

New Preston Depot

Hosted by Yarra Trams



Location: Cnr Miller St and St George's Rd Preston

Date: 19 May 2016

Times: 11:30am

Duration: 2 hours

Cost: \$15 per person

Capacity: 20 Pax

Transportation: Transportation to the tour is via the No.11 Tram. A Myki pass is provided.

Australia's largest redevelopment of a heritage site while it remained operational!

Originally opened in 1926, it has been transformed into a state-of-the-art operations and maintenance facility. Now home to Lines 11 and 86 that formerly operated from the East Preston Depot, New Preston remains Yarra Trams' primary heavy maintenance facility. Driver training capability has been added with the inclusion of a full-cab simulator that replicates the next generation E-Class tram.

New Preston Depot was prioritised, planned and delivered by Keolis Downer as part of the Victorian Government's \$809m Tram Procurement Program that includes 50 E-Class trams. A further 20 E-Class have since been ordered by the government. New Preston Depot is capable of stabling 75 E-Class trams.

The first depot that is not a dead end design – two entrances and a new track layout were included – and not designed for W-Class trams, the scoping process took almost two years to ensure that it would meet the needs of a city that grows by 2,000 people per week.

The modernised facility has:

- tram stabling for 75 E-Class trams
- operational administration facilities and tram driver amenities
- tram servicing work stands / maintenance bays
- tram wash and sand refilling facilities
- workshops, stores and supporting facilities to undertake tram heavy maintenance and repairs across the whole fleet, as well as the capacity to undertake specific rolling stock projects.

The highly complex project also included:

- the creation of bi-directional stabling roads
- reconfigured heavy maintenance workshop facilities and staff amenities
- new track and overhead infrastructure inside and at the entrances to the property
- new tram wash, pressurised sanding and wheel measuring facilities
- new deep clean and paint booth
- new wheel shimming and height adjustment road
- creation of a loading bay in Miller St
- closed circuit television (CCTV), lighting and security system infrastructure, PA system and intercom
- ICT systems upgrade and integration
- buildings remediation and repair
- new substation.

