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16 August 2024 at 17:35

Hi Warren, not sure if you have seen this email.

Regards Hugh

From: tramsdownunder@googlegroups.com <tramsdownunder@googlegroups.com> **On Behalf Of** Mal Rowe
Sent: Saturday, 11 April 2020 10:58 AM
To: TramsDownUnder <tramsdownunder@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Fwd: FW: [TramsDownUnder] Melbourne Photo - 227

Hugh Waldron writes:

Hello all

The tests on "Z1" 10 for the new Metcard ticket machine took place between 12th February 1996 and 23rd May 1996.

I was the second person on number 10 along with Carolyn who as stated did most of the driving while I fed money into the machine along with the test engineer. I did not do every day only with Carolyn, I was with her for around 28 days. These 28 days were not all convective days as I did do other duties during the testing period. Also when we had problems with the ticketing machine or had no test engineer present, 10 did not venture out and we were both given other duties.

Our shift commenced at 0800 at Camberwell where we picked up the keys to open Hawthorn Depot where 10 was stored travelling to and from Camberwell Depot as a passenger. After the arrival of the test engineer we would depart Hawthorn between 0900 and 1000. We could go anywhere on our side of the City but could not go through the City. This ruled out a lot of routes that we would have enjoyed travelling on.

We would return to Hawthorn Depot for lunch then depart again for another trip. We were required to be back by around 1500 then after locking the depot up we returned to Camberwell to sign off at 1600.

Although I enjoyed doing something different, the shift was poorly paid with no penalties and with no weekend work.

I have selected this example of working on the test tram, for Tuesday 5th March 1996:-

Car out Hawthorn 0951

Burnley Park Grove 0954 This crossover has since been removed.

Riversdale & Glenferrie Roads 1001

Dandenong & Glenferrie Roads 1016

St. Kilda Junction 1028

Luna Park 1035 to 1047

East Malvern 1110

Balaclava Junction 1129

Riversdale & Glenferrie Roads 1155

Car in Hawthorn 1200

Car out Hawthorn 1309

Burnley Park Grove 1313

Riversdale & Glenferrie Roads 1319

East Brighton 1350

Kew Cotham Road 1423 then via Cotham Road, High St, Church St.

River Street Richmond 1436

Car in Hawthorn 1448

Prior to car out on "Z" 10, I had travelled to Burnley and back on 10W from 0910 to 0920. Not too many people can say they have ridden two trams with the same number on the same day.

Each day was different in where we went this is just an example.

Carolyn and I would decide where we were going on the day.

Thanks Carolyn and Test Engineer John Head for an enjoyable 28 days.

Andrew the only time the money came out from the ticket machine during our testing, was when I was asked to pay a fare in five cents coins. Regretfully I was around ten cents short of the exact amount when the timer cut in giving me all the five cents back. I can not remember how long the timer was set for but if you were slow putting the money in you would get it back. On my next attempt I was successful.

Regards Hugh Waldron

From: tramsdownunder@googlegroups.com <tramsdownunder@googlegroups.com> **On Behalf Of** Andrew C
Sent: Friday, 10 April 2020 7:01 PM
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Test tram for Metcard, I think mostly driven by TDU occasional commenter Carolyn Cleak. The Metcard machine operated like pokie/gambling machine, spewing out money at times.

Andrew.



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