PRESERVING TASMANIA’S TRANSPORT HERITAGE

Tasmanian Transport Museum

In 1856, Tasmanian Railways introduced Australia’s first main-line
steam locomotives, the B Class. The Museum’s Centre of
the Tasmanian 4-6-0, built in 1929, directly
reflect the evolution of the railway network.

With the imminent closure of Hobart’s tram
system in the 1960s, the Metropolitan
Transport Trust agreed to
purchase Hobart tram No. 645 for preservation and the
collection of Tasmania’s transport heritage began.

In 1872 the Glenorchy City Council leased this site to the
Society, conveniently beside the main north-south railway.
The Museum officially opened in 1983. The collection continues
to grow and is significant representing various
transport networks and associated systems from previous eras.

Significant exhibits include the:
- Only original vertical boiler locomotive preserved in Australia
- Only Australian built steam locomotive preserved in Tasmania
- First main line diesel electric locomotive operated in Australia
- Only original operating condition electric tram preserved in Australia
- Only trolley bus in original operating condition

With this marker, Engineers Australia recognises the Tasmanian Transport Museum as an
important collection of significant engineering heritage items. Awarded 31 August 2012.