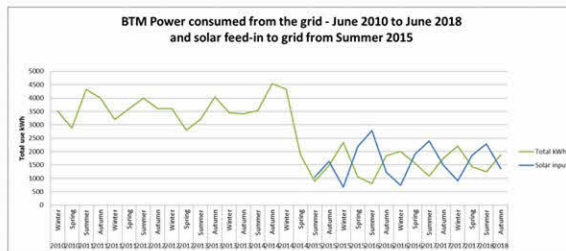


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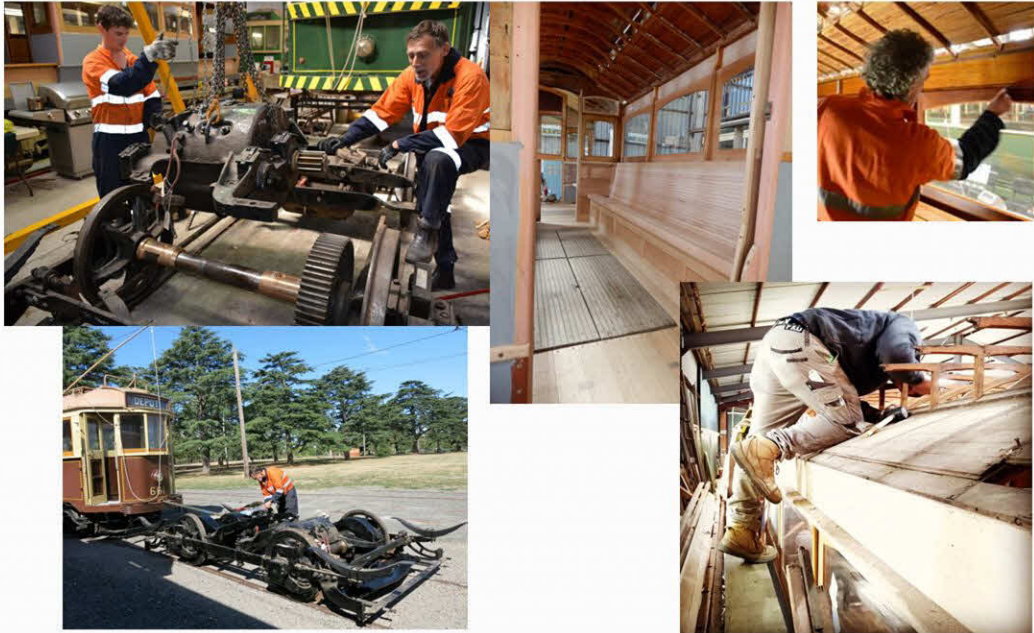
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Depot



- Solar Panels saving about \$3,400/per annum; pay back excluding interest of around 6 years. Looking for a grant to install a battery system to supplement further.
- Bendigo tramways joined us in having Solar Panels late 2016, Yarra?
- Completed the re-sleepering of the depot fan.
- Repainted the depot building
- Extended the fire hose system
- Installed hi-bay LED lights.

Tramcars – ESCo 12 & SEC 18



- Refurbishment of 18 has been a long project with many other things getting in the way.
- Refurbishment of all the bearing surfaces on the axles.
- Refurbishment of motors and many other pieces of equipment on the tram.
- Truck reassembled and placed under the tram.
- Powered and able to move around the fan – now for the final works – hope to be complete by end of September.
- Reconstruction of No. 12 continues – roof reconstruction now underway; following lowering the tram to the floor – easier access.

- Interior portion of the roof varnish cleaned and interior varnished.
- Investigating the provision of a truck and motors.



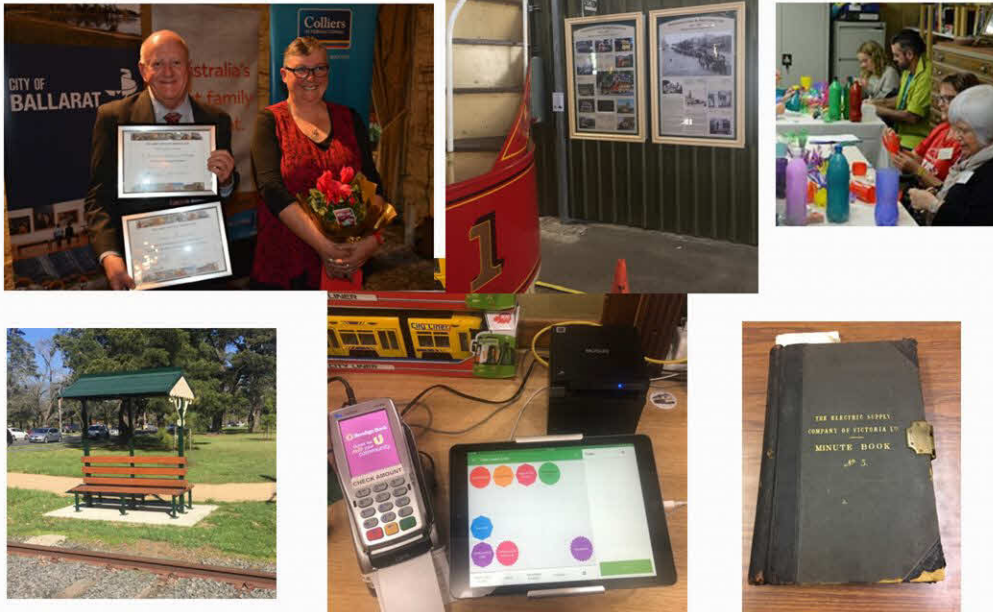
- Since the launch in April 2016, Cuthberts has been used for over 70 paid hires.
- Found that 24 is the best number – can be the case of when doing your party invites of who you leave off the list.
- First Sunday of the month High Tea, generally sold out well in advance.
- Extended the water capacity on tram, sullage system installation, a lot cheaper than doing a trade waste installation.
- All types of events from Black Tie dinners, Council progressive dinner and a Murder Mystery.

Other Tram Hires



- Pipers Wedding Trams
- Morris Dancers
- Great Danes club visiting us.
- Hosted a number of tours and events such as Botanikids, Tram Pull.
- School Groups – have worked them out how to do – have a number of ex teachers arranging such tours now.

Museum



- Museum Accreditation Renewed
- Website and our Social Media sites continues to expand and show benefits.
- National Trust Awards
- More Interpretative panels
- Floral Tram – for the 2019 Begonia Festival – extensive community support and participation.
- Grant for panels in shelters.
- Installed a EFTPOS and recently a Point of Sale system
- Photograph documents held by the Liverpool Maritime Museum

Operations



- Night Tram
- Santa Trams
- Changing hours a bit
- Monitoring Depot visitor numbers which continues to show growth.
- Begonia festivals
- Horse Tram – Australia's oldest operating tramcar ran again April 2018
- New Sales terminal

People



- Retirements from driving Trams – Roger Salen and Gavin Young
- Continue to operate the trams about 200 days per year, including the Begonia Festival.
- Maintain the Tram Tuesday and Workshop Wednesday work groups and continue to attract new depot workers as a result
- Assisting in the Work for the Dole scheme
- For April 1 2018, Scrubber No. 8 got suddenly decorated!
- Warren Doubleday, Carolyn Cleak and Peter Winspur now life Members.

The next two years.

- Floral Tram Project – 2019.
- Obtain funding for start of track relay.
- Seek funding for depot extension.
- Complete body of No. 12.
- Landscaping.
- Further depot upgrade internally.



- Floral Tram project – some 3000 plastic flowers replicating the 1938 and 1939. Receiving very good press coverage. See www.btm.org.au/floraltram.html
- Obtain funds to relay Wendouree Parade track. Working with Council to obtain the funds – Pick My Project Grant?
- Landscape the depot fan.
- Seek funding for extension of the depot building to the south – new display area.
- Refurbish our change, mess room and office
- Provide more depot storage racking
- Set up a new workshop location
- Complete the reconstruction of the body portion of ESCo 12 – in particular the roof and commence to prepare the tram for painting and body finishing.
- Start work on the next tram to be refurbished.