

Jack's *green thumb* pays off

■ Surrey Hills Stationmaster, Jack Rutter, loves gardening. Commuters and staff are always commenting on how terrific the station looks... But recently Jack received a real surprise.

The Victorian Nurserymen's Association invited Jack to its annual meeting, at first Jack was reluctant - he wasn't keen on the fuss. However, the Association was adamant and Jack and his wife attended.

During the introductions Jack was called on to receive a special award in recognition of his efforts at the station and his love of plants.

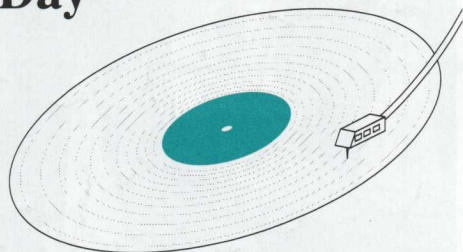
Jack, with help from all the staff at Surrey Hills, especially Judith Lloyd and Vic Johnson, works hard at keeping the station looking good. Vandalism hasn't deterred them - the encouragement from commuters and the motivation it gives the younger staff make it all worthwhile.

Congratulations Jack, top effort!



Jack displays his certificate next to part of the garden which won this recognition

Gaslight Records - Public Servants' Day



■ As one of the Gaslight Records tongue-in-cheek promotions, the store will offer a 10% discount to all uniformed public servants on December 2.

The Gaslight calendar is distributed to nearly 45,000 people and offers savings to the bargain hunter interested in a bit of fun.

Gaslight Records and Tapes is located at 85 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

Tram Depots' get new look

■ The PTC's Tram Depot Amenity Upgrade Program is well underway.

Many of the depot buildings are old and in some cases run down.

The upgrade concentrates on staff amenity areas - improving conditions and providing a better environment for staff.

The main works underway are painting, cleaning and general repair.

For more information on the program contact Kelvin Jones on 610 2977.

Sam the Tram soon to hit streets

■ Melbourne trams will soon become even more famous - they are the heroes of a children's book, due to go on sale from November 29.

'Sam the Tram' follows the escapades of a W class tram, Sam, and his many friends, including Turbo (an A class punk), Monique (a more feminine version) and not forgetting trains, Marvin The Met train, as they travel around Melbourne.

To celebrate the launch and help publicise the book, 10 of our W class fleet will soon be wearing Sam's expressive face on their fronts and backs.

Watch out for Sam on November 29, as he travels from East Melbourne to the Bourke Street Mall. He will arrive outside Myers at about 12.40pm. To make sure it is a truly festive occasion, the Melbourne Transit Band will be leading the way in the 'Toast Rack' tram.

The book will be on sale in The Met Shops: City, 103 Elizabeth Street; Chadstone; Chirnside Park; Highpoint City; and, Werribee for \$12.95.

Get one in time for Christmas!

