

## What is the PTUA?

Founded in 1976 as the Train Travellers Association, the Public Transport Users Association is the recognised consumer organisation representing passengers on all forms of public transport throughout Melbourne and Victoria.

The PTUA is a non-profit, voluntary organisation, with no political affiliations.

## What does the PTUA do?

We lobby governments and public transport operators in the interests of all users of public transport.

We work with other bodies and through the media to promote public transport and educate the community about the benefits of environmentally friendly transport policies.

We undertake research into transport policies which will improve services and make Melbourne a better city.

We support local groups in campaigning and lobbying for the reinstatement of country train services.

## Some PTUA achievements

During the 1980s the PTUA saved eight suburban rail lines and seven tram services in Melbourne.

In the 90's we played a leading role in part resolution of the scratch ticket debacle. During the Kennett Government years, we have saved a number of country rail services, metropolitan evening services, achieved some frequency increases, helped save the Upfield line, instigated the NightRider buses and pushed for twice daily XPTs to Sydney.

We are now concentrating to improve public transport in the Outer East of Melbourne. With the election of the Labor Government we want to see their transport policy implemented. Effective transport planning is our main priority. Governments need to lead this process and not allow newly franchised operators free reign.

## A few facts about transport in Melbourne:

Melbourne has one of the largest rail systems in the world, with 15 lines. The Paris Metro is a third smaller, while San Francisco's BART is less than half the size.

We also have the biggest tram system in the English-speaking world.

*Since World War Two, public transport patronage has declined faster in Melbourne than in any other Australian city.*

Our motor vehicles produce 81% of those greenhouse gases attributable to transport, while public transport is the source of only 3%.

*If Melbourne is to cut greenhouse emissions by 20% (the internationally agreed target), one in every six journeys now made by car will have to be shifted to public transport.*

Overseas experts who have visited Melbourne say we have the ingredients to build one of the finest public transport systems in the world.

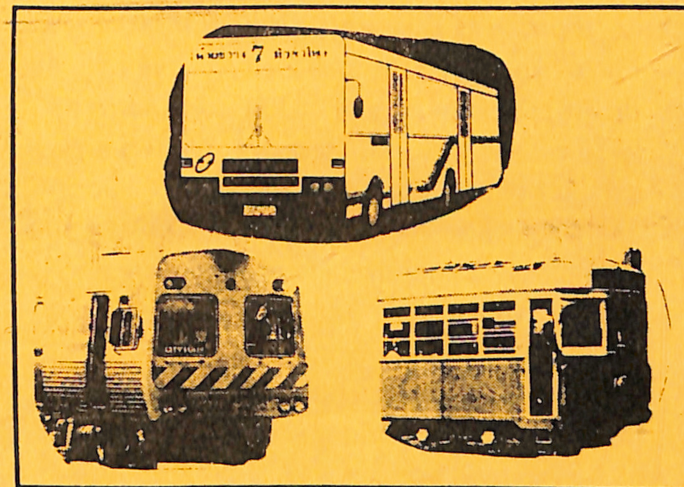
*In 1992, services on the Sandringham rail line were improved modestly. Patronage rose 38% in only a few months and cost recovery improved. People in Melbourne will use public transport if it's good enough.*

Although it is often claimed that Melbourne is one of the lowest-density cities in the world, this is not true. Our population density is higher than that of cities in the USA and similar to places with successful public transport.

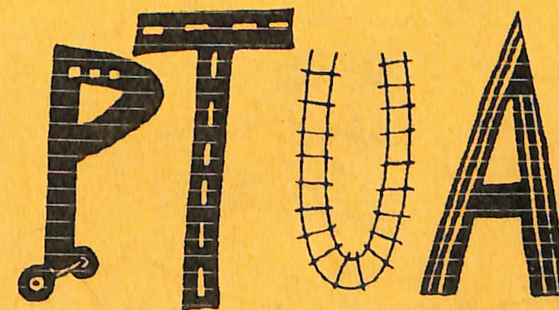


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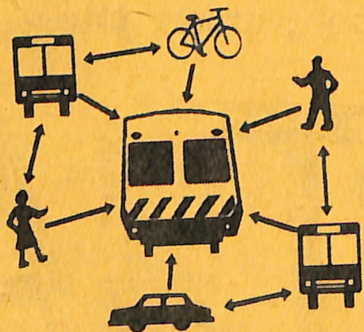
**Melbourne has the basis for a great public transport system.**

Our rail and tram networks are the envy of transport planners worldwide.

If properly operated, public transport could provide a reasonable alternative to driving, in every part of Melbourne and to a large extent Victoria. People could leave their cars at home more often, reducing pollution and congestion and making Melbourne a more livable city. Expensive and environmentally destructive freeways would not be needed.

The key to excellent public transport is high frequency and good connections.

Public transport can be safe, frequent and reliable. Timetables can be coordinated to make it easier to transfer from bus to train to tram. Better service attracts more passengers and brings in more money, enabling further expansion of services.



**We'll get there quicker with your help.**

**We need your membership to help turn Melbourne's transport around.**

**Our strength is in numbers.**

With government and the media, it's numbers that count. Add your voice to the campaign for better public transport and a livable city. Thousands of members have already done so.

**What's involved in membership?**

As much or as little as you like in the way of time and effort. For your small membership fee you will receive the PTUA newsletter to inform you of current developments, and you will have registered your concern for better public transport.

You can further support the organisation financially by becoming a donor member. You may prefer to become an active volunteer member.

**Don't hesitate - join us now!  
Just complete this form.**

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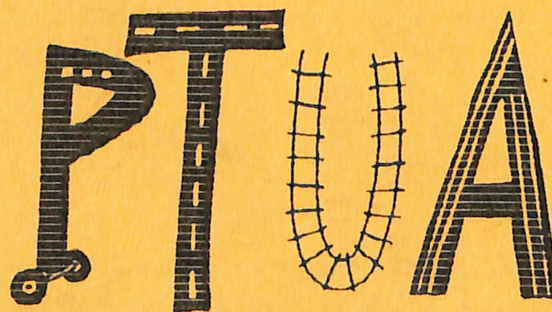
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