

Travel back in time...

■ Lovingly restored vintage trams are now travelling around Melbourne every Sunday, adding even more attraction to Melbourne's famous ambassadors.

The new vintage tram service provides an excellent opportunity for tourists and visitors to the city to catch all Melbourne's sightseeing locations the old fashioned way.

The nine vintage trams will operate from Swanston Street to St Kilda Beach, from Cotham Road, Kew to St Kilda Beach and Elizabeth Street to the Royal Melbourne Zoo. The routes take in Melbourne's most popular venues - the Zoo, museums, National Gallery, theatres, the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne's spectacular parks and gardens, and the attractions of St Kilda's Upper and Lower Esplanades, Luna Park, and the beach. Some of the vintage trams being used for this service are up to 70 years old and are unique reminders of a bygone era. One of the trams has an old style lowered centre because the higher steps made it very difficult for women wearing long, tight skirts to board.

Other vintage trams are open vehicles which allowed passengers to smoke without causing discomfort to their fellow travellers.

This unique opportunity to share in a part of Melbourne's history is available each Sunday from November to March for the cost of a normal Met ticket.

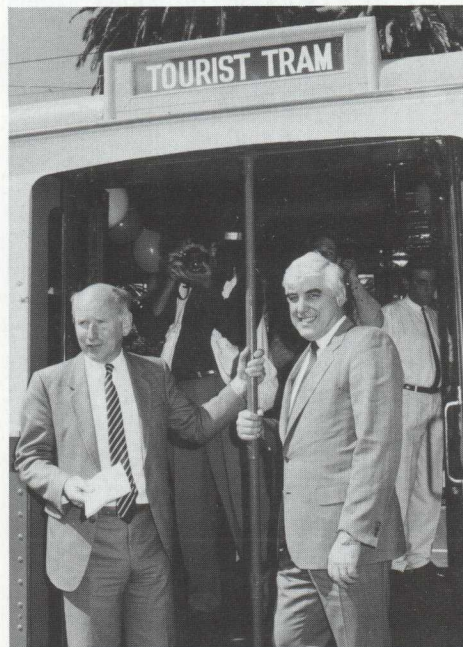
Take the whole family and experience the old world charm of these vehicles - it's a fun way to see Melbourne and a great way to learn about the history of these famous and loved vintage trams which illustrate the changes and modernisation of public transport of the decades.

The vintage trams have been restored by the Public Transport Corporation and are a credit to all staff whose hard work and dedication has brought these fine pieces of history back to life. As an added Christmas bonus vintage trams will operate on the two Saturdays prior to Christmas.

Tram Driver, Don Storey (left), and Conductor, Rex Sneddon, just two of the people who have worked hard to get the vintage tram project up and running



Jazz is the optional extra, but was enjoyable as the first of the trams in the new service made its way to St Kilda beach



Transport Minister, Peter Spyker (left), and Public Transport Corporation Chief Executive, Ian Stoney, launched the new vintage tram service



Conductor, Roberto D'Andrea, and Driver, Don Storey, outside of one of the many attractions you can travel to on Melbourne's vintage trams

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