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ANOTHER MODEL EXHIBITION.

On 26th and 27th April 1963 (Friday night, Saturday afternoon and night) the SPER will be participating in the "Kingsway Model Railway Exhibition" at the Masonic Hall, Crofts Avenue, Hurstville.

An Exhibition policy formulated by our society allows now for the display of a small HO layout at exhibitions of short duration, with the appearance of the "O" gauge models at exhibitions covering more lengthy periods. The construction of the new HO tramway layout is nearing completion and two models of NSWGT tramcars should appear at this April Exhibition. It is hoped to gradually increase the number of local models so this smaller gauge layout will feature all cars preserved by the society.

TRACK & LINESIDE DEVELOPMENTS.

The single track main line extension has now reached 160 yards from the depot junction points. On Sunday 3rd February cars "O" 1111, "P" 1497 and "R" 1740 were hauled along the extension mainly to test the platform clearances and track levels.

The delivery of several loads of ash has enabled the platform surface to be levelled and work has commenced on track ballasting to the top of the sleepers.

Four sets of points arrived from Randwick Workshops on Tuesday 19th February, this completing the delivery of trackwork reclaimed by us at Randwick during August and September last year.

Work is progressing on the preparation of the signal box frame by welding of short lengths of rail to the ends of the vertical steel columns. The frame should be assembled and erected in the near future adjacent to the museum's depot junction.

Retirement of Director from Board.

It is with regret we announce the resignation of Mr. Norm Chinn from the SPER Board from Monday 4th February 1963, due to personal family commitments. Mr. Norm Chinn stated during late 1961 that he would not be able to continue in his existing capacity for too long in the future and, as a result, the new position of Assistant General Manager was advertised in "Trolley Wire" for October 1961. Mr. Robert Merchant was appointed to the new position at that time so that when the time arrived for Norm to retire from his active duties someone would be available to continue in the office.

Fortunately Norm will be able to continue in the position of General Manager for a short time yet, but to fill the vacancy resulting from this resignation from the Board, Mr. R. Merchant has been appointed to the position of Acting Managing Director.

Norm has been General Manager since the formation of this museum Society as the A.E.T.M in 1955 and it is largely due to his efforts over the past seven years that our venture has grown into the successful establishment that it is today.

To Norm we extend our thanks for his efforts in the past and we are glad that he can continue active participation for a short while yet as General Manager. To Bob we are grateful that he can take over this important job and we are all confident that he will continue the task of museum expansion successfully.

FURTHER DETAILS OF PRESERVED MELBOURNE HORSE CAR.

The Museum Society being formed to take over the preserved tramcars from the Melbourne AETA is still entwined in preliminary legal red tape, but hopes to register soon. A prospective member located the former Beaumaris horse tram body at an old home at Black Rock where it had been used as a sleep-out verandah. With the help of several prospective members he purchased the car and had it transported to his home where restoration work has commenced. At present this is a private venture, although it is possible that it could be acquired by the museum when it is formed.

- K.S. Kings

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. ----- FRIDAY 28th June 1963.

The fourth annual meeting of the South Pacific Electric Railway Co-Operative Society Limited will be held at the Devonshire Street Railway Institute. Sydney, at 8 pm Friday 28th June 1963.

Notice is hereby given to all shareholders to be in attendance in order to participate in the election of directors for the next two years. Any shareholder wishing to stand for election to the position of director should satisfy the following requirements;-

1. He must be a financial member with all current museum financial requirements fully settled.
2. He must lodge his nomination with the Secretary at Box 103 G.P.O. Sydney by Friday 31st May 1963 bearing his own signature as well as those of a nominator and seconder, both of whom must satisfy the requirements of part 1. above.
3. Those nominating for election, as well as the nominator and seconder must be on or over 21 years of age on 31st May 1963.
4. Shareholders nominated must be prepared to stand for any position on the Board.

The directors retiring in accordance with the rules of the Society are Messrs R. Merchant, R. Murray. B. Parle and C. Woodside.

Shareholders unable to attend this June meeting are reminded that the rules of Co-Operative Societies demand that a written apology be tendered to the Secretary beforehand.

C. Woodside – Secretary.

NEW SHAREHOLDERS.

The Board of Directors and Shareholders welcome John Ward as new member number 92 of this museum.

WATER SUPPLY EXTENSIONS.

Our plumbing department has been busy over the last few weeks. Water has now been piped to the sink at the amenities room as well as to the sub-station.

SUBSTATION PROGRESS.

A start has been made on cleaning and repainting of the transformers and switches situated in the substation yard, while the internal slate switch panels are being repolished.

The substation drainage system is being extended to provide adequate water escape from the station area during the month of March.

REPAINTING OF CARS.

Some idea can now be gained as to the final appearance of "N" car 728 when restoration work is completed. The side panels have received their brown and cream undercoats and work is progressing favourably on repainting the interior roof.

REBUILDING OF DEPOT.

Plans are now being finalised by the Railway Committee and the Board which will entail the rebuilding of the depot into a more substantial structure. Details of these plans will be announced in the next "TW" so that members can discuss various features at the June General Meeting.

PUBLISHING STAFF.

The artwork and manuscript for a book dealing with the detailed history of the Maitland NSW tramways are nearing completion and we hope to announce details of this 64 page book shortly.

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