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## NEXT MEETING

On Friday, April 7th next, the next meeting of the Society will be held in Room 3 of the Railway Institute Devonshire St. City. During the meeting movie films will be screened of the Rockdale Enfield and Newcastle tramways. The meeting will commence at 7.30 pm and all members are requested to be on time.

## RAILWAY REGULATIONS.

Regulations covering the working of the Railways are being distributed and will take effect as from April 15th next. All shareholders are expected to make themselves familiar with these new regulations. Any member who does not received a copy by the above date will he please contact the Secretary. Upon reading regulation No. 15 you will notice mention is made of Country, Non-Working and Working Members. It has become necessary to divide the membership of the Society into three distinct divisions and a card will be issued to every shareholder as a means of division identification and it will be necessary for each and every shareholder to produce his card to gain entry to the site at National Park.

## AT THE SITE.

The roof is completed: Every car is now under cover and a systematic programme of repainting can now be instituted.

Work on the Depot track fan has now reached a point where all that remains is the connection of the point rodding, final ballasting up to rail head, a small amount of cutting and of course track bonding. The laying of this section of track was a difficult job for our tack gang involving four points and a single slip which, when first viewed on site, was nothing more than a pile of rail pieces.

Fencing has commenced along the road side of the site and is well under way. This fencing will consist of a 2 strand wire and post and is primarily intended to control motor traffic on the visitors day each month.

## SPER TOUR.

The Board has applied for a tour of the gravel and coal railways of the Illawarra.

The trip will be made in a CPH on SUNDAY MAY 4th next. The trip will depart from Sydney terminal at approx. 8 am and we hope to operate over the Metropolitan Colliery, Port Kembla Harbour, sidings and Loco, the A.I.S. line to Unanderra, Wongawilli Colliery, Shellharbour Quarry, Bombo Quarry lines then to Kiama. With an inspection of the former 2ft gauge system of that town returning to Sydney at approx. 6 pm.

At the time of writing the cost has not been set by the Railway Dept but should be around 30/-.

Because of the limited seating of a CPH it has been decided to limit the trip to the first 50 persons – Members only! FIRST IN, FIRST SERVED.... Bookings open at the Meeting in Friday night 7th April.

Come along and meet your fellow members.

LATEST MEMBERSHIP LIST

This month we can welcome the following new shareholders:

REGISTERED NUMBER	NAME
63	NATHANIEL BULL.
64	GEORGE BULL.
65	ANTHONY BULL.
66	JOHN GREEN.
67	DAVID HOWELL.
68	DALE BUDD.
69	GREGORY BLAXLAND.
70	RICHARD HAMMON.

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UNESCO ?

Former Director, Bon young, at present in the United Kingdom, has commenced negotiations for SPER to join a group of the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organisation which deals only with museums. If successful this may make SPER UNESCO museum representative in Australia.

LATEST CARS.

The Department of Government Transport has notified the Society that cars 1497 and 144s along with a large supply of spare parts ae at Randwick ready for delivery to National Park. The cost involved is £275, so what about it fellows – do we take them or not? The spares, incidentally, include all the wood slats etc. to repair all our present cars.

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PHONE NIGHT.  
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All shareholders are asked to remember that Managing Director Norm Chinn has set aside the following times for the receiving of phone calls connected with general museum business: Members 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm Wednesdays, Supervisors 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm on Sundays.

UNIFORM.

Members are reminded that the railway has adopted a working uniform of blue bib and brace overalls. They may be obtained from Ron Jackson at a reduced rate.

SIGNAL BOX.

During March, the museum took delivery of the box known as the Liverpool Street Junction Signal Platform.

The box is in complete working order and it is proposed to rehabilitate the box and eventually operate our Depot track fan by it.

DONATIONS TO TRAMWAY MUSEUM FUNF.

Shareholders are again reminded that donations to the SPER TRAMWAY MUSEUM FUND are recognised income tax deductions and your urgently needed donations can still be included on the 1960-61 tax returns.

RECENT PUBLICITY

During recent months the museum has received considerable favourable publicity in the Sydney Morning Herald, the St. George & Sutherland Shire Leader, the Western Suburbs Times and a 15 minute broadcast over 2BL as well as a five minute spot on 2FC. Coming up is a 30 minute run on Channel 3 ABN T.V.

Members will be kept informed of the date of the latter effort.