

CONCLUDING LUNCHEON

GARDENS PAVILION

Sunday 27th April 1975

Chairman: Mr. Maurie Calnin, President BTPS

Mr. Bill Daniells, President BTMS and Chairman of Special Workshop S1, summarised the findings and recommendations of that Workshop to all present.

It was then moved (Daniells/Jessup):-

'That the broad outlines of the proposal for the formation of an Australasian body as recommended by the workshop be accepted and that it be known as the Council of Tramway Museums of Australasia.'

This Motion was put and passed unanimously.

It was then further moved (Daniells/Jessup):-

'That, as recommended by the workshop, to act in an interim capacity until the next conference, Dr. John Radcliffe be the Chairman and Mr. William Kingsley the Executive Officer respectively of the Council.'

There were no further nominations for either position. The motion was put and passed unanimously.

Dr. Radcliffe then replied that it was a privilege to accept such a 'charmingly democratic nomination'. He went on to:-

1. Thank the Editors of 'TROLLEY WIRE' for their distinguished efforts,
2. Mention the inter-museum visits of the Executive Officer,
3. Give notice that the Next Conference will be hosted by the S.P.E.R. as Senior Museum Group subject to postal ratification by Council and be held during the Queen's Birthday weekend 1976, with following conferences probably biannual,
4. Warn that the coming interest in museums might be a cyclical phenomenon which could die.

Mr. Kingsley, in reply, likened the Conference to the initiator of a snowball about to roll downhill, a snowball called COTMA which would slowly grow and gain momentum. Again we were warned that snowballs sometimes melt.

Mr. Maurie Calnin, in conclusion, noting that we are workers who pay rather than be paid, wished the Council success, bade farewell to all fellow Australians, and officially closed the Conference.

Reply to Dr. JOHN RADCLIFFE from 'TROLLEY WIRE'

The Editorial Committee of TROLLEY WIRE Magazine, through the Production Editor, Bill Denham, take this opportunity to thank John Radcliffe, who, in his speech following his appointment to the chair of the Council of Tramway Museums of Australasia mentioned the part played by the magazine in bringing together the various groups under one banner.

That one of the ultimate goals behind the broadening scope of TROLLEY WIRE over the past three years was the breaking down of the feeling of isolation which may have existed between the tramway museums, cannot be denied. That this has actually occurred is both extremely surprising and deeply moving to the Editors. Surprising because of the snowball effect which brought about the gathering in such a short space of time; moving because of how little effort, really, in the right direction can do so much good.

TROLLEY WIRE now enters its most exciting phase. Yesterday it was "Journal of Australian Tramway Museums", tomorrow it will be "Journal of the Council of Tramway Museums of Australasia".

COUNCIL OF TRAMWAY MUSEUMS OF AUSTRALASIA

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

1. NAME

The name of the organisation is the Council of Tramway Museums of Australasia.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Council are to be an advisory body established to provide a forum for the discussion of matters of mutual interest to transport museums, to act as a clearing house for information appropriate to such museums, to maintain or improve the standards of preservation and presentation of exhibits and to deal with all matters ancillary thereto. It is a non-profit making organisation designed to assist individual museums achieve their own objectives. Its operation is governed by a Constitution, copies of which may be obtained from the Executive Officer.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Council shall be open to all museums having transport exhibits within Australia and New Zealand, which are open to the public and such museums as are admitted to membership shall each appoint a delegate by name to represent them at general meetings of the Council and to receive all official notices and correspondence from the Council.

4. SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription to the Council for members shall be fixed at a General Meeting, such subscription to become due and payable on 1st July each year. In the event of a subscription not being paid by 31st August in any year the membership of the organisation concerned shall be deemed to have lapsed.

5. OFFICERS

The officers of the Council shall be: Chairman and Executive Officer and such officers shall be elected by the Council members.

6. MEETINGS

The Council shall hold a General Meeting in conjunction with each Conference of Australasian Tramway Museums.

7. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Twentyone (21) clear days notice shall be given of the General Meeting.

8. PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

The Chairman, or failing him, the person elected by the meeting to do so shall preside over all general meetings of the Council and shall have the right to exercise a casting vote in the event of there being an equality of votes on any matter under discussion.

9. QUORUMS AT MEETINGS

A quorum at any general meeting of the Council shall be 50% of the voting membership of the Council.

10. ACCOUNTS

Proper books of accounts shall be kept and annual accounts prepared up to 31st December each year in respect of the activities of the Council. Such accounts to be audited by a qualified accountant.

11. CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be changed by resolution at any general meeting of the Council in which notice has been given in the notice convening the meeting of the proposal to amend the Constitution and such resolution may be passed by a two thirds (2/3rds) majority.

12. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the members deciding that the Council should be dissolved any remaining assets after settlement of all outstanding debts and other liabilities shall be transferred among members in proportion to registered membership of members.

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