
Stop 4 - City Circle Tram



tram car, 1880, slv.JPG



Electric tram, Ballarat



Cable tram_1895_MV.JPG

Location

Tram stop, Flinders Street and Market Streets MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

Historical themes - CBD

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

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Trams have been a significant part of Melbourne since the first cable trams began rolling down the streets in the 1840s. Electric trams were introduced in 1906, and gradually replaced cable trams.

In the 19th century trams enabled Melbourne's suburban expansion. As new tram routes were built, houses and neighbourhoods sprang up along the routes.

Trams have also added significantly to Melbourne's sense of identity and culture. As other cities removed their tram networks during the mid part of the twentieth century, Melbourne's was retained by the forward-thinking Chairman of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, Sir Robert Risson.

In 1990 Melbourne was brought to a standstill for five weeks as drivers and conductors went on strike in protest against the proposed end of conductors. After a long struggle, tram conductors were finally removed in 1998, accompanied by a public outpouring of sadness.

The City Circle tram route is only one of two remaining in Melbourne to retain W class trams.

Historical themes exhibited at this site:

3. Connecting Victorians by transport and communications

3.5 Travelling by tram

6. Building towns, cities and the garden state

6.3 Shaping the suburbs

Directions to next stop:

Catch a City Circle tram to the corner of Nicholson and Victoria Streets. Cross the road to the gardens and walk up the path to the fountain.

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Property Number

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