

Tram No. 30



Tram No. 30 operating in Bendigo.

This Birney tram was built in 1925 by J.G. Brill and Co. in Philadelphia USA for the Municipal Tramways Trust in Adelaide South Australia. It was flat-packed and shipped to Adelaide, where it was assembled and operated as Tram No. 301 on the Port Adelaide line until it was closed in 1935.

It was purchased for Geelong Tramways in 1936, where it operated as Tram No. 30.

In 1947 Tram No. 30 was transferred to Bendigo. Upon its arrival, it was placed in storage as it was deemed to be surplus to requirements and was used for spare parts for the other Birney trams. It was not until Tram No. 27 was severely damaged that Tram No. 30 was brought back into service.

In 1972 when The Bendigo Trust took over the management of Bendigo Tramways, Tram No. 30 was in a damaged condition. It was decided to restore it as one of four trams which were to inaugurate the Bendigo Tramways Vintage Talking Tram service.

Tram No. 30 was the flagship of Bendigo Tramways, its status was truly cemented after it was driven by His Royal Highness Charles, Prince of Wales on his visit to Bendigo in October 1974.

Tram No. 30 was driven by His Royal Highness Prince Charles in 1974.



Tram No. 30 decorated for the visit of HRH Prince Charles.

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