



*Inside the museum display area and shop*

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*Tramcars 341, 429 and 554 at the front of depot 1 shed*

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*Tramcar 65 heading up the hill to the depot Terminus*

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### 'Did You Know' – intriguing facts about the museum

- The Brisbane Tramway Museum has the largest collection of Brisbane electric street transport vehicles in Australia. This includes trams that ran on Brisbane streets from 1901 through to 1969. These demonstrate to the public how people were transported around Brisbane from the shops to schools to the picture theatres. In the collection are several four-motor (FM) trams and the prototype FM which came out in 1937 which was considered to be an advanced design tramcar for that period of time in Australia.
- The museum holds a large collection of tramway uniforms which shows the style of uniform through the first half of the 1900s from the more formal uniform to the casual style at the closing of the tramway system. A large collection of reports and plans and other information from the tramway era is available to assist those researching Brisbane's early history. They also tell a story of life within Brisbane in the first half of the 20th century.
- The museum is situated in parklands and has well-maintained large grounds in which trams are operated. Also situated in these grounds are buildings from the past including part of the old Ipswich Road tram depot and a signal box from the Valley. This signal box was a very important part of the tramway infrastructure.

### Our Profile

The Brisbane Tramway Museum is set in bushland in a large park in the north west suburbs of Brisbane. The unique feature of the museum is the collection of Brisbane tramcars and trolley buses. A tramcar collection dates from a 1901 California Combination four wheel tram through the mighty twelve ton Dreadnought (or Centre aisle tramcar), to the well known Brisbane tram or Dropcentre which many visitors remember riding from the city to the Valley to the modern streamlined four-motor (FM) car.

The museum holds a collection of 22 tramcars of which 6 have been restored and available for people to ride on when the museum is open to the public. Many visitors comment on remembering the days when these tramcars supplied public transport to the people of Brisbane and the efficiency with which they moved people to and from the city centre. Museum volunteers are in the process of restoring the prototype FM car built in 1937 and a Dreadnought built in 1913.

The museum also holds two trolley buses of which one is in the process of being restored. The power supplied to the trams at the museum is by Mercury Arc Rectifier which is the only one operating in a museum in Australia. The museum also holds a large collection of uniforms from the tramway era which staff wear proudly when operating the trams for the public.

### What the Standards Program has meant for our museum

The standards program has helped our organization to identify the significant items within our vast collection and to assist our organization to focus on the preservation needs of these items

The program has helped the museum to re-evaluate our recruiting of volunteers and to look at new ways of recruitment and reinforces this recruitment with job statements.