The tram ploughed into a fence and (inset) the damaged car.
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'I've seen a tram go up in the air'

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At least eight people were taken to hospital after a tram derailed and ploughed into the front yard of a block of units in Kew after a crash involving a car yesterday morning.

A shocked witness told *The Age* she heard "a really, really loud noise and my daughter said 'mum, I think I've just seen a tram go up in the air'".

Stephanie, who didn't want her surname used, said she brought chairs and water to people involved in the crash.

"It was just surreal," she said. "One of the neighbours was actu-

ally out watering the garden at the time, so she's incredibly lucky."

Emergency services were called to Cotham Road, Kew, shortly after 11.30am.

A woman in her 70s, who was a passenger on the tram, was taken to The Alfred hospital with head injuries. She was in a serious but stable condition last night. Another passenger on the tram, a man in his 70s, was also taken to The Alfred in a stable condition suffering back soreness.

A woman in her 60s was taken to the Royal Melbourne Hospital in a stable condition with facial and chest injuries, while another woman in her 70s was also taken

to hospital with shoulder soreness. Two occupants from the car – a woman in her 60s with head injuries and a man in his 70s with chest injuries – were also taken to hospital.

An Ambulance Victoria spokesman said about 20 people disembarked from the tram, which had left the tracks and careered through a nearby fence.

Witnesses have told Nine News a car collided with the 109 tram after the driver tried to squeeze between the tram and another vehicle. The derailment caused passengers, including a baby, to