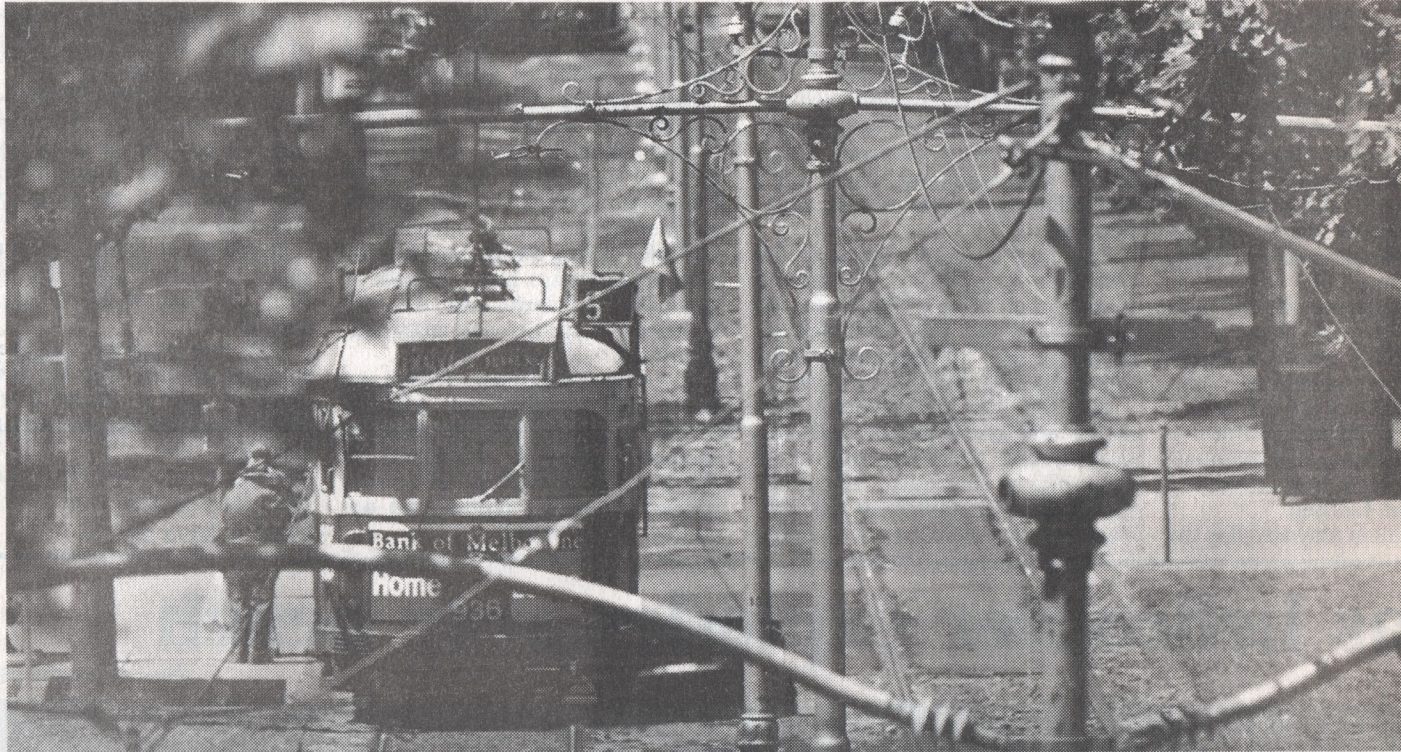


Transport past gets \$400,000 polish

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These antique tram poles along Dandenong Road are to be restored in a \$400,000 project to preserve Victoria's transport heritage.

By BRUCE TOBIN,
transport reporter

Some of Victoria's historic public transport landmarks, including ornamental tramway poles and railway stations, will be restored in a \$400,000 project to preserve the state's transport heritage.

Railway station buildings at Geelong, Kyneton, Echuca and

Ripponlea will be restored with the grant from Heritage Victoria. More than \$210,000 will be spent to preserve the buildings.

Melbourne's ornamental tramway poles along Dandenong Road, Victoria Parade, Fitzroy Street in St Kilda and Peel Street in North Melbourne will also be restored in a

\$75,000 program. Some poles that have been modernised will be replaced with replicas of the original design.

The restoration projects were recommended by the Public Transport Heritage Advisory Committee.

The Transport Minister, Mr Brown, said it was vital to preserve our transport heritage.

A conservation officer with the National Trust, Mr Rohan Storey, said yesterday he was delighted with the plans.

Mr Storey said that the work followed the restoration of many historic tram shelters in Melbourne and repainting of W-Class trams in traditional colors.

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