THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM ST KILDA S.A.

2014-2016

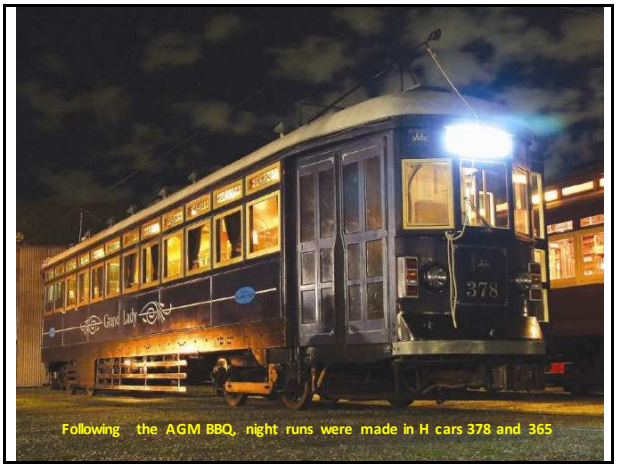
By John Radcliffe

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2016-17

The AGM was held on Saturday 28 May 2016, with the following members elected:

- **President – Chris Andrews**
- **Vice President – Damian Hill**
- **Secretary – Mark Jordan**
- **Treasurer – Julie Lench**
- **General Manager – Ron Jenkins**
- **Rolling Stock Manager – William Adams**
- **Site & Safety Manager – Jack Pennack**
- **Track & Overhead Manager – Kym Smith**
- **Trustee – Ron Jenkins**



Following the AGM BBQ, night runs were made in H cars 378 and 365



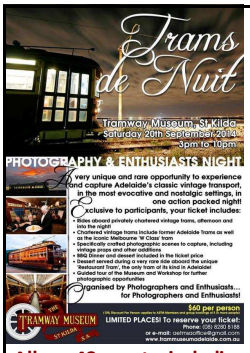
If you haven't seen the Restaurant car, this is what its interior is like

OPERATIONS



During the financial year 2015-2016, 13 trams were used in traffic, operating 2417 km

Traffic trams can now operate fom roads 4 and 5 of the new depot, road 6 being used for maintenance and the Works Car, W-2 354



A PREMIUM EVENT

$60 per head

All up, 48 guests, including 9 vintage vehicle owners came along for the evening's festivities, which comprised of a fast paced program of tram rides, photo stops, photo line-ups as well as a BBQ Dinner and tours of the Museum.

FESTIVAL OF VINTAGE BOATS, TRAINS AND PLANES, PORT ADELAIDE, 5-11-14





AEC Regal IV 623 was displayed at the festival at the National Railway Museum in 2014 – Kym Smith seen parking it after arrival.

FESTIVAL OF VINTAGE BOATS, TRAINS AND PLANES, PORT ADELAIDE, 5-11-14



Both from the mid 1950s
623 and Leyland s.d. trolleybus 488 are to go to a similar event on 15-16 October 2016

FESTIVAL OF VINTAGE BOATS, TRAINS AND PLANES, PORT ADELAIDE, 16-10-16





Repeated again in 2016
Yesterday at the National Railway Museum, Port Adelaide

VISITORS

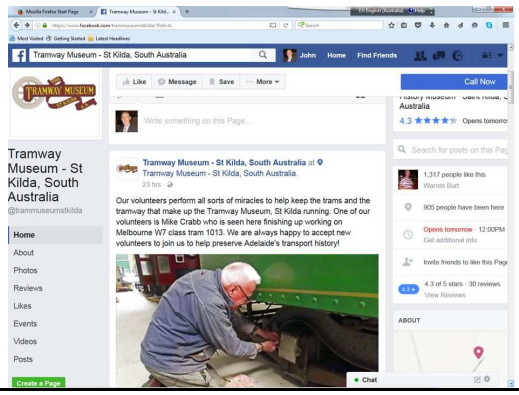


A weekday charter group from Historic Motor Vehicles Club, Victor Harbor. Regular charter groups are catered for.



Another visitor – Professor Hiroshi Yoshimi, President of the Sapporo Light Rail Society and Vice-President of Hokkaido University

THE FACEBOOK PAGE



THE PLAYGROUND

- The St Kilda playground was rebuilt by the Salisbury Council in 2015
- Lawns, sand pits, basket ball hoops and new equipment were installed
- A toilet block was built at what is now the tram terminus
- The wooden "castle" (which had been damaged by fire) was replaced by a galvanised steel "castle"
- The "pirate ship" remains







Toilet construction starts

October 15 2015



The new Toilet block nears completion.
The new galvanised "castle" with slippery-dips can be seen at right.



The "Pirate Ship", behind the "castle



Confessions – An "incident" with the construction fence when the compressor failed on 1013 approaching the terminus. There were no public passengers. No damage – fence slightly rearranged.

THE PLAYGROUND OPENING



The Museum was funded to provide a free service on November 22 2015, with visitors encouraged to park at the Museum. 3000 passengers were carried using platoons of three cars





Leaving for home after the opening



WORKSHOPS

A program of evaluating spare compressors was initiated



A new work bench has been established next to the electrical section and an air reservoir has been connected to the system. An air manifold has been set up to allow for the testing of multiple devices including the power operation of air compressors under test, compressor governors, safety valves and air gauges.

RESTORATION OF "BIB & BUB" 14 & 15



John Pennack - Sealing screws

Sealing the roof – car 14





Charlie Rodgers prepares a new step for use on car 14



Evening test running for the AGM 2016



Both cars now fitted with rattan reupholstered Brill Winner seats

REPAINTING OF H TYPE 365



William Adams working on 365 which he personally owns



William Adams with helpers and friends at the launch of repainted 365

H TYPE CARS AT ST KILDA

355 – owned by Kym Smith (body only)

360 – owned by AETM

362 – owned by AETM

364 – owned by AETM

365 – owned by William Adams

378 – Restaurant car owned by History SA, to the care and custody of AETM



THE PIT



With the demolition of the old shed, the pit in road 2 was no longer in an enclosed environment.



A new pit was excavated in Road 6 of the new depot and prepared for the concrete pour

- 6 December 2015



Nearing completion – 18 March 2016



The underside view

THE TRACK



Track and overhead maintenance is carried out with Works Car W-2 354



Weed spaying unit – filling the tank



Track packing



Sleeper replacement



Very bad corrosion rendered the centre poles at the loop unsafe and they have had to be removed, replaced by a single bracket arm pole.



Centre poles removed



The Mangrove loop was disconnected from use by "up " cars and the loop decommissioned



The Salisbury Council constructed a loading platform at the terminus, including an elevated platform for the handicapped.



The first customer to use the handicapped loading ramp, 4 September 2016.

The folding ramp to link the tram with the platform was previously used by 2000 class "Jumbo" railcars.



When not in use, the ramp is stored under a longitudinal seat

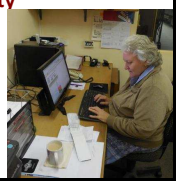
MUSEUM SECURITY



Following security issues in earlier years, the Museum has an arrangement with the Salisbury Council that a small number of caravans and campers can be accommodated at the front of the site, providing resident security

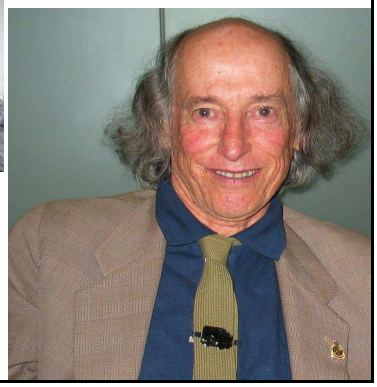
This was arranged by a member associated with a Caravan and Camping Club

Current residents are led by Bob and Judy Lench who live in a former ACT Leyland National on site. Judy also serves as AETM Treasurer



VALE – Christopher Steele





- At driving the first stake
- Trustee, office bearer
- Oversaw building depot
- Oversaw building tramway for Salisbury Council
- Historian



Christopher Steele's d.d. Leyland trolleybus 433 was subsequently delivered to St Kilda by his family



Although unrestored, Christopher Steele's 433 is now safely stored and on display "as received" in the Trolleybus Pavilion.

VALE – John Morphett



Member from 1960
Trustee and Archivist in recent years
Grandson of Sir William Goodman



Notched up the last car to leave Hackney, 13 Nov 1958

ADELAIDE TRAMS



6 Citadis 201-206, (ex Madrid 165–170)

15 Bombardier Flexity Classic 101-115



Meanwhile, restored H Types 351 and 352 (ex 367) at Glengowrie Depot have seen virtually no use in the past 18 months and the Dept of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Rolling Stock Engineer, newly appointed from UK, suggested they should be disposed of.



In May 2016, the SA Minister of Transport announced that he thought the current city tram line should be extended across King William Street from North Terrace West to North Terrace East, with work to start before the end of 2016.



Proposed new Adelaide tram routes – will we ever see them?

Map from
The Advertiser 14 May 2016

Thank you