
ST KILDA (Museum Notes and News – August 2010)

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Official Launch of E 118

Restored Bogie Open Combination tram E 118 was officially launched on Sunday 23 May by Hon. Kevin Foley, Deputy Premier and Member for Port Adelaide (the local electorate) in conjunction with Margaret Anderson, Director, History SA. History SA provided initial funding of \$19,000 for the restoration of tram 118. In recent years it has provided grants totalling \$28,000 for the complete redesign of our interpretive displays.

Other guests included Gillian Aldridge, Mayor of Salisbury, Rod Hook, Acting General Manager, TransAdelaide, Salisbury Councillors and TransAdelaide staff. Relatives of the previous owners of tram 118 and the previous owners of tram 15 also attended as did our contract cabinet maker, Mirko Husnjak who magnificently crafted the bulkheads, crossbench seats and upright pillars for car 118 (as well as bulkheads on our 'Bib and Bub' set).

The gates opened at 10.00am with cars 186, 192, 111, 264 and 1971 providing a frequent service. The second hand book stall and the barbeque again proved popular. Car 186 was withdrawn from service in the early afternoon to keep Road 2 free for the later arrival of car 118.

The official launch took place at 2.00pm in the Northern Depot adjacent to the tram. President, Ian Seymour outlined the history of the restoration. This was followed by speeches from Hon. Kevin Foley and Margaret Anderson.

Unfortunately, the change in weather conditions affected the crowd, although takings were very good, so those that came spent well!

Car 118 was one of 20 Bogie Open Combination ('E' type) maximum traction trams built in 1910 – 11. It was converted to the ('E 1') Saloon Bogie type in 1936 along with the other 'E' type cars. Tram 118 was withdrawn from service in 1955 and was used as a holiday shack at Fishermans Bay near Port Broughton.

The body of 118 arrived at St Kilda from Fishermans Bay in 1982.

Restoration commenced some 15 years ago. However, progress was initially slow due to the need to spread the huge financial costs over several years and many other projects to be completed. Initial work focussed on dismantling the saloon at the crossbench end and strengthening the frame and restoration of the remaining saloon interior. The bulk of the work occurred over the last five years mainly due to the generous donations of members who donated over \$64,000 to the project.

Major financial components included:

- Purchase of two 22E motorless trucks.
- Purchase of two GE 201 motors and two GE B23 controllers.
- External construction of bulkheads, motorman's cabs, crossbench seats and side pillars.

The official convoy consisted of representatives of all three variations of Adelaide bogie trams:

- Bogie Open Combination ('E' type) 118.
- Bogie Closed Combination ('D' type) 192.
- Bogie Saloon ('E1' type) 111.

Edna Millard, owner of tram 118 as a holiday shack from 1955 to the late 1970s at Fishermans Bay visited the Museum with her daughter Carol Hope and son in law Alistair on Sunday 27 June 2010 to inspect and ride on her old shack. The family was suitably impressed with the transformation.

Annual General Meeting

The 53rd Annual General Meeting of the Museum was held at the Tramway Museum site, St Kilda, on Saturday 22 May 2010 at 4.00pm. The Committee remained as last year, the only change being that Chris Andrews completed his 15 year term as Trustee and David Williams was elected as a Trustee.

Prior to the meeting, training sessions were held for conductors on conducting on car 118 (most drivers having completed their training by the previous day).

After the meeting, members travelled to the Playground stop on the magnificent looking car 118. This was followed by the usual after meeting drinks, barbecue and film entertainment. Tim Bell again projected a variety of film onto the external Display Gallery wall. The weather was fine for the outdoor barbecue and theatre.

Final finishing of E Type Tram No 118

In preparation for 118's official launch there was a concentrated effort by the Friday team to finish-off the many remaining small jobs.

Fitting of interior lighting was completed and (Type H car door) dropping resistors installed to permit the use of 240 volt quartz-halogen globes in the headlights. Switches were installed and lighting circuits tested. Unlike its sister cars, the interior light-destination box lighting circuit is independent of the headlight circuit. Switching off the interior lights in this car does not affect headlight operation.

Line work, both interior and exterior, including the car's numbers, was completed during the last few weeks. John Radcliffe cleaned, polished and lacquered much of the interior brass work in readiness for installation in this car and procured replica leather window straps and standee straps. Painting was ongoing with John Pennack, Mike Crabb and Bruce Lock applying a finishing coat to its trucks the day before 118's launch. Peter Letheby assisted Mike Bosworth in replacing a number of temporary steel screws in the saloon with polished brass screws on the same day. A final clean by Maureen Parker, Charlie Rogers and William Adams had the car looking spick and span on the day of its launch and the car ran faultlessly. It is a tribute to all who worked towards its completion.

Bib & Bub

Following the launch of car 118 there has been a big clean out of the bodyshop in readiness for recommencing work on the Bib and Bub coupled set. Bruce Lock is fabricating and installing diagonal strengthening steel braces to the coupling ends of the cars in preparation for when the cars are permanently coupled.

Displays

Four years on from the Concept Plan adopted for the revitalisation of our interpretive displays and outdoor presentation (in line with History SA accreditation standards), the Trolleybus display and the Entrance Gallery display (now officially called the Visitor Centre) were completed and installed in time for the 2010 AGM and the launch of E type tram 118. Two new windows have been incorporated in the southern wall enabling visitors seated in the Visitor Centre to peer at the trams on the depot fan. Alternatively, they can watch the wall mounted flat screen DVD player on the northern wall.





There have been very favourable responses from members and visitors. As done with the Northern Depot and Horse tram displays, it is proposed to reformat the trolleybus and gallery displays for adding to the Tram History page of the Museum web site. Special thanks to David Williams for his resolve and dedication in seeing this project through to finalisation.

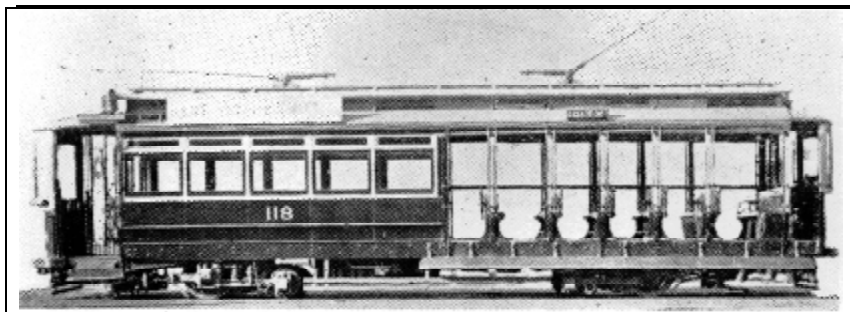



Promotional DVD

Michael Bosworth has developed an excellent 15 minute promotional DVD which is being shown on the new DVD player in the Visitor Centre.

Note: Adelaide Tramway News on following pages.

	<p><i>Restored Bogie Open Combination tram E 118 prior to departure from the Tram Shed on 23 May 2010. Steve McNicol</i></p>
	<p><i>Hon. Kevin Foley, Deputy Premier and Member for Port Adelaide launching restored Bogie Open Combination tram E 118 on 23 May 2010. The Deputy Premier is questioning Museum President, Ian Seymour to his left. Steve McNicol</i></p>

	<p><i>Hon. Kevin Foley, Deputy Premier, launching restored Bogie Open Combination tram E 118.</i></p> <p><i>Steve McNicol</i></p>
	<p><i>Hon. Kevin Foley (obscured) assists tram driver Michael Crabb to drive tram 118 on its maiden public journey. Also in the cabin is Bruce Lock. Bruce and Michael were key contributors to the restoration.</i></p> <p><i>Steve McNicol</i></p>
	<p><i>Note the similarities between car 192 and car 118. The D types like car 192 had sliding doors on the crossbench end.</i></p> <p><i>Steve McNicol</i></p>
	<p><i>Car 118 looks magnificent in the night light on AGM evening, 22 May 2010.</i></p> <p><i>Steve McNicol</i></p>

	<p><i>Screen portrait of car 118 in the 1930s prior to conversion to Bogie Saloon.</i></p> <p><i>MTT</i></p>
	<p><i>Car 118 at Kingswood terminus in March 1954.</i></p> <p><i>John Radcliffe</i></p>
	<p><i>Car 118 at Fishermans Bay after its removal from the shed in which it was housed, 21 August 1982.</i></p> <p><i>John Radcliffe</i></p>
	<p><i>After and before – Bogie Saloon 111 and Bogie Open Combination 118 in the Museum yard on 21 May 2010.</i></p> <p><i>John Radcliffe</i></p>



*Bogie Open Combination
118 at Mangrove Loop, St
Kilda on 21 May 2010.
John Radcliffe*



*The new interpretive display
in the Museum Entrance /
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Colin Seymour*



*The new interpretive display
in the Museum Entrance /
Visitor Centre has more
open space and includes
tables and seating for
visitors to enjoy a drink and
an ice cream while watching
the DVD screen.
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	<p><i>The Bookshop section of the Museum Entrance / Visitor Centre has a wall display incorporating a postcard rack with information about Charter bookings.</i> <i>Colin Seymour</i></p>
	<p><i>Edna Millard, owner of tram 118 from 1955 to the late 1970s at Fishermans Bay rode on the tram on Sunday 27 June 2010 with her daughter Carol.</i> <i>Alistair Hope</i></p>
	<p><i>Edna Millard (on platform), owner of tram 118 from 1955 to the late 1970s with her daughter Carol, Conductor Colin Seymour, Driver Michael Bosworth and Museum President Ian Seymour .on Sunday 27 June 2010. Ian has retained contact with the family and the subsequent owners.</i> <i>Alistair Hope</i></p>

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Adelaide Tramway News

Glengowrie Depot Upgrade

Track has been reconstructed and laid in concrete in the South Yard which is partly opened for storage, negating the need to park trams out on the track overnight. Major track work on the north yard over the weekend of 26th and 27th June 2010 required the weekend service trams to be stored outside of the depot from the Friday evening until resumption of services on Monday 28 June 2010. Ten trams were stored at various places over these nights – 6 on the main line at Glengowrie, 2 at South Terrace, 1 at West Terrace and one at Entertainment Centre, Hindmarsh.



Flexity 109 passes Flexity 102 on a trip from Entertainment Centre to Glenelg in April 2010. Car 102 is on a City Shuttle service and is at the West Terrace shuttle terminal stub. Its destination has been set for the return journey to South Terrace.

Steve McNicol