



Providing the means... ...to tell the story



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Museum

1970s – the back story

- BTPS – 1971
- Council land
- 6 trams
- Small shed – 335m²
- No outside storage
- Borrowed funds
- No display or meal space

AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR
TOURIST TRAM DEPOT



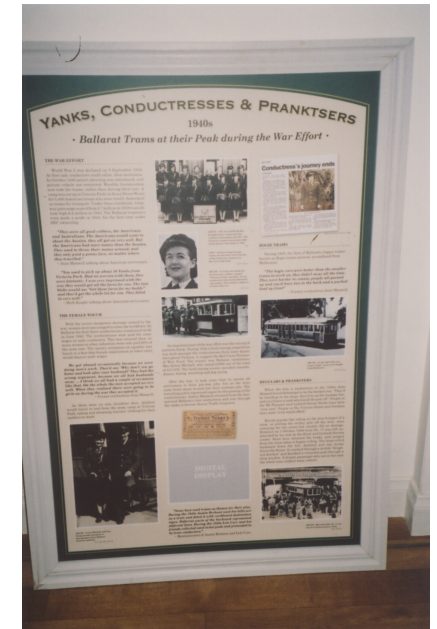
Early days

- Make use of a tram
- Roll it out – push it back
- Pin photos to boards
- & the tram in Wendouree Parade



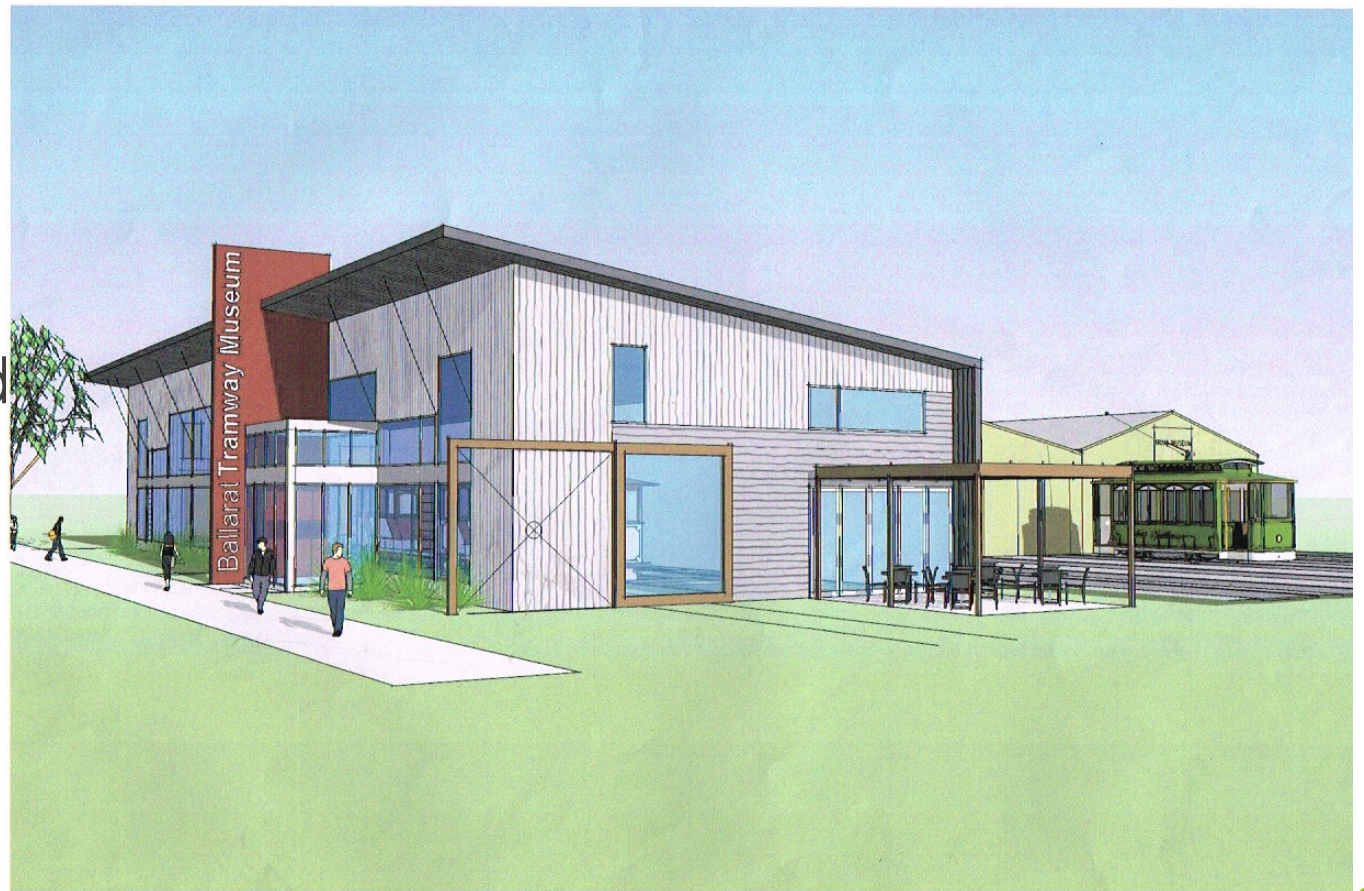
1980s – bigger space

- Depot expanded + 670m²
- Display tram
- Rebuild it once
- Interpretative panels
- A proper shop



2010s – a plan – but not successful

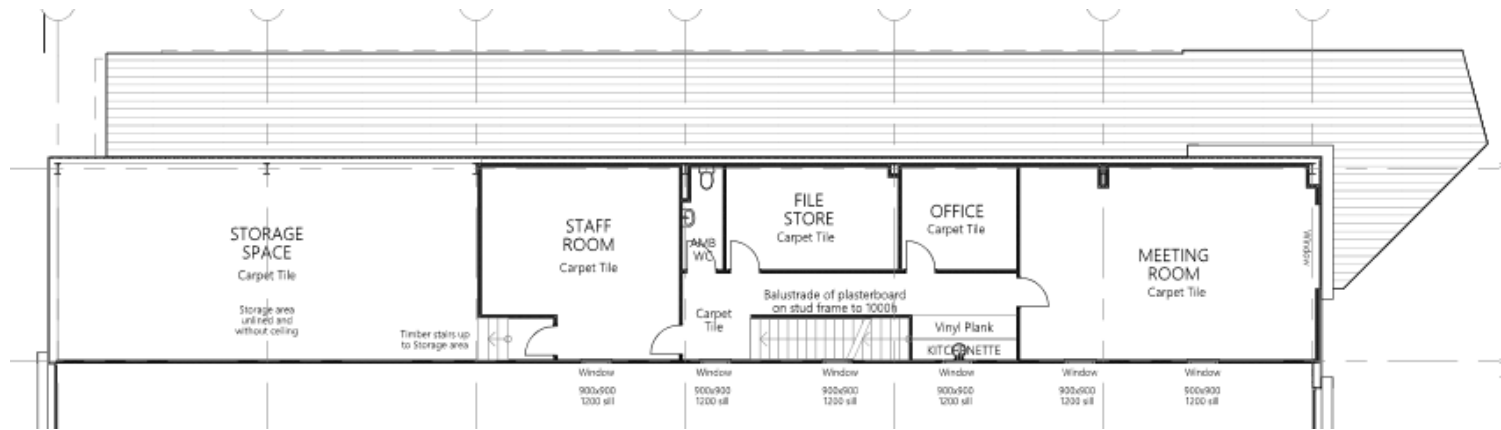
- Heritage Victoria
 - New rules
 - Garden Masterplan
- Extension permitted
- But no funds



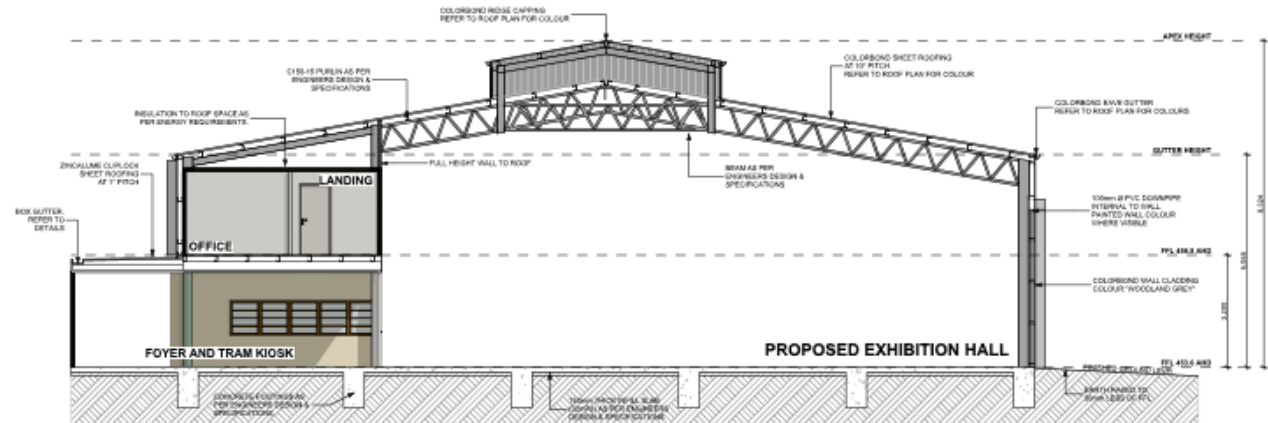
2020 – Finally; after a lot of meetings

- Whole new concept
- Visitor experience
- 1887 building elements
- Council support
- Heritage Vic
- Community support
- Funding sourced
- Additional 1100m²





First floor plan

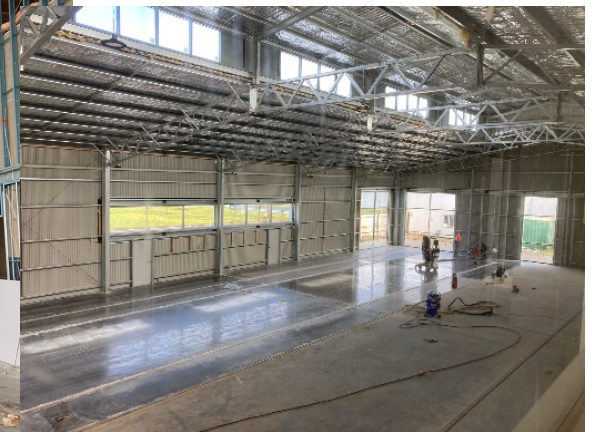


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2021 – Creating the means

- MKM Constructions
- \$1.8m building
- BTM input
- Tree protection
- COVID-19
- Only a few issues
- Oct 2021 Hand over



Fitout and operate

- Large image panels
- 7 trams on display
 - Including SEC 32, VR 41
 - Geelong 2 & Launceston 14
- Recycled existing panels
- Welcome kiosk & sales
- Change the operation
- Archive storage shelving
- & Covid



Trackwork

- New tracks -
 - Wendouree Pde
 - New building
- Funding – Govt.
- City of Ballarat
- Fulton Hogan
- Rail Safety



2023 - Further fitout

- Regional Development grant
- Changing the panels
- Display cases
- Large touch screens
- Tram lighting



Accessibility

- Accessible facilities
- Steps
- Ramp
- Visitor languages
- Accessible tram





The means provided.

- Welcoming accessible space
- Excellent feedback
- Now a destination
- Not just a tram ride
- Children's activities
- With proud volunteers



The future

- Further displays
- Model tramway
- Driving simulator
- Change over trams
- More solar
- Refurbish tramcars elec and mech.





Thank you

- Please visit us soon
- Feel free to let us know in advance if you are planning a visit.

