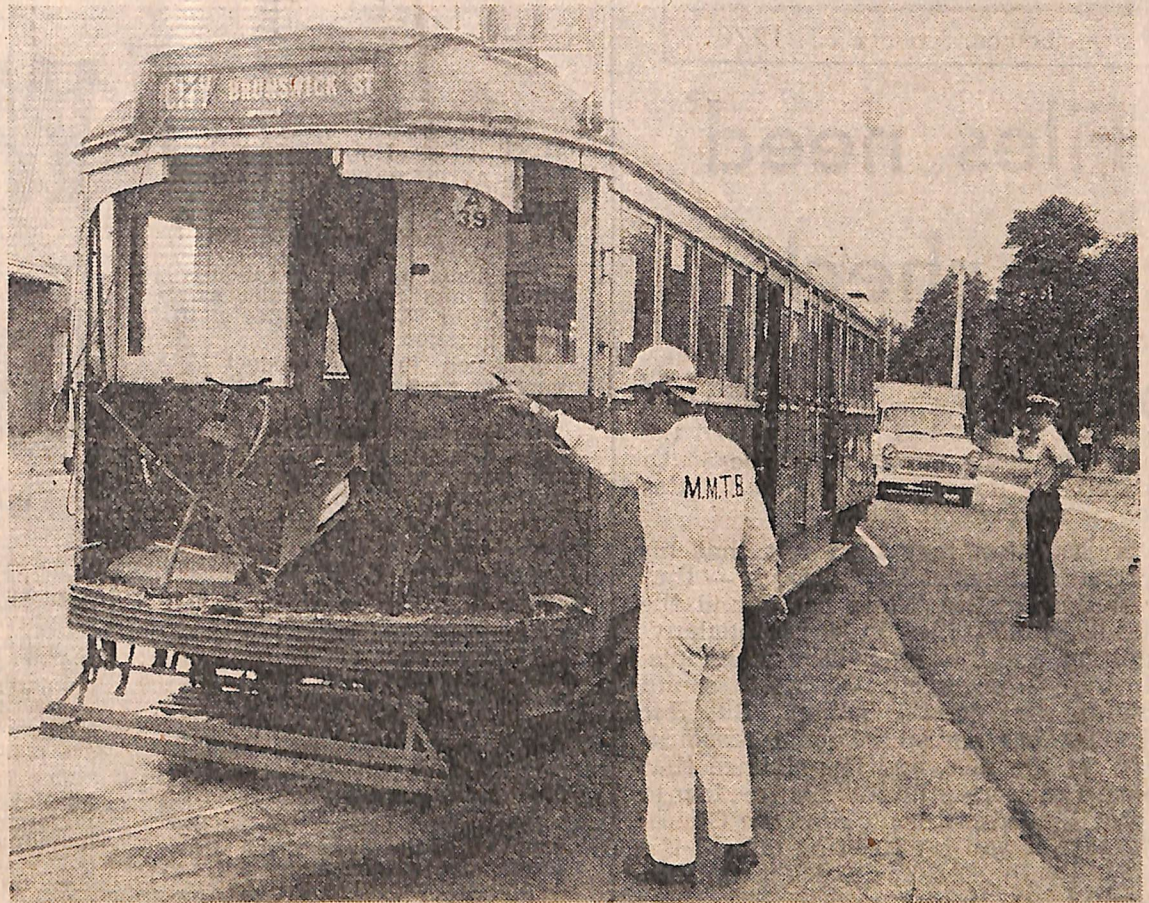




The damaged cabin. The driver was thrown out. Pictures: TED GOLDING.



The damaged front of the tram.

DRIVER THROWN FROM CABIN

A tram driver was thrown from his cabin after collision in Middle Park today.

After the crash between the tram and a tanker loaded with flammable liquid, the tram careered along Danks St. for about 100 metres.

It was not known how many people were aboard the tram.

The tram did not have a dead-man's switch.

The drivers of the tram and the eight tonne tanker which overturned, were both taken to Prince Henry's Hospital.

The tram driver has a badly cut leg and the tanker driver suffered shock.

The accident happened

at the corner of Wright and Danks Sts. at 6.45 a.m.

The tram did not cross any intersections as it continued along Danks St. after the collision.

Part of the tram's cabin was ripped away by the impact.

Firemen used hoses to flush away the flammable liquid from the tanker.

They then called for sand to cover the liquid.

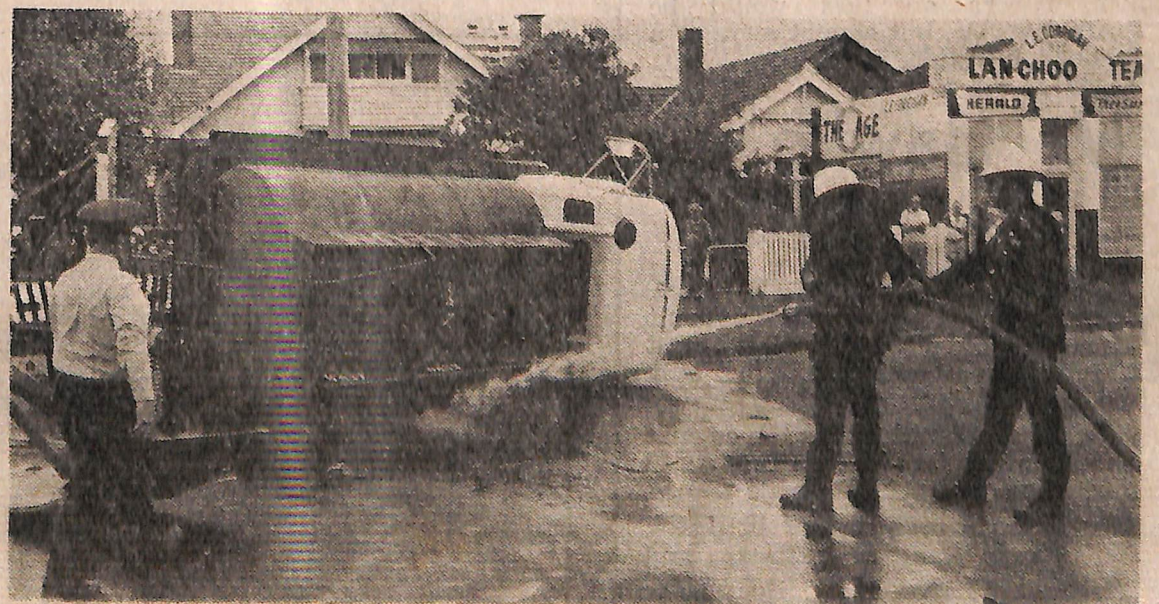
Police sealed off both streets for about an hour after the collision.

The chairman of the Tramways Board, Mr F. D. Snell, said there would

be an inquiry into the accident.

Mr Snell said he did not know how many passengers were on board the tram.

An official of the Tramways' Union said the tram involved in this morning's collision did not have a dead-man's switch.



Firemen hose down the overturned fuel tanker at the corner of Danks and Wright Sts., Middle Park, today.