

The special floral tram at the Begonia Festival was hit by a car on Sunday afternoon, taking it out of action for the Begonia Parade on Monday.

A car was allegedly attempting to turn around on Wendouree Parade when the collision occurred, with the car becoming wedged between the tram and a power pole.

The tram's undercarriage was extensively damaged.

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Passengers were thrown from their seats, and some required medical attention at the scene. Nobody in the car was injured.

Dozens of volunteers helped to create thousands of flowers to decorate the 1930s-era tram, a tribute to the Lucas Girls' floral trams in 1938 and '39.

It was hoped the tram would run across the entire long weekend, and potentially afterwards.

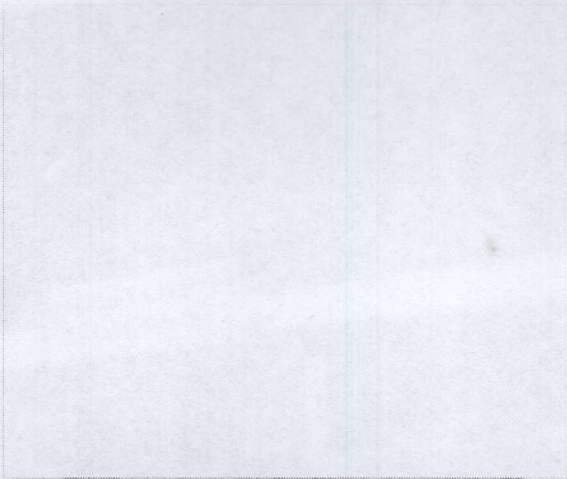
It will be put on static display for photo opportunities on Monday, but people will not be able to get on.

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The Ballarat Tramway Museum's Peter Waugh said it was disappointing for the volunteers who had hoped to see the result of their work in action.

"There's a sense of bereavement," he said.

"It's beyond our resources here to repair, so it will need to go elsewhere to get fixed."



Mr Waugh added this was the most significant tram accident since the museum began in 1974.

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