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Bib and Bub Project

The body of A type tram 14 was lowered onto the replica Brill 21E truck fabricated by Bendigo Tramways in May 2008. John Pennack connected the wiring to the motors and Mike Bosworth had the privilege of cutting first notch on Friday 23rd of May. The two MV 101 Motors from W3 668 sprang to life, and by luck both axles rotated in the same direction and correct for the reversing key. An extra resistance was added to curb the tendency for wheel spin on first notch, then A 14 ran a number of trial trips to Mangrove Loop.

This is the first time car 14 has operated under its own power since being withdrawn from MTT traffic by 30th November 1950. Minor overheating of two axle boxes occurred and after the end play keys were given more clearance, the tram ran freely attaining a maximum of 36 km per hour (according to Jack's GPS). After completing 60 km of 'running-in' without incident, car 14 has returned to the body shop to continue its outfitting.

E Type Tram No 118

On the 27th of June 2008, Bruce Lock, Mike Crabb, John Pennack and Mike Bosworth raised the body of E 118 on jacks to a height of approximately a metre to enable the brake rigging to be installed and to be ready for positioning the two refurbished Brill 22E trucks under it. Ian Seymour is machining new motor suspension bearings to be used on 118.

Museum Displays

As reported previously, work on this major project is proceeding. Six story-telling panels in the Northern Depot were in place in time for the 2008 AGM on 24 May 2008. These panels can also be viewed on the Museum's web site under *Things to see and do*, then the *Learn more about the history of trams in Adelaide* box.

Annual General Meeting

The 51st AGM of the Museum was held at the Museum site on Saturday 24 May 2008 at 4.00pm. The following committee positions were filled:

President	Colin Seymour
Vice President	Chris Andrews
Treasurer	Barry Fox
General Manager	Ian Seymour
Operations Manager	Mark Jordan
Rolling Stock Manager	Michael Bosworth
Track & Overhead Manager	Andrew Hall
Site & Safety Manager	John Pennack

Andy Hall (TMSV) recently transferred to Adelaide in his employment in public transport and now works for Southlink buses. Victoria's loss and SA's gain!

Following the meeting, members witnessed car 14 move a few metres. Members also enjoyed two rides on Restaurant tram 378. The Museum provided a barbeque tea. A DVD presentation was shown and included film of the opening of the City West tram line.

Workshop Activities

To machine the motor suspension bearings for car 118 on the Vertical Borer, a boring bar has been manufactured due to the existing bars not being sufficiently long. A quote has been obtained for 2 extra pairs of motor suspension bearings.

Three truck loads of COTMA spares items have arrived from TransAdelaide and small items are being slowly stored in one of our stores sheds. Additional shelving has been provided for the COTMA stores.



The recently installed crossbench seats in 'E' car 118 now give the tram its half saloon and half open combination appearance.
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Another view of the recently installed crossbench seats in 'E' car 118.
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Bruce Lock and Michael Crabb installing brake equipment under car 118.
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Car 14 being towed from the Bodyshop on Friday 23 May 2008 to test the motors. Preparing the tram are Bruce Lock, Michael Crabb and John Pennack.

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Workers from Port Signs preparing interpretive panels on 23 May 2008.

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Our new display panels in the Northern Depot were fitted in time for the AGM on 24 May 2008.

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