

COTMA
Achievement
Award
Submissions
2025



Providing an Accessible Tram W7 1029

Ballarat Tramway Museum

- Body stored Newport 25 years
- Body damaged, parts stolen
- BTM received it at Bungaree 2019
- Body restored by BTM volunteers
- Safety fittings, PA, CCTV, heaters added
- Contractors for body repairs, 24v lighting
- New upholstery, space for wheelchairs
- Wheelchair Ramp built at Depot
- Vic Track grant \$ 27,000
- 1st mobility impaired passenger, Oct. 2023



Benjamin Boehle-Mitchell 2023



Photo Brendan Schonfelder

Restoration of Christchurch Hills Car #24.

Tramway Historical Society

- Built for Cashmere Hills line 1920
- Withdrawn , sold 1954
- Body retrieved by THS 1968
- Restoration planned 2007
- Work commenced 2011
- New trucks - Heritage Tramways Trust
- Bodywork by THS volunteers
- 2020 - \$255,000 Lottery Grant
- Completed by Heritage Tramway Trust
- 28-12-2023 Running on City Tramway



Keeping On Track!

Museum of Transport and Technology

- Dual gauge Line to Gr Western Rd 1980, To Zoo 1981, MOTAT 2 2007, 2nd hand rail
- No Check rails, wearing, wheel damage
- Grooved, curved rail from Yarra Trams
- Relay 1980 Motions Rd loop (dual gauge) Turnouts from Pražská Strojírna, Prague
- Trackwork laid by contract, Libbet Ltd
- Line closed Jan-June 2023,
- 40% less visitors to MOTAT 2
- “Adopt a tram” funding + Auckland Council
- Total cost NZD 2.75 M
- Excellent ride, secured future operation





Bill Kingsley Award 2025

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CONGRATULATES AND APPLAUDS

The Tramway Historical Society

FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE RESTORATION OF
CHRISTCHURCH HILLS CAR NO 24.

HENRY BRITTAIN KSM, PRESIDENT
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OCTOBER 2025



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Ballarat Tramway Museum

FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN PROVIDING AN ACCESSIBLE TRAM
W7 1029

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Museum of Transport and Technology

FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN 'KEEPING ON TRACK' THROUGH THE
RENEWAL OF DUAL GAUGE TRAMWAY AND POINTWORK.

HENRY BRITAIN KSM, PRESIDENT
COUNCIL OF TRAMWAY MUSEUMS OF AUSTRALASIA
OCTOBER 2025

President's Award





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THIS CERTIFICATE MARKS THE APPRECIATION OF THE WORK OF

Richard Gilbert

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT WITH COTMA SINCE ITS
INCEPTION AND HIS ENDURING COMMITMENT TO THE BALLARAT
TRAMWAY MUSEUM

HENRY BRITTAIN, PRESIDENT
COUNCIL OF TRAMWAY MUSEUMS OF AUSTRALASIA
AUGUST 2025

President's Award Richard Gilbert



Richard has been actively involved with COTMA since its inception, serving as one of the organisers of the inaugural Conference in Ballarat in 1975. Richard held the position of COTMA Executive Officer from 1994 to 1998.

His enduring commitment to the Ballarat Tramway Museum is well known and recognised, along with his extensive involvement in various railway and community organisations over the years.

Many of us are grateful for the post conference tours he designed and led over many years.