

1.11.1919 the M&MTB formed to take over, operate and unify the various other tramway trust lines, and assumed control of those lines on 2.2.1920. This did not include the two VR lines. M&MTB inherited a cable tramway and five electric tramways and decided to convert all cable tramways to electric traction.

6.11.1923. The Zoo horse tram depot was destroyed by fire and the line abandoned. This was the last horse tram in Melbourne.

26.10.1940, the last cable tram to run, Bourke Street to Nicholson St, Fitzroy and Northcote.

The former engine houses for the cable trams remained as depots for the M&MTB- they were always on prominent intersections.

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Misc notes,

I worked as an assistant to a Judge at our County Court for some years. I once saw his gold medallion fob chain enabling free first class travel on trains, trams and buses. This also applied to all Judges of both the County and Supreme Court. I once saw the Attorney General, Haddon Storey flash his fob chain medallion on a tram as well. This was replaced around late 1980's with a gold credit card sized plastic card with the same free travel benefits.

I remember conductors on single decker buses ( all we had) in Melbourne during my RAAF days here in the 1950's.

From 22.4.2006, passengers travelling on V/Line country rail services to Melbourne via Day Return, Weekly, Monthly or Date to Date tickets have free travel day travel for trams and buses in the Melbourne Metropolitan Zone printed on the V/Line ticket.

Your page 25. M&MTB prepaid fare stamps. THESE WERE ONLY FOR THE CARRIAGE OF NEWSPAPERS. EG, When a newsagent had run out of supplies, he would phone in and extra copies forwarded by the next and nearest tram. I once had the complete set which you will find written up in Cinderellas Australasia. I have checked the only copies I now retain, viz issues 1 -12, but not reported in these. Bill Hornadge also wrote about these. The pre-decimal values were 2d, 3d, 4d, perforated and gummed. The decimal values were 5c, 7c, 10c, and 15c. First issues were on gummed paper, and rouletted, later issues on self adhesive paper rouletted.

There were also State Electricity Commission (of Victoria) long joined vertical pairs of parcels stamps, reported somewhere in Cinderellas Australasia ( after issue 12).

Commenced in August 1983 the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant started to traverse the c.b.d. and inner metropolitan area as the world's first tram travelling restaurant.. Started with one historic tram, W class, painted in burgundy livery. Now operates three such trams, seven days weekly, and each tram can accommodate 38 diners.

The fares ( hardly a ticket, per se but maybe the receipt constitutes a ticket) are fully inclusive of Alcohol, etc.

The schedule is as follows;

Lunch, 4 course \$71.50, early dinner \$66, dinner 5 course Sunday to Thursday \$99, and Fri; Saturday \$110.

Melbourne tram tracks now cover about 245km.

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Tickets I have read about but not seen.

Christmas City shopper ticket allowing 2 adults and up to six children one day weekend travel in Zone 1 for \$8.20 and in Zones 1+2+3 for \$14.00 during December until 1.1.1995.

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