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OPEN DAY GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

As you all are aware, we are having our first open day for members of the Museum, their friends, and members of allied organisations, on Good Friday next.

Although we have not got as much work done as we had hoped, the area is now presentable, and only a minor amount of cleaning is required to clean the cars. Actually speaking, it amounts to dusting the seats and a quick clean of the floors, and this can only be done just prior to opening the shed to the visitors. Therefore, we would like to see you at the site at 9.30a.m. to be briefed on the days programme. All the cars have been cleaned up and have had destination signs fitted and the trolley poles replaced.

COMMENCEMENT OF STAGE TWO FOR SOUTH PACIFIC ELEC. RAILWAY.

On the first week-end after Easter work will commence on the second stage of the railway's development when the area in front of the shed will be cleared and ballasted in preparation for laying of the depot fan. In line with this work, will be the painting of the shed in forest green in accordance with our promise to the trust.

When finances become available, we will commence our restoration work on 393 'F' along with other important work such as completion of the shed, the erection of a sanitary block, and the painting of the interior of the shed, and tidying of the area in general. There will still be plenty of work for everyone.

Inspection of the equipment by people who are not members of the Museum will not be allowed other than on specified days, which will probably be once every 6 weeks. Owing to the lose of time in showing visitors around, it will not be practicable as days are now getting shorter, and we want to get in as much work as possible while we are on the job.

Members are requested to take not of this decision, and thus prevent misleading information being given to interested members of the public.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The Executive would like members to submit their photographs of Museum cars, equipment and other subjects associated with the railway for perusal, as you may have photographed a subject which was not recorded by the Photographer. It is obvious that Noel, like all of us, cannot be on the spot all of the time and your photos may just be the one to complete a series. Next meeting night slip your photos into your inside pocket, bring them into the meeting and show us what you have taken. Also, it will offer you, and others, a chance to obtain prints from one another which you might want to add to your collection

LEGACY EXHIBITION

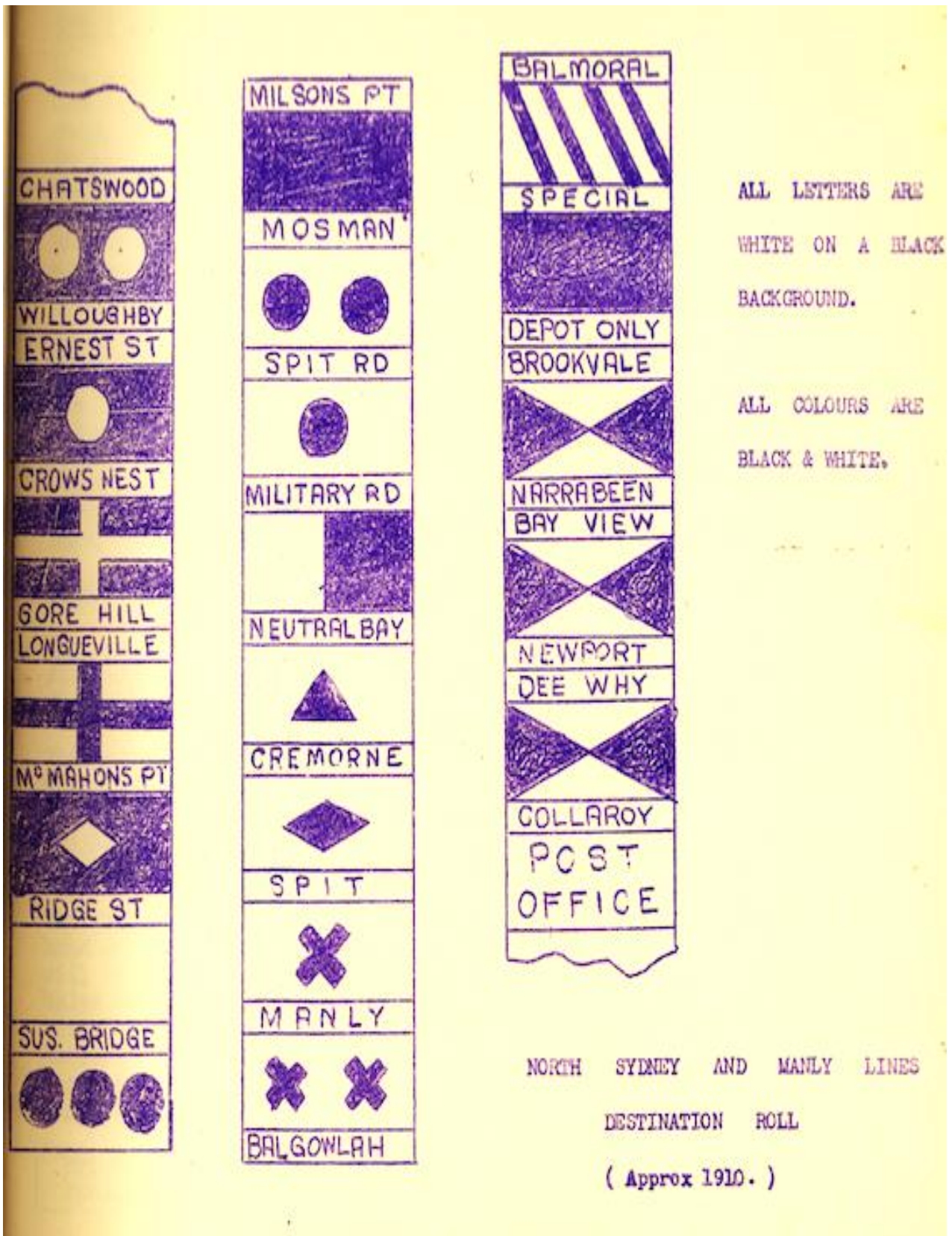
Between May 10 and May 20, the Museum will have a working 'O' gauge model tramway operating cars which have been donated to the organisation. We want operators and attendants, as many as possible for as long as possible. Would you please tell Barry Craig when you would be available to lend a hand. This will be another chance to place the Museum before the public and attract new members from the growing number of historical electric traction fans.

OPEN DAY (GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10)

Don't not forget our appeal last issue for historical items of electric railroad or street railway origin. We want our first open day on Good Friday to be a good start to many more, and you may also have an item which could be used on the display in the Town Hall. Invitations have already been sent to local railway and other similar organisations, and those outside these organisations who have given us their support and encouragement will also be invited to call in at the site and inspect the equipment and progress we have made. This day is not the official opening, but merely a chance for interested persons to make our acquaintance.

MEETING NIGHTS

At the last general meeting, members endorsed the Executive's recommendation to hold general meetings each alternate month instead of the present quarterly arrangement. Commencing May, general meetings will be held on May 3, July 5, September 6 and November 1. This has been brought about by the increased membership which necessitates more frequent meetings to get together for conversation and give the members an opportunity to take a more active part in carrying out Museum business.



CAR SHED

Now that the first big step has been carried out and the cars are in the shed, work now has to be done to make the equipment ready for Easter. Between now and the open day, water has to be laid on, and members are requested to turn up as often as possible. It will not be a very good sight if unpainted iron and dirty cars are seen on the open day, and we want to make as good an impression on the public as possible considering our present position.

APPRECIATION

The Executive sincerely thanks Ted Davies for his recent much valued assistance to the Museum. Ted drove the cars from Rozelle Shed to Randwick in his own time on the Thursday and Friday prior to the week the cars were to be moved to National Park, and his consideration for the Museum's good standing with the Department has been recorded in the Museum's files.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

Last month, a branch of the Museum was formed in South Australia with objective of preserving and operating cars displaced by the Municipal Tramways Trust.

The branch is considering applying in the near future, to the Trust of the National Park in Adelaide, for a suitable site to build a car shed, and the length of run offering was originally marked down as a right-of-way for a railroad into the park.

The Tramways Trust has intimated that it would be willing to hand over six cars for preservation if the branch can show it will be able to cope with the project, and we in New South Wales sincerely wish the new South Australian Branch all the best. We feel sure, that given the opportunities and time, Adelaide people will have a Museum operating and preserving historic electric traction through the efforts of the new Museum branch.

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