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S P E R

FINAL TRAM TOURS

With the closing of the last tram lines on the N.S.W.G.T several tours are to be held. As these are the last fan trips on the Sydney tramways it is expected they will be well patronised those wanting to attend should be at the Depot early.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19th 1961 FARE 10/- per tour

“P” Class Nos 1483 & 1497

Depart Dowling Street Depot 8.10 AM Sharp

Depart Railway Square 8.30 “ “

Term. Dowling St. 11.50 “

“R” Class Nos 1740 & 1800

Depart Dowling Street Depot 1.30 PM Sharp

Depart Hunter Street City 1.54 “ “

Term. Dowling Street Depot 5.30 “

FINAL SYDNEY TRAM TOUR

For the benefit of our overseas readers the reason why there is no last day tour as in other parts of the world, is simply that the State Government, owners of the system have refused any function on the last day of tram services in Sydney.

The best we can do is

LAST “R” CAR RUN and FINAL SYDNEY TOUR

A joint tour is to be held by the A.E.T.A. and S.P.E.R. on

FRIDAY AFTERNOON FEB 24th

The fare is 10/-

Full details should be available after Feb 19.

It is proposed to start around 5 PM.

MUSEUM MEETING

The next public meeting of the S.P.E.R. is to be held on FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 7th at 8 PM in the Railway Institute Devonshire St. City.

There will be a short discussion follow by two hours of movies on Tramways. ASHFIELD – ROCKDALE – NEWCASTLE – SYDNEY. All shareholders are asked to attend. We look forward to seeing all current members at the social evening.

There will be two more evenings this year, June and September these dates will be announced in later issues.

TRAMWAY EXHIBITION

David Jones Ltd. a large Sydney store, has given over one of their large shop window for a display of Tramway items for one week to mark the closing down of the Sydney Tramway System.

Our Society has sent in 411 items for including in the display, which will be on from Feb 18th to 25th. The A.N.Z. Bank Ltd in Pitt St., also have a large display of tramway photos.

SIGNAL BOX

The Signal Box, which the museum applied for and which was donated by the Railway Department on the corner of Elizabeth St & Liverpool St. City, will be dismantled and sent up to National Park on the morning of March 2nd. It is hoped to get all the internal works as well set it up at the park in full working order.

We would have five sets of points to connect up should the existing plan eventuate.

NEW SHAREHOLDERS

This issue we have a large list of new faces to welcome and record. Wishing all the best to...

REGISTERED No.	NAME
52.	JOHN COLEMAN.
53.	RUSSELL SHEPPEARD.
54.	BRUCE WORTHINGTON.
55.	GREGORY SUTHERLAND.
56.	MICHAEL RHODES.
57.	GEOFFREY THOMPSON.
58.	ARTHUR STATHAKIS.
59.	TRISTAN TOTTENHAM.
60.	DAVID RAWLINGS.
61.	DAVID TWISS.
62.	JOHN MOFFITT.

WORK ON THE SITE

Work on the Depot fan has progressed well and last weekend saw the gang at work fishplating and spiking. We now have 30 yards of main line in position. March will see the commencement of the overhead. The new wall on the road side is now all in place which leaves only the rear wall to replace. Work on which has already started. We recently had a visit from the B.A.L.M. Paint people and it would appear we may get all our paint free to do all our cars. The roofing compound has been painted onto all of the roof area and is a complete success. We now have a dry depot (you can toss away those gumboots now). The work force turning up each week is most pleasing if the members keep it up we should be ready to open on 23rd December 1961.

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CORRESPONDING WITH NEWSPAPERS

All shareholders of this Society, with the exception of the Board of Directors are strictly forbidden to correspond with the Press, Radio and T.V. on any matter relating to the Society or any body connected therewith, in any way.

Your attention is drawn to this matter in view of recent letters appearing in the 50 – 50 section of our enemy the Daily Telegraph. A paper is on the Black List of all responsible tram organisations in Australia.

Incidentally, the member who sent in the answer is quite wrong himself. The prison Car's correct No. is "S" 52, so in answering he made an ape of himself as well as of the Society.

LATEST PUBLICITY

The St. George and Sutherland Shire Leader as well as Womens Day are both featuring the Museum in an article on the closing of the trams. Those interested should keep an eye out in a couple of weeks.

SUPERVISORS

An additional appointment has been made to the list of Supervisors.

OVERHEAD SUPERVISOR

D. FAIRLESS

SUB – STATION

The museum having accepted the Substation from the old Trolley Bus line at Kogarah, will be calling for workers to assist in the dismantling and packing of same. At the same time work will soon commence on the construction of our own building at National Park.

The building for those who do not know, is to be built of large concrete blocks having a concrete floor and a corrugated fibro roof.