SEE MELBOURNE BY TRAM

CITY-SPENCES

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CITY:
Where to board

DEPART:

SWANSTON STREET
Routes 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 15, 64, 67, 72

ELIZABETH STREET
Routes 19, 57, 59

COLLINS STREET
Routes 10, 42

SPENCER/FLINDERS STREETS
Routes 48, 75

BOURKE STREET
Routes 88, 96

DOMAIN RD/ST KILDA RD
(goes up William St, City)
Route 55

THE ESPLANADE, ST KILDA
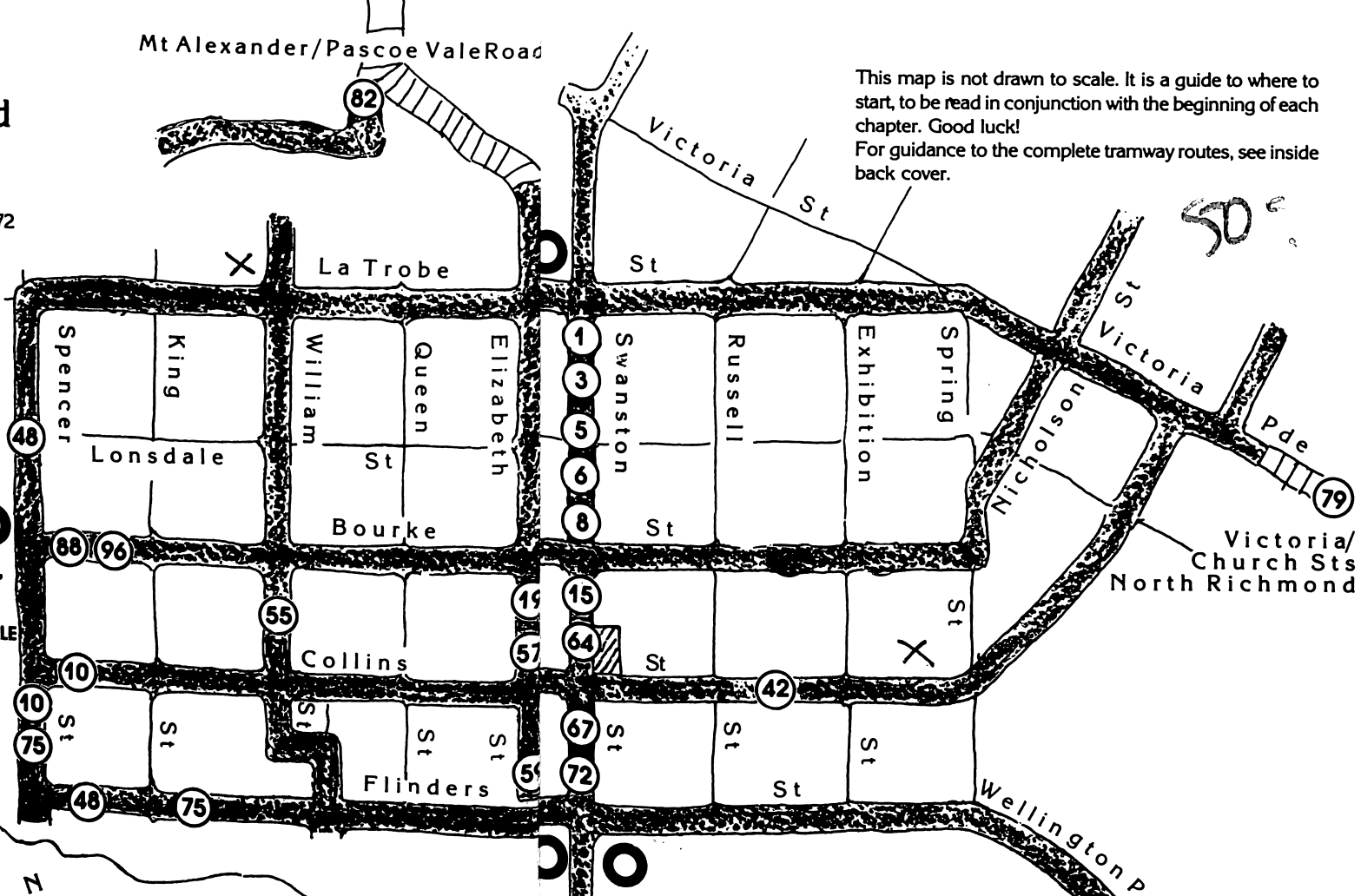Route 69

BATMAN AVENUE
Route 70

VICTORIA/CHURCH STREETS, NORTH RICHMOND
Route 79

MT ALEXANDER/PASCOE VALE RDS
Route 82

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For guidance to the complete tramway routes, see inside back cover.

Mt Alexander/Pascoe Vale Road

Victoria St

La Trobe St

Spencer
King
William
Queen
Elizabeth
Swanston
Russell
Exhibition
Spring
Nicholson
Victoria

Lonsdale St

Bourke St

Collins St

Flinders St

Victoria/Church Sts North Richmond

Wellington Pde

Batman Ave

Yarra River

St Kilda Rd

Port Phillip Bay

The Esplanade St Kilda

Routes **69, 79** and **82** do not go through the city centre.

N E S W

LEGEND

(5) Route number of tram

Indicates some distance to be travelled before start of journey. Refer to start of chapter to find out which tram to catch for start of route.

Indicates main city roads, along which tram routes run.

O Railway station

Town Hall

General Post Office

X Future Stations connecting City Loop

Sue

With love and
Best Wishes and
Merry Christmas 1982

Eva

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1, 2 or 3 or combinations of these zones. These weekly cards can be bought at metropolitan railway stations, the tramway kiosk in the Royal Arcade or at tramway depots within normal office hours.

MONTHLY TRAVEL CARD

This provides unlimited travel in the calendar month. It means the price of each journey irrespective of length is down to only 10 cents! These cards may be purchased at the head office of the Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board, 673 Bourke Street, the Victorian Government Travel Centre, 230 Collins Street, and at any tramways depot during normal office hours.

CITY SECTION CONCESSION CARD

This green card provides eight rides within the area bounded by Flinders, Spencer, Victoria and Spring Streets. Unlike the travel cards, the card is not bound by any time limit. One uses it until all eight rides are completed.

CITY + ONE SECTION CONCESSION CARD

This is a red card and provides five rides within the city and for one section beyond, in any direction. Like its friend the green card, it is valid until the purchaser has used all five rides.

SECTION SAVER TICKET

This is sold in books of twenty tickets at the price of approximately sixteen adult cash fares. Books may be purchased at the Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board, 673 Bourke Street, the Royal Arcade kiosk, and at any tramways depot during normal office hours.

It began with horse trams

Melbourne's tramways system began many years ago when the city was in its infancy with unpaved roads and newly developing residential areas.

The first trams were horse drawn through the main roads of the suburbs, with the system extending as far out as Kew Cemetery, Auburn Road, Coburg, Glenhuntly and Beaumaris. The last horse drawn tram, which went through Royal Park to the Zoo, operated until 1923 and is still remembered with great affection by Melbourne's older citizens.

Cable trams followed, mainly to cope with the ever expanding population. Cheaply and efficiently they were able to meet the transport needs of Melbourne, particularly carrying passengers between their homes and places of work. Even with the tracking needed, cable routes in Melbourne extended over a five kilometre radius of the city's centre.

During the heyday of cable trams, between the 1880's and the outbreak of World War 11, Melbourne's tramway system was world famous, particularly because of the outstanding engineering devised and executed for the complication of curves and crossovers needed, not to mention the extent of the system. In these areas of expertise it's good to remember that Melbourne's system not only surpassed any other in Australia but also outstripped American systems such as the highly sophisticated San Francisco network.

Tram users before World War 11 still speak fondly of the place the cable tram had in Melbourne life. Their steady speed and open design led to a very informal usage with passengers boarding and leaving at will, in spite of good natured protests from conductors.

World War 11 was the turning point for the cable car and, in a sense, it was beaten by its own success. Such was the efficiency of the system that the majority of the population travelled by tram — so much so that the burden of upkeep became too great, especially when competing with the streamlined electric system.

Electric trams were first introduced during the late 1800's when private trust systems were set up. One of Melbourne's 'first' was the electric tram that plied between Box Hill and Doncaster from 1884-96. Other lines followed with private networks being established in Hawthorn, Malvern, Prahran, Camberwell, Maribyrnong, Burwood,

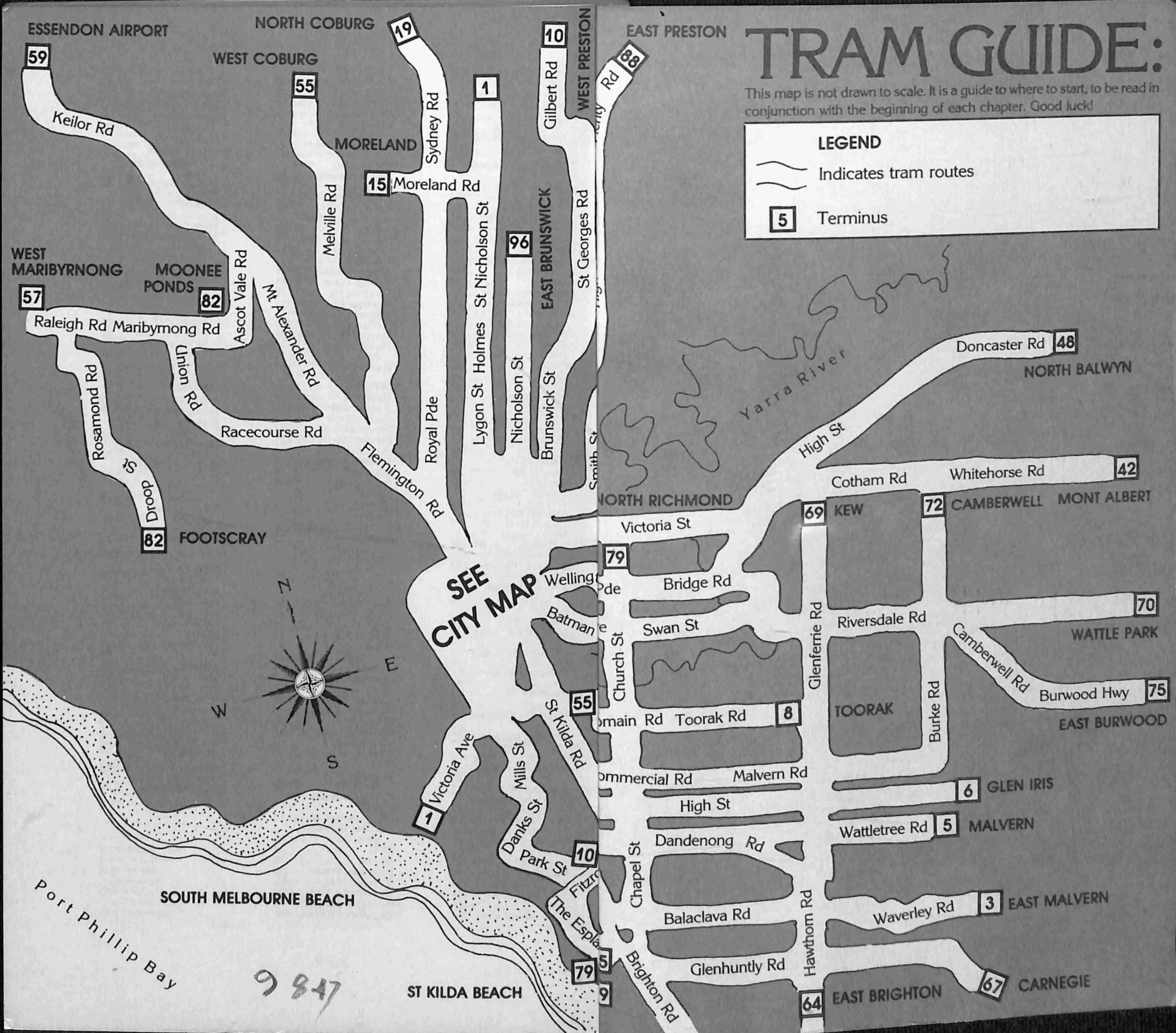# TRAM GUIDE:

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LEGEND

~~~ Indicates tram routes

[5] Terminus

ESSENDON AIRPORT [59]

NORTH COBURG [19]

WEST COBURG [55]

EAST PRESTON

WEST PRESTON [10]

[88]

[1]

Keilor Rd

Sydney Rd

MORELAND

[15] Moreland Rd

Gilbert Rd

WEST PRESTON

Melville Rd

Mt Alexander Rd

Ascot Vale Rd

Lygon St

Holmes St

Nicholson St

[96]

EAST BRUNSWICK

St Georges Rd

Brunswick St

WEST MARIBYRNONG [57]

MOONEE PONDS [82]

Raleigh Rd

Maribyrnong Rd

Union Rd

Racecourse Rd

Rosamond Rd

Droop St

Flemington Rd

Royal Pde

Nicholson St

Smith St

[82] FOOTSCRAY

Yarra River

Doncaster Rd [48]

NORTH BALWYN

High St

Cotham Rd

Whitehorse Rd [42]

NORTH RICHMOND

[69] KEW

[72] CAMBERWELL

MONT ALBERT

SEE CITY MAP

Welling Pde

Victoria St

[79]

Bridge Rd

Glenferrie Rd

Riversdale Rd

Batman

Swan St

Camberwell Rd

[70]

WATTLE PARK

Church St

Burke Rd

TOORAK

Burwood Hwy [75]

EAST BURWOOD

N

E

W

S

Victoria Ave

Mills St

St Kilda Rd

[55]

Domain Rd

Toorak Rd [8]

Commercial Rd

Malvern Rd

[6] GLEN IRIS

High St

Wattletree Rd [5] MALVERN

[1]

Danks St

Park St

[10]

Dandenong Rd

Hawthorn Rd

Waverley Rd [3] EAST MALVERN

SOUTH MELBOURNE BEACH

Port Phillip Bay

9 8 47

ST KILDA BEACH

Fitzroy

The Esplanade

[79]

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Chapel St

Brighton Rd

Balaclava Rd

Glenhuntly Rd

[64] EAST BRIGHTON

[67] CARNEGIE

[5]