

LAUNCESTON TRAMWAY MUSEUM - 1



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- The Launceston Tramway Museum in northern Tasmania opened in 2006 after restoration of Launceston bogie tram No 29.
- Tram No 29 operates over 1.6 km of 1,067 mm (3 ft 6 in) gauge track at the Inveresk precinct with the usual tour covering 2.0 km. Single-truck tram No 1 is close to running condition.
- At approximately 1 km north-east of the centre of Launceston the museum's neighbours include the Queen Victoria Art Gallery and Museum, the University of Tasmania and other cultural, educational and sporting facilities.
- Over 30 volunteers restore and operate the trams, guide visitors, and preserve documents and objects from the tram, trolleybus and diesel bus eras in Launceston.

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- A major recent project has been track rehabilitation, replacing rotten timber sleepers with new and used steel sleepers and new ballast, with concrete and asphalt up to the top of the rail in some locations.
- The track rehabilitation has been performed in parallel with the University of Tasmania's final move of the northern campus to the Inveresk precinct, and major construction works close by the museum with temporary loss of access to some sections of track.
- The Launceston Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institute has recently donated a rotary convertor set to the museum collection.
- Cataloguing and improved storage of the museum collection has been an important activity.

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- No 29 tram is currently powered by a mobile diesel powered generator, which will require replacement in the future, and the option of battery power with electronic controls is being investigated in conjunction with the University of Tasmania.
- Commissioning of single truck tram No 1 has been delayed by the track refurbishment and the installation of controllers and cabling will depend on the experience of battery power with tram No 29.
- More space is required for the workshop and museum with an extension to the building, part of which was the original Launceston tram depot dating from 1911, under consideration.