

The First four years of Electric tramcars in Brisbane

Extracts from a daily diary

	Date	No of Cars Running	Remarks
1897	June 21st	1	First Electric car entered service
	June 26th	3	
	July 3rd	4	
	July 10th	5	
	July 17th	6	
	Aug 7th	7	Sports Day Woolloongabba
	Aug 11th	7	Exhibition
	Aug 28th	9	
	Sept 2nd	12	
	Sept 4th	13	Hospital Sports at Exhibition
	Sept 8th	12	Opened West End Line (Logan Rd 7 cars, West End 5 cars)
	Sept 18th	14	Test New Farm Line from Bight to Exhib & New Farm.
	Sept 22nd	15	Opened New Farm Line
	Sept 23rd	16	
	Oct 16th	18	Saturday heavy traffic
	Nov 17th	16	Connection with Albert & Queen Sts made this day.
	Nov 26th	22	
	Dec 7th	15	First Car on Ithica line. Very Wet
1898	Jan 22nd	21	Circuit Breaker down 6 times in 5 minutes
	Jan 31st	28	West End line started operating through to Montpelier Rd.
	Feb 6th	24	Voltage went up to 800 volts at 7.40 pm
	Feb 18th	25	
	Mar 3rd	26	
	Mar 8th	28	
	May 8th	28	Horse Cars taken off Exhibition Line. Exhib. line opened.
	May 26th	32	Horse Cars taken off Bulimba. Stones Cnr & Bulimba opened.
	July 12th	33	
	July 23rd	35	
	Aug 1st	34	New Farm-Banken St opened
	Oct 5th	31	Wood paving finished
	Oct 21st	33	Logan Rd - N.Q. and Breakfast Creek-West End lines opened through
	Dec 17th	37	
	Dec 23rd	39	Pad - Bulimba cars operating through this day
1899	Feb 4th	30	Cars started running Pad -Bulimba, Exhib-Red Hill
	Feb 4th	30	Ithica line old terminus to John St opened
	Feb 25th	41	
	Mar 7th	38	Started operating Breakfast Creek line through short line from "Waterloo" to ??????????
	April 1st	43	
	May 24th	44	
	May 29th	42	Bowen Bridge Extension opened
	July 1st	51	Football
	July 22nd	52	Football Match test V England
	Aug 8th	50+3 Trailers	Exhibition loading
	Aug 26th	48	Bicycle Sports W' Gabba.
	Sept 8th	53	Referendum Day
	Sept 5th	45	John Street-Fernberg Road line opened
	Sept 8th	44	Ipswich Road line opened
	Oct 28th	49	Review Contingent-Send off Exhibition.
	Nov 9th	52	Prince of Wales Birthday

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The first five years of Electric tramcars in Brisbane Continued

Date	No. of Cars running	Remarks
	Nov 25th	55 N.S.W. Cricketers
	Dec 11th	50 Hamilton extensions opened
1900	Feb 12th	46 Railway lighting Connected.
	Mar 20th	47 New Farm extension opened to Refinery.
	May 1st	56
	Aug 8th	66 Judging Day Exhibition
1901	May 20th	60 Arrival Duke & Duchess of York. Decorations
	Aug 26th	55 Kelvin Grove line opened with 3 cars
	Aug 28th	58 Alternating Machine tested Satisfactorily.
	Sept 21st	62 Clayfield line opened 3 motors & 3 trailers
	Oct 16th	57 Renewing Wires. Caxton St. Pad & cars running via Countess St. (2days) Red Hill
	Nov 2nd	59 Gladstone Rd line opened to Vulture St 5 motor cars
	Nov 3rd	58 Opened further to Waterloo Street
	Nov 6th	58 Putting in new crossing at Normanby Hill-Passengers had to "Teanship"- Red Hill 6th-8th Nov. 1901
1901	Dec 11th	60 Gladstone Rd cars running to James Street (Cemetery)
	Dec 26th	68 Boxing Day
1902	Jan 22nd	57 Clayfield cars running to Gladstone Rd
	Jan 23rd	60 Work of relaying the track commenced. Cars only running to skating Rink, passengers carried to Banken St in cabs-cars running from there to Term. Leichhardt St & Wharf St trolley tested
	Apl 21st	59 No 4 machine put on the line 11.30 am.
	Apl 23rd	60 Wharf St car started 12.30 pm. (1 car)
	May 20th	61 Edward Street line opened (trial)
	Jun 19th	62 2 cars started running on this line (Edward St ?)
	Jun 26th	65 Exhibition
	Aug 12th	67 Connection made with Melbourne Rlw Stn 4.30 pm.
	Sep 23rd	61
	Dec 26th	69
1903	Jan 22nd	67 Norman Park line opened-4 cars
	Feb 3rd	Edward St -Queen St to Gardens started 1 car
	Apl 2nd	Norman Ck line cars running through to Leichhardt St