

Tram No. 17



This Toast Rack Tram was built in 1913 by Duncan and Fraser of Adelaide in South Australia for the Electric Supply Company of Victoria, who operated Bendigo Tramways from 1903-1934.

Tram No. 17 operated in Bendigo as one of two 'Summer trams' from 1913 until 1948. In 1953 it was converted into a track cleaning tram. It continued in this role until it was involved in a 'car-ahead collision' shortly before trams stopped operating as public transport.

When The Bendigo Trust took over operations of Bendigo Tramways in 1972, the damaged upper sections of the front end were removed and the tram ran in this state until it was withdrawn for rebuilding in 1975.

In 1978, Tram No. 17 was transported to Melbourne to take part in the Australia Day Cavalcade of Transport celebrations. This made it the first Bendigo tram to operate on the Melbourne system.

In 2005 a re-build of the body and truck was completed for the centenary of Ballarat Tramways' Electric Operations.

Tram No. 17 is the only tram built especially for Bendigo Tramways that is still in service today.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Weight: 8.13 tonnes

Trucks: Brush (modified using Brill 21E components)

Braking: Air operated self-lapping valves and hand brakes

Length: 9.45 metres

Motors: 2 X 53 hp Westinghouse 225

Controllers: WH TIF