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SUB STATION PROGRESS.

The bulky sub station equipment was transferred into the new brick building on the 3rd Saturday in December and work is now progressing favourably on the fitting of switch panels and wiring.

All members responsible for this transfer are to be congratulated on the rapid and smooth manner in which this difficult transfer was executed.

144 "S" ON THE RAILS.

Weedburning trailer number 144 "S" was lifted out of the sub station yard and onto our depot tracks at the same time as the sub station transfer took place. This means that this interesting piece of rolling stock is now readily available for exhibition.

NEWS CORRECTION.

"O" car 1111 and not "P" 1497 was employed as a mobile platform for the erection of the main line side bracket during November. (See page 6 December "TW").

GENERAL MEETINGS FOR 1963.

General Meetings will be at 8pm in the Devonshire Street Railway Institute on the following Fridays in 1963. 1st March, 28th June, 6th September, 13th December. The Annual General Meeting will be that of 28th June. Please note that only two of the above are on the first Friday of the month.

NEW SHAREHOLDER. The Board of Directors and Shareholders welcome the latest addition to the museum group.

No. 91 Dennis O'Brien.

RAILWAY REGULATIONS. Bound copies of our Regulations are now available for 5/- each. These have been formulated for the conduct of traffic and guidance of members and employees and are based on rules and regulations evolved over the years by the N.S.W.G.T. and N.S.W.G.R.

MODEL EXHIBITIONS. During November and December the museum displayed its model exhibition of "O" gauge tram cars at Burwood and Cronulla with favourable results. An invitation for yet a third display in May has been received but whether we take the opportunity of this invitation will depend on an "Exhibition Policy" now being drawn up.

These two exhibitions resulted in favourable press publicity and public interest as well as keen business in magazine and book sales, however our plans for the future must include a maintenance period and display season which will enable trouble free operation and exhibit improvements.

FOUNDATION MEMBER RETIRES. Mr. Bob Young, one of the four foundation members has resigned from membership. This resignation was received with regret, but was unavoidable as Bob is migrating to England during May. We all wish Bob and his wife a pleasant and successful future in the "old country".

“A CENTURY OF N.S.W. TRAMCARS.” Our book was finally received from the printers during the second week in December and was well received by members, libraries, museums and tram enthusiasts (based on the letters received).

By the time you receive this news sheet the original edition will have been sold out, so at the time of writing only 38 copies remain and the volume of orders indicate that the demand for the book is growing.

Work is progressing on the preparation of the second edition which will most probably cover the electric cars built between 1903 and 1914. We are unable to release any concrete publication details at this time.

BOOK SHOP. Our retail section launched operations on 28th December and by Sunday 7th January sales amounting to over £20 had been made. (This does not include “Century of N.S.W. Tramcars”.)

Our bookshop is under the control of Clyde Woodside, our secretary, who will very soon release a price list of books, magazines and records which will be available on the first Sunday of each month at the Museum.

Limited copies of the following remain:-

“Fare Please” – J. Miller – Dover Books 204p. A popular history of trams, elevateds and subways in U.S.A.

Illustrated High class production only 17/3.

“Historic Cars of ‘Seashore’ Trolley Museum” – 52 pages

Illustrated history and review of the “Seashore” museum collection. Cover features “P” car 1700 in colour. Art paper.

price 10/-

OPEN DAY. As a result of the publicity gained from recent model exhibitions and the release of our book, over 100 visitors inspected the museum on the first Sunday in January.

On fine open days in future, additional trams will be hauled onto the depot grounds to facilitate inspection.

TRACK AND LINESIDE DEVELOPMENTS. Track laying is forging ahead under the watchful eye of Vic Solomons. The single track main line now extends 100 feet beyond the railway/tramway platform, being laid in 80lb tee rail.

The “waiting” seats obtained from Cronulla tramway are being repainted in various vintage colours with the word “Tramway” across the back.

Further work has been carried out on the overhead tensioning and the preparation of foundations to take our elevated signal box.

PRESERVED TRAMCARS. We are pleased to announce that two very interesting tramcars have been preserved by kindred organisations over the past month. On Monday 17th December the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences received a grip cable car from Melbourne which will later join the ex-King Street cable trailer on permanent display. The preservation of this vehicle was made possible by search carried out by Keith Kings of Melbourne, the M & MTB as well as our museum. The Melbourne Museum recently formed to take over the Melbourne AETA collection is at present rebuilding a double deck horse car, number 3 of the Beaumaris tramway. Used as a verandah over the years, the car was discovered in reasonable condition still on its original trucks.