
ST KILDA (Museum Notes and News – News August 2011)

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AGM and New Committee

The Annual General Meeting of the AETM was held at the Museum on 28 May 2011. The following members were elected to the Executive Committee:

President – Ian Seymour

Vice President – Chris Andrews

Secretary – William Adams

Treasurer – Vacant

General Manager – Kym Smith

Operations Manager – Andrew Hall

Rolling Stock Manager – Vacant

Site and Safety Manager – Jack Pennack

Track and Overhead Manager – Andrew Gilbertson

Trustee Vacancy 1 – Kym Smith

Trustee Vacancy 2 – John Morphett

Barry Fox stood down as Treasurer after twelve years in the role, and Colin Seymour stepped down as Trustee after four years.

It is pleasing to see one of our younger members, William Adams, stepping up to be involved at Committee. There are still two vacancies to fill on the Committee, and in the interim Kym Smith has taken on the role of Acting Treasurer until a permanent appointment can be made.

After the AGM, members enjoyed the annual evening tram rides, barbeque and film shows.

The New Shed

The Executive Committee has progressed the project to replace the original tram shed and workshop, and by the time this issue goes to print it is expected that the old shed will have been demolished and the new shed will be under construction. One of the major preliminary jobs has been to remove all of the machinery, equipment and stores from within the old shed Workshop and relocate them temporarily to other locations around the Museum. Numerous workdays have been spent sorting and shifting items, as well as salvaging piping and electrical fittings that may be of use in the new shed. Support is still needed for the new shed, and donations to assist the completion and fit out of the shed are welcomed – please contact us for a donation brochure and form.

W7 1013

Repainting of 1013 commenced during April, however as it is one of the trams that will need to be stabled outside during the shed replacement, it was decided to hold back on completing the final coats of paint until after its outside sojourn. Charlie Rodgers has excelled though in the initial coats of paint on the tram, getting a brilliant finish on the resurfaced panels.

H1 381

381 was transferred to the Workshop in late April for the commencement of its overhaul. Despite having the Bib & Bub set and 1013 as ongoing projects, 381 was brought in as much of the initial work to be done on the tram is of a relatively low cost, allowing the tram refurbishment team to continue while funds are targeted to the new shed project. So far all of the seats and interior grab rails have been removed, the perished linoleum removed, and work commenced on resealing all of the windows. Bruce Lock has led the work team on this project, in which his skills and knowledge have been of great benefit, as the construction of 381 differs from the timber frame construction that our restoration team has been used to in all of the other restorations undertaken at St Kilda.

Cleaning Bees

A number of working bees have been co-ordinated by Andrew Gilbertson and John Morphett to clean up exhibits. In a little over two hours on 4 June 2011 a group de-cobwebbed most of the internal walls of the Trolleybus Shed and the displays plus the buses; wiped the seats and windows and swept the floors in most of the buses; swept the floor of the Trolleybus shed out completely; *and* managed to wipe down the seats and windows of the four electric trams in the Southern Depot (C 186, E1 111, H 360 and R1 1971).

Track Work

During June the Track Work working bees removed and replaced 8 sleepers along the lake west of pole 16 with second hand pine sleepers and brought the track back into gauge. They also removed six sleepers on the mainline in the vicinity of poles 22 and 23 and inserted, packed and backfilled six new hardwood sleepers.



The old workshop looking very bare after removal of all of the machines and equipment. One of the collapsed roof trusses is supported by the A frame at the far end of the shed.
 William Adams
 DSCF1650



Machinery from the old workshop has been temporarily stored in the Bodyshop.
 Kym Smith
 DSCF2765



Rust treating and window resealing being undertaken on H1 381
 Kym Smith
 DSCF2773



The interior of H1 381 after removal of the seats and linoleum.

*Kym Smith
DSCF2775*



Charlie Rodgers and Bruce Lock working on 381 on 27 May 2011.

*Chris Summers
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Charlie Rodgers poses with his handiwork on W7 1013 on 11 June 2011.

Completion of the painting will be undertaken once the old shed, seen behind 1013, is replaced.

*Andrew Gilbertson
St Kilda 002*

	<p><i>New Adelaide Flexity tram 112 on a test run in Port Road, Thebarton on 31 May 2011. The tram entered regular service on 15 June 2011.</i></p> <p><i>Steve McNicol</i></p>