St. Depot. It is a good sight to see these cars running again, even from an ungrateful Dowling Street, after gathering dust for a long time at Rozelle. Incidentally we believe it won't be long before Rozelle is an all-corridor depot. Keep your eyes open.

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It is reported to us that the Geelong Tramways may close down around Christmas. For all details watch the latest issues of Electric Traction.

For those who may be interested we give Railway Transportation a free plug. "The next issue of Railway Transportation, price 2/6 at all good news agencies, will be about three times normal size containing a good "present day" history of the N.S.W.G.R. and is a must for all rail fans who want a souvenir of the Railway Centenary."

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THE FIRST MEETING OF THE A.E.T.M. ON 1st SEPTEMBER 1955 AT THE RAILWAY INSTITUTE DEVONSHIRE ST.

#### 8 P.M. SHARP

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