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Although handed "National magazine of the A.E.T.M." this organisation ceased to exist on the second day of April 1950, when the South Pacific Electric Railway Co-operative Society Limited came into force, replacing the former A.E.T.M. This issue will, therefore be the last, and we wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have over the years, helped so much to keep this house journal alive. Thankyou.

For those of us who enjoyed the small titbits that were published in "T.W." from time to time do not despair a new improved house magazine will commence in November and we hope keep you up to date with Museum happenings throughout Australia.

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### TOUR

The next social event of the S.P.E.R. will be a combined tour on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> 1959. This trip will depart from Sutherland Railway Station in a CPH, possibly No.36. Picking up at Central, Strathfield and Hornsby. The Rail Motor will then operate direct to Newcastle on a fast timetable. Upon arrival at Newcastle members will transfer to a UFSD bus, latest in Newcastle, and a tour will be made over all the former electric tramlines in the Newcastle district, together with an inspection of Hamilton Depot. Bookings will open on October 12<sup>th</sup>. As yet the fare has not been decided but will be around 50/-.

A point of interest about the trip is the fact that it will be the first time that a CPH has operated to Newcastle in passenger traffic.

### WORK AT S.P.E.R. DEPOT.

Work on the final stage of the Depot at National Park is to commence on SUNDAY NEXT OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>. All members are asked to note this and the following as no further advice will be sent until the first issue of the new magazine.

Next Sunday, and each Sunday until further notice there will be work at National Park. As many members as possible are asked to turn up EACH WEEK until we get the work programme down to a "safe level". Supervisors in charge of the work are: CHINN, DAVIES, GORDON, PARLE, TOOKER. Members reporting for work are asked to co-operate with any of these persons in getting work done.

As most of you know the last few weeks were spent dismantling and removing to N/Park the old charcoal shed at Wollie Creek for use as a roof over our depot. This has now been completed, all the material being on the site, work is to commence in the re-erection.

We have post holes to complete (7). Poles to be dragged into the shed and erected. Timber supports to be bolted on and finally 500 sheets of iron to be laid over the area. When this is done all 31 poles are to have a concrete collar laid around them and a concrete strip to be put across the four entrance roads to the shed. Drains will then be needed for the roof water to be properly removed. Rail for the depot fan will most likely be available before the end of the year so work will have to commence on clearing the area in front of the shed for several hundred yards. Finally, the Sub-station area will have to be prepared and fenced off. All the above will have to be completed by FEBRUARY 1960. So you see we have quite a task in front of us, especially with our limited work force.

Later in the year Saturday work will be introduced for those who can't come on a Sunday. Further advice will be sent to members when this is to commence.

### NEW CARS

An application is before the Commissioner of Government Transport for three additional tramcars, "P" No. 1497, "R" No. 1740 "R1" No. 2087. There is every reason to feel that our request will be granted. The question now follows as to how we are going to pay the shipment costs to National Park.

Excluding the Brisbane Car which is to be financed by outside means, the cost of shipping these three cars together housing costs will be £185, which we will have to find, apart from considerable other money, by the end of next year. The Directors have been considering a new scheme popular overseas, whereby a member or group of members club together to pay the costs of transporting their favourite car (in this case class of car) rather than lose it altogether.

Should this scheme interest any of our members the Board would like to hear from them as soon as possible.

### WORK ON CARS

Work on the cars at N/P. has been confined almost to the Freight car which is now nearing completion of its undercoating. It is intended to finish the car in shop grey rather than any special colour.

The "F" car is now ready for re-canvassing, although this will no doubt be postponed until after the roof programme.

The truck of the "C" car has been completely re-painted and the spare bogie for the "O" car is nearing completion after having been cleaned back to the shop grey paintwork.

Repainting of the "O" car was started again recently and it is hoped to have this job finished in the next two months.