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As promised in the last issue of Trolley Wire Review here is the new house magazine for the South Pacific. It is hoped to have a specially printed heading for the magazine as soon as possible, in the meantime the above will have to suffice.

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NOTICE OF MEETING.

Meeting dates for 1960 as follows:

JANUARY 29th APRIL 29th.

JULY 29th OCTOBER 21st.

All meetings will be held in the Railway Institute, Devonshire Street, Sydney at 8 PM

The April meeting is the Annual General meeting. All members are obliged to attend.

WORK ON DEPOT BUILDING

A large team of workers during the month erected seven poles in one day of the building. These poles form the centre support for the roof, construction of which can now commence.

This work, together with some concrete laying was accomplished in one day and serves as an example of what can be done when we can get a big work force up at the Park at one time.

As a result of this two other days have been set aside to assemble the main roof cross bearers, they are January 9th and 10th. All who can are asked to attend on either or both days.

Should this weekend be a success then the Board will establish this system for work at National Park.

The type of roof it is intended to construct is a simple skillion, with a fall to the roadside of two foot. There is very little clearance between the car roof's and the Depot roof so wiring of the shed will not be undertaken.

Cars will be moved in and out by means of a wandering lead.

The whole of the building is to be painted in Forrest Green, work on painting of the Depot has been set down for an early date.

As soon as the concrete work is completed under the four front doors it will be possible to lay a drain in across the front of the Depot. This will help greatly with internal drainage problems, which, at the moment, cause flooding during a sudden storm.

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MUSEUM FINANCE

Members are reminded that the sole means of income the Museum has at the moment is by the purchase of shares. You are asked to take on additional shares of £1 each whenever possible.

Additional finance is needed if we are to have the Depot ready for our extra four cars which will be available during 1960.

VISITORS

The first Sunday in each month is set aside for visitors to the Museum and, as we now have a sign exhibited at the Depot to that effect, no visitors should be allowed on any other day. Except in the case of interstate visitors who cannot fit their visit in at the proper time.

It is hoped to have a suitable booklet on sale at the Depot on visiting days in the near future.

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OVERSEAS VISITOR

Early this month the Museum had an unexpected visitor in the person of Mr. Theodore F. Santarelli de Brasch. General Manager of Seashore Electric Railway, Kennebunkport, Maine, U.S.A. As you know this organisation was the first trolley museum in the world and at the moment is also the largest.

Mr. Santarelli was very impressed with our project and compared it favourably with his own system at home.

The purpose of the visit to Australia however, was to obtain a “P” car for the Seashore group. This was accomplished before he left again for the states. The S.P.E.R. are acting as agents for S.E.R. and it is expected that the car will leave late in 1960.

Mr. Santarelli also obtained tramcars in England and Italy during his world trip.

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POINT SCORE

A list of members points will be published in the next issue of trolley wire. Any member who wishes to know his tally before then may do so by contacting the Managing Director.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the office of any change of address in writing as soon as possible.

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REPAINTING OF CARS

One side of "O" 1111 has now been completely repainted in one of the experimental colour schemes of the early 1930's. Work on the other side will commence soon.

The burning off and priming of the freight car 24s is now nearing completion. It is not intended to re-paint the drivers cabs as they need a complete re-build.

The paint work on all the remaining cars are now nearing its final stages. Another six months in the open and most of it will be useless. Early completion of the roof will have save the day.

WATER SERVICE

Eight lengths of 3" fibro main water pipe were recently obtained to lay a water main into the Depot building, thus assuring plenty of pressure in an emergency. As soon as the roof is well under way work will start on the service.

NEW MEMBERS

Four new members have joined the Co-operative in recent months, they are, and we welcome them –

No. 31 Mr. Kevin Martin, Centennial Park, -

No. 35, Mr Robert McLaughlan, Cessnock,

No. 39, Mr. Howard Clark, Croydon, -

No. 8, Mr. John Hicks, Strathfield.

All members are urged to promote interest in the tram museum among others. New members are urgently needed.