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TRAM TOUR

The next tram tour will be the "Farewell to Watsons Bay" to be held on Saturday July 9th 1960. On this day the Watsons Bay service will close for the second and last time. This route is of historical interest to us as it was (in part) the only cable line in the city proper. As yet details are not finalised, but it is expected that the tour will start at about 12.30. cover the "Bay" and another route and most likely be held in an ex Rushcutters Bay Depot "R" car.

This will be a joint tour with the A.E.T.A. All shareholders are asked to attend.

"P" CLASS TOUR

It is expected to hold another "P" class tour late in July covering the Coogee, Maroubra Beach and La Perouse lines. As we will be using our own crew for all future "Museum" trips there could be no repartition of the last "P" tour.

We are sorry for the lack of photograph time say nothing of the "SPEED" of the driver...

The August tour will be held in ex "O" cars, keep in touch with the Secretary. There will be a tour at least once a month until the system closed in February next year,

WORK ON THE SITE

Work at National Park has in the last few months been confined to work on the Depot building itself. To date the roof all but completed there is only two rows of iron to be fitted over the length of the building. The next step will be to paint/patch the screw holes in the iron to make the roof fairly waterproof.

"F" CLASS 393.

During the last few weeks a team of workers have started to get this car ready for its overhaul, which we started in Newtown Depot some nine years ago. It was necessary to strip almost of the undercoat paint which had been added at Newtown. All things going right it is hoped to open services with this car next year.

SUBSTATION FOR S.P.E.R.

Within the next three weeks we should know the terms and conditions of acquiring the Substation from Gray Street, Kogarah, for use at National Park. The Chief Electrical Engineer of the D.G.T. is to meet officers of the S.P.E.R. soon to iron out all the problems involved in acquiring, dismantling and re-erecting the sub-station. We are very fortunate in that several persons engaged in this sort of work have offered to assist us. The Sydney County Council advised that no difficulty

will be experienced supplying the necessary electricity. All that remains now is for your support and the cars will be rolling under their own power in no time.

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PLEASE NOTE OUR POSTAL ADDRESS . . .

The Secretary, S.P.E.R.
Box 103, G.P.O.
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

NEW MEMBERS

This issue we take great pleasure in welcoming three new members. In particular we wish to welcome our first lady members Mrs. Janette Craig, and hope that she will be the forerunner of many lady members.

REGISTERED NUMBER

NAME

12

Richard E. Hall

24

Phillip T. Parker

31

Janette T. Craig

DEPOT FAN POINTWORK

As we told you in the last issue the pointwork for our fan was delivered on the 4.4.60. Due to an error on the part of a scrap metal merchant, to whom we had sold a small quantity of surplus rail, all the metal both points and rail were taken to Port Kembla and melted down on two days of the following week. This meant we had to act quickly and find more suitable pointwork. After examining the loops at Watsons Bay and the siding at Moncur Street the latter was chosen as the better of the two for our purposes. Quick negotiations with the D.G.T. enabled us to purchase the layout only one day before the track gang were to rip it up. The points were dismantled and delivered to the Museum this week. Work will commence as soon as possible on relaying the pointwork as it is essential that the cars be moved out of the depot into the open for publicity purposed within the next three months.

As it requires at least 10 persons to move some of the larger pieces of rail we would appreciate it if some of the not-to-frequent members came along on the next three big working days and assisted with this work.

No one will be asked to do anything extra hard or lift extra heavy items. BUT without teamwork the job will never be done.

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BRISBANE TRAMCAR 180

A letter has been received from the B.C.C informing us that the centre isle car No. 180, which is the property of the Society, will be stored by them for us, free of charge for at east twelve months longer. This gives us a chance to raise the remainder of the money necessary to bring the car to Sydney.

Those interested are asked to send the donations to the Financial Director at Box 103, G.P.O. Sydney.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Please remember NO SHAREHOLDER may for any reason whatever, communicate with the press, radio or television companies on any matter relating to the Society or it's railway.

SPARE PARTS & STORES

A quantity of ex trolley bus parts (overhead) were received during the month together with many books and records on the trolley buses from Ritchie Street and Rushcutters Bay.

Also obtained were several valuable books From Rushcutters Bay depot relating to trams and dating back to 1909.

Still awaiting delivery are some Staff books and possibly staff keys from the Watsons Bay line and the special signal box mechanism from Queens Square. An application is to be made to the Department to purchase all the "Bay" Destination Rolls and depot plates