

The Tram & Tram-Related Heritage Study – Victoria

A Great Opportunity for Heritage Preservation

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Session Chair: Henry Brittain

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Notes from the Session Secretary

Accreditation

Background:

Method: Stakeholder involvement
Significance of Melbourne trams
Management

Stakeholder involvement

Stakeholders: Data gathering – early 2000
Initial review – late 2000
Review draft plan – 2001

Significance of Melbourne's trams

Significance of trams – an evolving entity

Significance of trams – social and cultural

Significance of trams – technology

Overview of heritage assets

Management plan:

- The challenge;
- Operate;
- Exhibit – possible directions;
- Supporting requirements

Discussion

Colin Seymour (AETM) – Will Melbourne’s tram operation at Hawthorn and Preston be separate?

Answer – No. One operator and management.

Bill Kingsley (BTM) – The future operation of heritage trams for tours in Melbourne seems to be becoming more difficult with the pending removal of track connections between Yarra Trams and Swanston Trams own systems in several locations.

Answer – They are unaware of such plans and works.

Craig Tooke (MTPA) – Craig confirmed that this work was indeed set down to happen in the very near future.

John Radcliffe (AETM) – Would Melbourne’s W-class trams be sold off to interstate and overseas interests as well as Victorian interests?

Answer – Yes. They are looking beyond Victoria, especially if the preservation of the tram is as a Melbourne tram.

Trevor Dennhardt (PETS) – What is Moomba?

Answer – Melbourne’s autumn festival, where old trams are being used again in the procession.

Colin Seymour (AETM) – What is the plan for disposal of surplus trams and equipment?

Answer – (a) Victoria museums in COTMA; (b) Other COTMA museums with Victorian trams; and (c) Other COTMA museums.