

COPIES OF LETTERS TO THE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. OF VICTORIA

RE. PURCHASE OF HORSE CAR PLANT FROM THE MUNICIPAL

TRAMWAYS TRUST, ADELAIDE.

1909

Originals held by State Records of South Australia, Reference GRG 22/31/Vol. D.

15th October 1909

Benjamin Deakin Esq.,
Engineer and General Manager
Electric Supply Co. of Victoria Ltd.,
Wendouree Parade, BALLARAT

Dear Sir,-

SALE OF HORSE CAR PLANT, ETC.

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 14th inst. and have given instructions for two good Horse Cars, five sets of harness and two sets of swingbars to be forwarded to you if possible by Monday's train.

Please note that these prices are nett at the Trust's Depot and that all charges for carriage to the Railway Station, necessary packing, and transport charges will also be payable by you. A detailed invoice will be forwarded to you as soon as possible, covering the whole transaction.

With regard to the last paragraph of your letter, I am able to supply further good collars at 10/- each.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Engineer and General Manager.

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19th October 1909

Benjamin Deakin Esq.,
Engineer and Manager,
The Electric Supply Co. of Victoria, Ltd.,
Wendouree Parade
BALLARAT, VIC

Dear Sir,

SALE OF HORSE CAR PLANT, ETC.

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 18th inst., confirming your telegram regarding 10 additional Collars, which I am forwarding with the Cars.

I regret to say owing to the refusal of the Railway Company to take delivery on Saturday afternoon, it was impossible for me to get the Cars away by Monday's train, and they will therefore be dispatched to-morrow.

Please note that the price for the collars is 10/- net.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Engineer and General Manager

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20th October 1909

Benjamin Deakin Esq.
Engineer and Manager
The Electric Supply Co. of Victoria, Ltd.,
Wandouree Parade
BALLARAT VIC

Dear Sir,

SALE OF HORSE CAR PLANT ETC.

Herewith I forward you receipt for goods consigned by the Railways this morning as follows:-

2 Horse Tramcars Nos. 51 & 78.
2 Sets Swingbars
5 Sets Harness
10 Horse Collars

The cost of dismantling and loading the Cars amounts to £5/-, and as soon as I have particulars of the Railway Charges I will furnish you an account covering the whole transaction and shall be glad to receive your cheque for same at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Engineer and General Manager

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27th October, 1909

Benjamin Deakin Esq.
General manager
Electric Supply Co. of Victoria, Ltd.,
Wendouree Parade
BALLARAT

Dear Sir,

SALE OF HORSECAR PLANT, ETC.

Please receive herewith an account for the two Horsecars and Harness, also cost of dismantling, loading and freight to Ballarat, amounting in all to £64/1/8.

I shall be glad to hear of the safe arrival of this consignment.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Engineer and General Manager

Enclos.

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Ms Alison Hoyle
State Records
PO Box 1056
BLAIR ATHOL WEST SA 5084

7 March 1996

Dear Ms Hoyle

Re: Your reference 38/1996 AH:AH

We have received the copies of the letters from the MTT to the Electric Supply Company of Victoria. This material is very useful, as it has shown the numbers of the trams sent from Adelaide to Ballarat after the 1909 fire.

I thank you for your promptness both in researching your archives and in sending the items requested.

Yours sincerely

Alan Bradley
for the Secretary

*Attachments
to item No. 274*

Ms Alison Hoyle
State Records
PO Box 1056
BLAIR ATHOL WEST SA 5084

Dear Ms Hoyle,

22 February 1996

Re: Your reference 38/1996 AH:AH

I refer to your letter of 26 February 1996.

Enclosed is a cheque for \$20.50 for transcripts of the letters. These will become part of the Ballarat Tramway Museum's archives.

Please send the transcripts to my home address at 11 Shafton Street, Huntingdale 3166.

On behalf of the museum I thank you for your prompt attention to my query, and I look forward to reading the transcripts.

Yours sincerely

Alan Bradley
for the Secretary

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Our Ref: 38/1996
AH:AH

26 February 1996

Mr Alan Bradley
11 Shafton Street
HUNTINGDALE VIC 3166

Dear Mr Bradley,

Thank you for your letter of January, 1996 re the sale of surplus MTT horse trams to Victoria.

Unfortunately, no Municipal Tramways Trust inwards correspondence for 1909 still exists. However, the outwards letterbooks are extant and contain four letters relating to the sale of horsecars and acoutrements to the Electric Supply Company of Victoria. These letters give details of items supplied and their cost [GRG 22/31/Vol D].

The cost of this information is as follows:

Cost of research [½ hour @ \$35.00 per hour]	\$17.50
Cost of transcripts of letters [originals to frail to copy]	\$ 2.00
Postage and handling	\$1.00
TOTAL COST PAYABLE IN ADVANCE	\$20.50

This quote is valid for a period of sixty days. Cheques etc. should be made payable to State Records.

Yours sincerely,

Alison J. Hoyle

Alison Hoyle
ARCHIVIST
RESEARCH AND ACCESS

Alan Bradley
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The Senior Archivist
STATE RECORDS
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BLAIR ATHOL WEST 5084

Dear Sir/Madam

I am researching the history of the Ballarat tramways, and my query relates to the Municipal Tramways Trust of Adelaide archives (GRG 22).

I require a search of the archives for the period October and November 1909. A tram depot in Ballarat burned down early in October 1909, and it is known that by mid-November 1909 the Electric Supply Company of Victoria (the operator of the Ballarat tramways) had acquired two surplus horse trams from Adelaide as a replacement for the trams lost in the fire. This co-incided with the period that the horse tramways in Adelaide were being electrified, hence there were surplus horsecars available.

The sections of the Archives that appear to be relevant to my search are:

Press 1089D - 29	Secretary's letter books, MTT, 1908-1916.
Press 1089D - 30	Board room letter books 1907-1935.
Press 1089D - 31	Letters sent 1907-1909.
Press 1089D - 34	Letters sent 1907-1935.
Press 1089D - 35	Internal memoranda sent 1907-1935.

Therefore the search would involve a perusal of these archives for the period October and November 1909. Presumably the records, if they still exist, would show a request from the Electric Supply Company for surplus rolling stock; internal inquiries as to what is available; a reply from the MTT that there are trams available for purchase; and correspondence concerning acceptance and arrangements for delivery.

If the search is likely to be lengthy and expensive, or there are any other queries, you can contact me during working hours on (03) 9652-3594, or by fax (03) 9652-3513.

Yours sincerely

Alan Bradley