

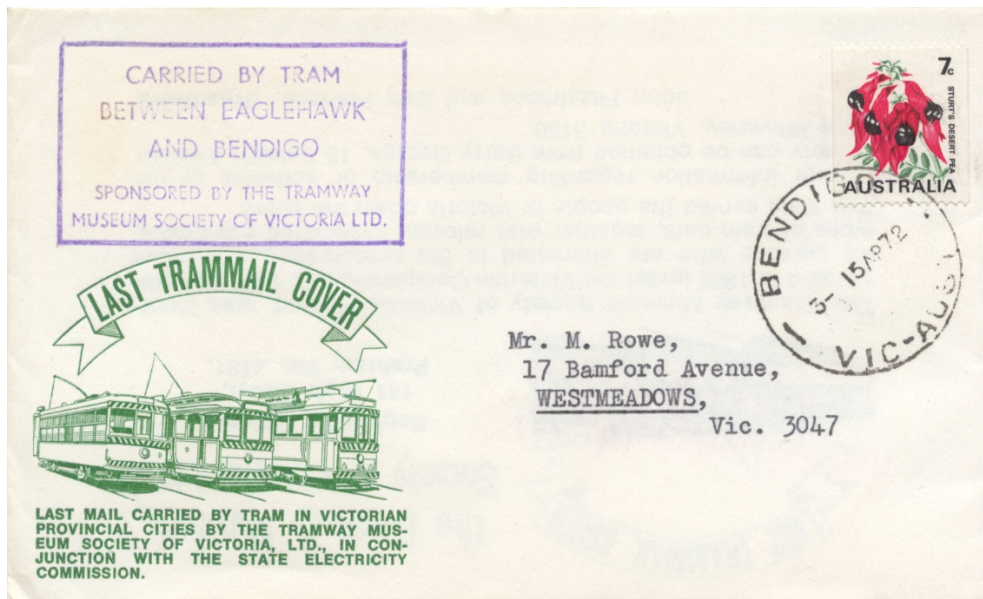
## Bendigo's "Last Tram Mail"

The day before permanent closure of the Bendigo tramways on Sunday 16 April 1972, the Tramway Museum Society of Victoria Inc (TMSV) arranged for "Last Tram Mail" to be carried along the Eaglehawk line to simulate the once regular transport of mail around the city by tram.



TMSV members Robert Green (left), and John Fitzsimons (right), with the "Last Tram Mail" outside the Eaglehawk Town Hall, 15 April 1972. (K S Kings 35mm slide photograph No.100-27)

The specially designed stamped envelopes were carried aboard bogie tram No.18 which left Charing Cross at 8.36am and travelled to the Eaglehawk terminus. After posing for a photograph there, the tram returned to Charing Cross, arriving at 9.24am. The envelopes were then taken to the post office where it took about one hour to carefully cancel the stamps. (*Running Journal*, April 1972, p.10 (*Journal of the TMSV*))



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