

EXHIBITION

Kew Court House



TRAVELLING BY TRAM

Building new tram networks across Boroondara

The first tramway was developed in 1884 from Fairfield Station to Thornbury. Others were introduced concurrently with the first cable trams. The first horse trams in Kew and Hawthorn were developed between 1887 and 1890. The first electric tramway was built in 1889 connecting Box Hill and Doncaster.

The exhibition uses a newly donated collection of historic photographs, taken by Edgar Dower in the first decade of the twentieth century, that record the laying of tram tracks and overhead wires in the suburbs of Kew, Hawthorn, Camberwell and Surrey Hills.

Complementing these photos from the collection are items from the collections of the Melbourne Tram Museum and Australian War Memorial.

In addition to these unique photographs, the exhibition includes historic maps, uniforms, and artefacts.

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Level 1, Kew Court House

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