

**Extract of Email from Mr John Kelly,
Vice President, Hobart Tram & Restoration Society – received 14 May 2019**

Subject: Hobart Tram Museum and Restoration

Hi Nick and Glenn

As you would be aware a dedicated committee of tram restorers and enthusiasts as well as members with diverse business acumen, have been active for over the past five years progressing with the aim of establishing a multi-purpose facility for the storage, maintenance and museum display of Hobart's heritage trams.

Beyond this there are a exciting opportunities for the heritage trams to operate on the existing railway line between Regatta Grounds and Cornelian Bay.

City of Hobart have now invested some \$1,000,000 on restoring and warehousing its heritage trams, engaging consultants who have produced reports and designs.

If ever there was a time for this vision to be realised it is now.

- There are the fully restored heritage trams
- There is the perfect site identified on City of Hobart's own Domain masterplan which Council owns and is immediately alongside a fit for purpose railway line.
- There is a committed HTRAMS team that not only offers the requisite skills but comes free of cost.
- The proposed site offers the opportunity to engage other community organisations such as a Men's Group organisation or the like.
- There are trams owned by Council and HTRAMS available for future restoration works.
- This is a proven concept not only throughout Australia but extensively overseas.

We strongly urge Council to support and commit to the development of the proposed facility at the Domain and make funds available in the 2019/2020 financial year.

This funding would not necessarily require the total amount required to complete the facility. It could be an amount to fund the completed architectural plans and initial site works.

Once a commitment has been made to the project and some initial works commenced additional funding can be sourced from the Federal and State Governments.

This commitment and leadership by Council will ensure the future of HTRAMS, which is a major component for the viability of this long discussed, overdue and worthy project.

Without, the organisation will cease and with it the only real chance of Hobart's heritage trams being seen and appreciated as well social currency it will deliver to the Tasmanian community.

We appreciate your co-operation in sharing this vision to date and look forward to a firm commitment being initiated at the May 22 City Infrastructure meeting.

Regards

John Kelly
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