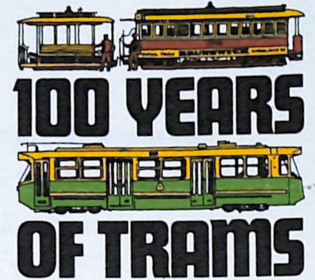


## Media Information



### PROFILE OF HISTORIC TRAMS TO BE USED IN THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, 10 November

CAVALCADE ON SUNDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

On Sunday, 10 November, a cavalcade of historic trams will be carrying the official party for the opening of celebrations to mark the centenary of Melbourne's trams. Their route is as follows:-

11 am: Cavalcade leaves South Melbourne Depot for Nolan Street.

11.40 am: The Minister for Transport and official party board cavalcade at Nolan Street. The cavalcade then proceeds along St Kilda Road to the City Square where the official party will alight.

There will be four trams:-

V 214: Built in 1906 by J.G. Brill and Co Ltd, Philadelphia, and assembled by Duncan and Fraser for the North Melbourne Electric Tramway and Lighting Co. There were five cars in the class. This was initially numbered 13. It had seats for 80 and operated from Essendon from 1906-1922. Used as a tram until 1925 it then became a workhorse pulling construction materials. In 1978 it was restored to a passenger car with a government grant for use as a tourist tram on Sunday between Batman Avenue and Hawthorn Depot. Known as "Toast rack" because of its shape, it still operates on this route in summer.

X2 676: Built by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board in 1930. There were six cars in the class, each had licence for 32 seated and 52 standing passengers. It is a small tram with four wheels like a bus and operated by one man. It was used on local Footscray lines until 1957 when it was used as a driver instruction car. It was restored with a government grant in 1978 for use as a relief tourist tram.

Y 469: The only one of its kind and known as a "Yapper" because the driver was not in a separate compartment and could "yap" to the passengers. Built in 1927 by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board as a tourist tram, it followed a design widely used overseas. The tourist route ran from Princess Bridge for 24 miles around the South Eastern suburbs and cost 1 shilling. In 1962 it was withdrawn until 1968 when it was used as a driver instruction tram until 1972.

W2 380: Built for the MMTB in 1925 or '26 by James Moore. It was one of 200 "W" class vehicles built to provide standard vehicles when the MMTB took over the tramways. Number 380 was an "arch roof" type and was the first one to be painted in green and cream in 1926. In 1938 it was painted dark blue and silver for the silver jubilee of Luna Park but was repainted after the event.

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The LRV: Light Rail Vehicle. The new LRV will be taking the official party from the Flinders/Swanston Street intersection to Richmond Town Hall. It will depart at 12.45 pm.

TRAMS IN THE CITY SQUARE DISPLAY

Cable Tram: Dummy and Car

Dummy No. 436: The later style of cable tram known as a "four poster". It last ran on the West Melbourne route and was purchased in 1935 by the late Alf Twentyman for 30 shillings. He preserved it at his home in Northcote and bequeathed it to the Tramway Museum Society of Victoria in 1983.

Car No. 299: Built circa 1888-9 for the North Carlton line. It later ran as car no. 49 on a service between North Carlton and St Kilda and later on the St Kilda Beach - Queensberry Street Auxiliary Service. Renumbered 299 when it was taken over by the MMTB after closure of the St Kilda route in 1925. It was transferred to the Johnston Street (Carlton) line and remained there until its closure in 1939. It was acquired by the Tramways Museum Society in 1975 and painted and sign written by the late Mr Alf Twentyman in the style and colours used by the Melbourne Tramways and Omnibus Co.