## A brief history of Brisbane's

1885	Horse drawn tram services were introduced in Brisbane by the Metropolitan Tramway and Investment Company.
1897	Electric tram services commenced by the Brisbane Tramways Company with the electrification of the Victoria Bridge to Woolloongabba and the New Farm Wharf horse lines. Paddington, Petrie Tce, Red Hill (Corner of Enoggera Tce.) and Waterworks Rd line opened.
1898	Last horse drawn tram ends with the electrification of the Breakfast Creek, West End, Exhibition, Bulimba Ferry and Logan Road horse lines. West End to Dornoch Tce. and Exhibition to Bowen Bridge extensions opened.
1899	Ascot (Racecourse Road) extension opened.
1900/1	Kelvin Grove, Clayfield and Gladstone Road (Vulture St)extensions opened.
1902/3	Norman Bridge (East Brisbane), Gregory Tce to the Gardens and Wharf St lines opened.
1904/5	Paddington extension to MacGregor St, Toowong, Rosalie, Albion Park siding (Amy St), St Paul's Tce., North Quay loop, Ann St (Valley to Light St depot) and Red Hill extension to Kennedy Tce. lines opened.
1908	Dutton Park extension (Lang St depot)opened.
1912	The Great Tramway Strike triggered by a management decree banning the wearing of Union Badges. Rules preventing the wearing of any badges remained in force until the 1980s
1914	New Farm via Moray St. and Kedron Bridge extension opened.
1915	Paddington Depot opened, Red Hill extension to Paddington Depot, Cracknell Rd extension (Ipswich Rd), Greenslopes extension and Coorparoo lines opened.
1916	Ascot Doomben extension (Magdala St) and Exhibition via St Pauls Tce. opened.
1917	Adelaide St., Grey St. South Brisbane and Ann St. (Petrie Bight to Valley) lines opened.
1917/23	Paddington to Jubilee Tce., Ipswich Road to Aubigney St extensions opened.
1923	1st January, Brisbane Tramway Trust took over from the Brisbane Tramways Company, Exhibition via Gregory Tce. line opened.
1924	Ashgrove open to Oleander Drive. Red Hill service reduced.
1925	Camp Hill, Balmoral Cemetery, Cavendish Rd., Lutwyche, Balmoral to Barton Rd., West End, Ascot (Oriel Park) extensions open. Wharf St - Adelaide St connecting curve installed. Warner St Valley (loop) open The first "Drop-centre" class tram entered service on the 15th January. The Greater Brisbane City Council was formed on the 1st of July and took over tramway operations from the Brisbane Tramway Trust on the 1st of December.
1926	New Farm Park opens and Holland Park extension opens.
1927	Ipswich Road depot opens. Barry Pde, Albion Park siding loop and Davies Park loop open.
1938	Prototype "FM" tram, 400, entered service on 12th January.
1939	Dutton Park terminus extended. Last "Drop-centre" class tram was built
1940	Stafford line opens and Red Hill regular service is withdrawn
1941	Salisbury extension opened.
1943	Last four-wheel tram built in Australia. Baby Centre-Aisle 99.
1946	Woolloongabba sidings enlarged (Trafalgar St)and Ann St single track relief line opens.

1947	The very steep Edward St line closed. Chermside line opens and connecting curves
	installed at St Paul's Tce and Brunswick St. Thirty Sunbeam trolley bus chassis
	ordered from England but materials shortages delayed delivery until 1950.
1948	Wharf St - Queen St connecting curve installed and Belmont extension opens.
1949	New entrance to Light St Depot in Ann St and Enoggera extension opens.
1951	Mt Gravatt extension opens. 12th August, first trolley bus route opened from
	Gardens to Gregory Terrace.
1952	New junctions installed at Countess St - Roma St and Leichhardt St - Wharf St for
	depot working from Paddington to Wharf St. New trolley bus route opened from
	Prospect Terrace to Stanley Bridge.
1954	Trolley bus extensions to Carina and Seven Hills opened, including a one-way link
	from Kemp Place through the city and South Brisbane to Woolloongabba.
1955	A trolley bus extension from Stanley Bridge along Cavendish Road to Lade Street
	replaced the Cavendish Road tram service.
1956	Cavendish Road trolley bus extended to Elgar Street. Six new trolley buses ordered
	but didn't enter service until 1960.
1957	The Greenslopes line (Chatsworth Rd) was closed
1960	Gardens trolley bus route altered to include Alice, Albert and Turbot Streets when
	several city streets became one-way. Carina trolley bus route extended almost
	1km.
1961	Last new line constructed in O'Keefe St.
1962	Paddington Depot destroyed by fire. 65 trams lost. The Rainworth, Toowong,
	Bulimba Ferry and Kalinga tram services withdrawn and replaced with buses.
1963	The Rainworth, Toowong, Bulimba Ferry and Kalinga tram lines closed. Line to
	Milton Tennis Courts remains open. Construction commenced on eight new trams.
1964	Milton Tennis Courts line cut back to Milton Workshops and the Red Hill special
	work (Ashgrove line) removed. Last new tram constructed. The "Phoenix
	class" No 554.
1966	Belmont terminus shortened to clear nearby intersection.
1968	Ashgrove, Grange, Bardon, Stafford, Enoggera, Chermside, Barry Pde and
	Exhibition tram lines closed and trams replaced with buses. (All Adelaide St.
	services. Wickham Tce / Leichhardt St connection closed and Light St depot
	closed. Ipswich Road Depot roads 1,2,3 removed. Last use of "Drop-centre" trams.
	Gardens - Gregory Terrace and Prospect Terrace - Stanley Bridge trolley bus
	services ceased.
1969	Remaining trolley bus services ceased 13th March. Clayfield, Ascot, New Farm,
	West End, Dutton Park, Salisbury, Balmoral, Belmont and Mt Gravatt services
	closed. (All Queen St tram services) and trams replaced by diesel buses thus
	completing the closure of the Brisbane tram network on the 13th April.
1980	Trams commenced running at the Brisbane Tramway Museum.

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