

The introduction of the E Class tram will boost capacity on several routes under what's known as the new tram cascade.

The first depots to see a major change will be Southbank, Brunswick and Glenhuntly but as we work with the State Government towards our vision for a fully low floor network we will spread modern trams across more depots.

When E Class trams begin to enter service on Route 96 this will free up five-car Combino trams. They will gradually be transferred from Southbank to Brunswick where they will operate primarily on Route 19.

Capacity Boost

The increase in capacity on Sydney Road, Royal Parade and Elizabeth Street will allow more B Class trams to be moved to Glenhuntly. This provides the opportunity to retire some Z1 and Z2 trams which date back as far as May 1975 - another vital step towards modernising our network.

Fifty E Class trams will be delivered in the initial order by the State Government, with an option for more. As the new generation trams go into service, existing high capacity trams will be sent to other depots.

Trams and more

As the E Class is being introduced, we'll build better depots, more accessible stops, upgrade power supply and introduce a high-tech driver training simulator.

It's all part of building for the next 100 years of our network.

The benefits across our network include:

	Southbank	New E Class trams
	New Preston Workshops & Depot	Operational from 2015 with new E Class trams
	Glenhuntly	Arrival of A and B Class trams allows for the retirement of Z1 & Z2 trams
	Malvern	Arrival of Z3 Class trams allows for the retirement of Z1 & Z2 trams
	Brunswick	Will get D Class trams to service Route 19
	Other Depots	With the option of ordering more E Class trams available to the government, other depots can expect to benefit from the reallocation of high capacity trams
	Power	Power supply upgrade for E Class trams including new sub-stations
	Overhead	Continuous upgrade of overhead with a focus on Route 96
	Track	New termini at the ends of Route 96 and ongoing track renewal and maintenance works
	Rolling Stock	With new trams and the reallocation of existing high capacity trams, the focus may shift onto different classes of trams at some locations