

# Tram No. 302



**This Birney tram was built in 1925 by J.G. Brill and Co. in Philadelphia USA for the Municipal Tramways Trust (MTT) in Adelaide South Australia. It was flat-packed and shipped to Adelaide, where it was assembled and operated as Tram No. 302 on the Port Adelaide line until it closed in 1935.**

In 1936 this tram was purchased for Geelong Tramways and operated as Tram No. 29. In 1947 it was transferred to Bendigo and operated until the closure of Bendigo's public transport system in 1972.

Leading up to the closure of Bendigo Tramways, Tram No. 29 was allocated to the Australian Electric Tramways Museum (AETM) in Adelaide. However, The Bendigo Trust (who were to trial a tourist tramway service) were unaware of the allocation. A ministerial committee was set-up to examine the use and distribution of Bendigo's trams, which resulted in the entire fleet being sold to The Bendigo Trust for \$1.

In 1981 this tram was restored to its MTT livery and has operated in Bendigo as Tram No. 302 ever since.

Each Winter this tram is transformed into the Yarn Bomb Tram.

Tram No. 302 is symbolic of how the tramways was saved and has resulted in us still running trams today.



## TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

**Weight:** 8.4 tonnes

**Trucks:** Brill 79E1 (8 foot wheel base)

**Braking:** Air operated self-lapping valves and hand brakes

**Length:** 8.53 metres

**Motors:** 2 X 25 hp GE264

**Controllers:** GE K63G