

CTM MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hello everyone, from all of us here at the CTM we'd like to wish you all and your families a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This is the first of our digital newsletters that will be sent out to our financial members with a more in depth look at what is going on with the Canberra Transport Museum. Initially being sent out at least twice a year but we are hoping to be able to make them more regularly in the near future.



108 Moves Home

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WELCOME TO 2023!

Hello to all our financial museum members. Your small annual contribution of \$20 assists us in several ways such as going towards vehicle registrations, maintenance, and servicing costs such as oil, light globes, fuel etc. As well as helping to pay invoices from transport operators when we are running tours and events using their vehicles.

We hope you are happy with your membership and continue your membership well into the future. As our thanks to you we offer you this exclusive newsletter as well as tour and event discounts and invites to member only maintenance days and events. We also hope to offer more exciting benefits in 2023 and will let you all know if and when we make any changes to the membership.

VEHICLE STATUS

The most common questions we seem to get about our fleet are "What are you doing with all those buses", this is where must explain the museum to often puzzled individuals wondering why we are bothering. Put simply we want to preserve buses from our generation/childhood for the next generation and the one after.

Without any additional assistance our activities are limited to our own free time and money which results in very slow work to our buses. We just hope that you don't lose interest when a bus sits around for a few years as it is a very big task, and we are trying our best in this expensive world.

As a result, there hasn't been much fleet progression in 2022. The nonstop rain has hampered efforts even just moving vehicles around and making some inaccessible for months at a time. We have carried out minor mechanical works over the last twelve months, predominately on 967 which has been having issues with it's gearbox. We are working to fix the issues as they crop up to keep 967 on the road as our current only registered vehicle.



Group Photo at the QCity Tour

QCITY TRANSIT TOUR

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the QCity transit tour in November. It was a great turnout and a chance to get some photos of those hard to find vehicles in their fleet.

One reason for the tour was the at the time upcoming rebranding of QCity to CDC Canberra, the rebrand means the old blue and red livery is being removed as well as the green and gold from the TBX fleet. This change was heavily underway already on tour day but we did take the opportunity to find a few buses still in the old colours for photos.

MOVING HOUSE

During 2022 we were advised that we needed to move some of our fleet from where they were being stored as the lease holder was ending their lease. This resulted in a pretty short timeframe to make plans to move the vehicles stored there. So with a retriever tow truck booked for the unhappy buses we moved out 100, 108, 114 and 717 by road and truck for those unhappy ones. The vehicles are currently being stored on a private property until a more permanent home is found. The current arrangements means the vehicles are parking on grass so whenever it rains it becomes very tricky to get them out, ideally we are hoping for undercover storage or at the least a nice gravel or concrete yard, but for now the search continues!

RENAULT FAREWELL TOUR

Pending final approvals from TC, we will be holding our Renault PR100.2 Farewell Tour on Saturday February 11th, 2023. Ticket pricing and further details will be announced closer to the day once we receive confirmation from TC.

We will endeavor to bring one or more of the CTM vehicles out if we are able to get them ready in time for the event however, we can't promise anything at this stage!



CMET LIGHT RAIL DEPOT TOUR

We have been given permission to run a CMET Light Rail Depot Tour which we are aiming for either Autumn or Spring 2023. We will likely make this a rail themed day possibly including the Canberra and Cooma Railway Museums.

We will likely only use one bus for the day to move everyone around so this will be more of a Rail Tour than a bus tour. More details will be posted closer to the event.



CTM EMAILS

We have had an IT issue with our email provider over the year which should hopefully be resolved in the next couple of months however this means we are unable to access any of our ctm.org.au email addresses. As such most communications are presently being sent from our personal emails to members. If you are expecting an email from us, please check your spam folder as it may have gone there. If you are a bit unsure or haven't received a response to an enquiry please send a message on our facebook page where we can reply directly. Otherwise, adding the email this newsletter came from to your safe senders/contacts list should ensure you get all emails until we resolve the IT issue.



*ABC Canberras' Lish Fejer
interviews Museum Director
Josh*

GET IN TOUCH

As above, if you'd like to get in touch, you can send us a feedback form on our website, until the email issue is fixed the response will come from myself, Mathew Barber (Vice President).

Alternatively, you can send us a message to our Facebook account, and we can reply directly to you there.

We're opening to hear your suggestions for events, offers of assistance both financial or physical or if you have any questions.

2023 IN A NUTSHELL

As for the year ahead, we wish to continue growing our membership base and spreading our name. We are looking to find a more permanent home for the fleet (let us know if you have somewhere!). We would like to return to our pre-covid plan of running two events a year at a minimum as well as expanding our fleet to get a standard livery PR100.2. Additionally, we'd like to get our mobile museum underway and out on the road to show around.



YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Now for some shameless promotion, Museum President Zac, A.K.A. @cbrflyer has started a YouTube channel vlogging flights around Australia, you can check it out at www.youtube.com/@cbrflyer – Videos are posted weekly on Monday.

Thanks for reading and we will see you out and about the Canberra region!

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