

Travel On launched

A public transport education program to teach primary school students safety and responsibility on trains, trams and buses has been launched.

Called Travel On, the program aims to raise awareness of the ease of using and the availability of public transport in local communities.

Travel On also links classroom learning with practical excursions to PTC sites, including train stations and tram depots.

Chief Executive Ian Dobbs said Travel On had been successfully trialed in 42 primary schools last year.

"All schools found Travel On interesting, easy to understand and educationally sound," Mr Dobbs said.

"During the trial it was found many teachers were unfamiliar with public transport and were not confident about using it for school excursions.

"To encourage travel, the PTC provides free excursions for school groups participating in the program and CSEs have been specially trained to assist teachers on excursions and visits to PTC facilities."

For year 5 and 6 pupils, there are Travel On units where students learn about the importance of public transport in the

community and dealing with the transition from primary to secondary school.

Travel On has been developed by the Community Education Unit of Met Trains in consultation with VicRoads, the Department of Education and Victoria Police.



Travel On is tops. Westgarth Primary School students with our CSEs Liz Heyes and Marios Papadopoulos.

Heathmont celebrations

Local Heathmont residents have celebrated the 70th anniversary of the opening of their local railway station.

Students from the Ringwood Secondary College organised a photographic display showing the growth of Heathmont from a rural district to a suburb.

The PTC supplied photos showing Heathmont Station in the 1920s, 1940s and 1970s.

Customer Service Employee Earle Hughes and Ringwood Secondary College students give commuters a Heathmont historical brochure.



Prahran promotion

The recent Prahran Market Festival proved an excellent vehicle for Met Bus to promote its services in the area.

The promotion showed shoppers the benefits of catching public transport to the market and the Chapel Street shopping area.

Met Bus Managing Director John Wilson said the promotion was a great success with thousands of timetables handed out.

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CSE Natsha Vukelich explains Met Bus services to Prahran Market shoppers.



Kew service reward

More than 125 years service was acknowledged at Kew Depot when five staff received their silver trays.

Those to receive trays were Drivers Jim Feely, Noel Feillafe, Donald Long and Vic Merrigan and Operations Officer Chris Drossos.

Both Jim and Vic have worked at the depot since they started in 1969 while Donald has been at the depot for all of his 26-year career.

Noel started in 1969 and worked at Camberwell and East Preston before transferring to Kew a year ago.

Chris started in 1970, was at North Fitzroy for 12 years, then worked as an Operations Officer at all depots before transferring to Kew 10 years ago.



Kew staff with their silver trays are from left: Donald Long, Chris Drossos, Noel Feillafe, Jim Feely and Vic Merrigan.

Promoting Ballarat

Ballarat's Begonia and Opera festivals were recently promoted on our City Circle.

Former Melbourne tram W4 671, painted in City of Ballarat's colours of blue and silver, operated on the popular city service for two months highlighting both events.

Since 1975 the tram has run on the Lake Wendouree service operated by the Ballarat Tramway Museum.



PTC staff who are also members of the BTM with 'their' tram from left: Camberwell Senior Trainer Greg Rogers, Met Train Driver Richard Gilbert, Co-ordinator Photograph and Video Services John Phillips, Camberwell Tram Driver Carolyn Dean and Operations Officer Peter Winspur.

...four Footscray trays

Four long-serving Met Bus staff have received their silver trays for completing 25-years service.

Those to have this milestone recognised were Footscray Drivers Dominic Malvaso, David Reeve and Emil Winter.

Also receiving his tray was Operations Group Manager Greg Dower who is based at Met Bus headquarters at Footscray Depot.



Met Bus Managing Director John Wilson presents trays to, from left: Dominic Malvaso, Emil Winter, David Reeve and Greg Dower.

...P&C tray presented

In the Infrastructure Division, Way Maintainer Kevin McDermott received his silver for completing 25 years service.

Kevin works in the Point and Crossing Gang No. 1 and received his tray while working on the standard gauge conversion project at Dunolly.



Kevin McDermott (centre) is congratulated by Works Engineer Vance Thuraisingham, Ballarat Road Master Peter Niblett, District Engineer Gordon Djurdjevic and Maryborough Road Foreman Barry Argent.

AT Update

To keep you informed with automated ticketing, AT Update will be a regular feature of Turning Point.

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"Market research shows more than 40 per cent of Met Bus passengers travel for shopping purposes," John said.

"We are now building on this market."

Routes 216, 219 and 220 operate from the western suburbs through the City then via St Kilda and Commercial Roads then to Gardenvale and Brighton Beach.

Calling the stops

The importance of tram crews making announcements has been highlighted in talks between staff and representatives from the Royal Institute for the Blind.

RVIB members talked to staff at all tram depots about the positive impact making on-board announcements has for all travellers, especially visually impaired people.

Met Tram-Project Officer Bob Middleton said there was a positive response and exchange of views and information between crews and RVIB representatives.



Camberwell Driver Letty Knezevich and RVIB members Michael Janes and Leslye Thies discuss on-board announcements.

Mailbag

Thank you

I recently left my handbag, which contained a large amount money (rent), on the 7.50am Sandringham line train at Flinders Street.

As a pensioner, I could not have easily replaced the money and was very upset by its loss. The gentlemen in the office said the train was going to North Melbourne and they would contact staff there.

When I arrived at North Melbourne, the staff were most helpful and returned my bag.

All the cash was in the bag as were my personal effects. I offered staff a small reward however they all declined to accept.

Your staff are a credit to the organisation. They acted with the utmost courtesy.

M McCallum, Hampton

Staff involved at Flinders Street were Frank Young and Michael Andrews. At North Melbourne: Mario Pricone, Mick Caruk, Omar Elayoubi.

V/Line Holiday

My sister and I have just returned from a memorable holiday in Bright and we're full of admiration for the wonderful service we received from V/Line.

The trains and coach were punctual and comfortable. Congratulations on a magnificent service.

Patricia Wright, Airport West.



Met Tram service delivery

Week Ending	AM Peak	PM Peak	All Day
27 April	99.6%	99.6%	99.6%
4 May	99.9%	99.6%	99.8%

Met Bus service delivery

Week Ending	AM Peak	PM Peak	All Day
27 April	98.6%	100%	99.8%
4 May	99.1%	99.7%	99.7%

V/Line Passenger punctuality

Week Ending	InterCity	•	InterUrban
27 April	96.1%	•	92.5%
4 May	92.6%	•	91.3%

Met Trains

Punctuality	AM Peak	PM Peak	All day
W/E 27 April	93.4%	86.9%	94%
W/E 4 May	90.7%	88.5%	93.2%

Service Delivery

W/E 27 April	•	•	99.6%
W/E 4 May	•	•	99.4%

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Sport

Annual meeting PTC Cricket Association, **Monday 27 May**, 8pm, Camberwell Tram Depot. All PTC staff teams welcome. Turf wickets, \$375 per team, \$15 per player, per team. Umpires paid by PTCCA. Annual carnival in Newcastle, all details phone Colin 1 8172.

VRI News



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Obituary

The death of Ouyen Stationmaster **Barry O'Toole** is noted. Barry, respected by everyone who knew him, worked for almost 33 years. Condolences to his family.

For Sale

Videos, Union Pacific Cajon steam special; UP Feather River Canyon, Santa Fe main line Los Angeles-New Mexico, all 90 mins+, \$20 each. UP E9, Cajon Pass, 25 min, \$15, phone Pat 9803 1584.

Photography and video, professional services for your special occasion, best prices, phone Zed 5 5860, (0411) 244 476.

Child car seat, Safe & Sound Mark 10, for child 9-19kg, GC, lambs wool cover (bit worn), \$30, phone Bruce 5 7070 (AH) 9748 7213.

Nikon FE camera with 50mm f1.8 lens, plus manual \$500, Nikkor A15 zoom lens f4, 80-200mm, \$390. nikkor A15 zoom lens f3.5 28-85mm with macro (hard to get) \$570, all EC, phone Frank 1 1775.

1973 VW and motor for parts, 1964 VW station wagon, price neg. phone Samir (AH) 9336 1987.

Ladies wetsuit, Abalone two-piece diving suit, size 8-10, EC \$70, phone Frank 1 1775.

Ford Fairmont EB 1993, LPG, low mileage, EC, \$19,000 phone Rick 1 2348, (AH) 9729 2082.

CB radio, General Electric AM, \$ 80, phone Frank 1 1775.

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