

## THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MELBOURNE TRAMCAR PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION ARE TO...

...preserve, maintain, and operate on a limited basis a fleet of eight Victorian electric tramcars dating from the 1920's and 1930's, which prior to preservation operated for the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board and for the Victorian Railways.

*Photo Courtesy of Troy Thomas*



The Association maintains around half a kilometre of operating track at its Haddon site to demonstrate the operation of these preserved tramcars.

Open Days are held twice a year, and are advertised on the MTPA's website.

Admission fares to the MTPA site on Open Days including all tram rides are currently:

Adults \$10.00  
Concession \$5.00

Group visits can also be arranged at other times by appointment.

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE MELBOURNE TRAMCAR PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION INC.

Membership of The Melbourne Tramcar Preservation Association is open to all people with an interest in the preservation of working examples of Victorian tramcars.

Your membership entitles you to voting rights at all General Meetings, a copy of our quarterly newsletter 'Grand Union', and the ability to participate in the Association's activities.

Current Membership rates of the MTPA are as follows: -

Ordinary Members — \$45.00  
Concession Holder — \$35.00  
Junior Members — \$25.00

Application forms for Membership of the MTPA can be obtained by contacting:

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# ABOUT THE MELBOURNE TRAMCAR PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION...



The Melbourne Tramcar Preservation Association was formed in 1984 to manage and operate the tramcars that had been privately preserved during the 1970's by a group of

individuals who collectively formed the predecessor of the MTPA — the Haddon Tramway Workshops.

There are eight trams in the collection — seven from the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, and the Association's pride and joy, Victorian Railways dropcentre tramcar No. 41.

W4 Class No. 670 and W3 Class No. 663 were the first two trams to arrive at Haddon, with 670 being the first on site on 23rd April 1976. The collection of former MMTB tramcars grew over the next few years, with W2 Class cars Nos. 357 and 407, and L Class No.103 joining the collection during the late 1970's and early 1980's, SW5 Class No. 849 arriving in 2008 and W5 792 being purchased from the Sydney Tramway Museum in 2013. In addition, several other L, W2, and W3 and SW5/6/7 class trams were obtained to be dismantled for components to assist with the restoration and long term preservation of the Association's fleet.

*Photo Courtesy of Mal Rowe*



In 1977, former Victorian Railways tramcar No.41 was obtained for preservation from a property at New Street Brighton, where it had been used as a shed since its removal from service in 1958.

It spent a number of years in storage at Haddon before restoration commenced in 2001. The completed tram is probably one of the most extensive, formidable and comprehensive restorations carried out in Victoria to date.



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The MTPA has fully restored six trams in its fleet — W4 670, W2 407 and VR 41, L 103, W3 663 and SW5 849, with W5 792 currently under restoration.



Maintenance and restoration of trams and infrastructure at Haddon is carried out by the Association's dedicated group of volunteers, who tackle all aspects of the works required on the trams and around the site.



New members are always welcome to assist with the many various roles within the group, from the restoration and maintenance of the trams and infrastructure to the administrative roles — all assistance is welcomed!

The Association's collection is available for inspection twice a year when Open Days are scheduled, with tram rides offered during these two afternoons. Group visits are also welcome, with groups of 20-40 persons being an ideal size.



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The Melbourne Tramcar Preservation Association is a Victorian Incorporated Association No. 1102, and is also a registered charity with tax deductibility status. Donations to support the Association's work, and donations of historical tramway artifacts are always welcomed.

