

# Sydney Tramway Museum

location Pitt Street, Loftus, New South Wales.  
owner South Pacific Electric Railway Co-operative Society Limited

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## Sydney Tramway Museum

The Sydney tramway system operated from 1890 to 1961. Between 1910 and 1946 when it carried about one million passengers each day, it was one of the largest in the world. The Museum records the system's history and interprets engineering standards used, the development of the local tramcar design and the tramway's significance in the development of Sydney. Its collection includes comparative examples of interstate and international tramcars.

Dedicated by The Institution of Engineers, Australia, Sydney Tramway Museum, 2001.



**Orlando William Brain**  
( -1936)

*Brain was born in England and worked there as an electrical engineer y before joining the NSW Railway Department where he was appointed Electrical Engineer in 1899.*

*Brain's chief work in Sydney was designing and implementing a state of the art electrical power supply system for the tramway network .*



**George Robert Cowdery**  
(1860-1937)

*George Cowdery was born at Glen Lee, NSW, and educated at Sydney Grammar School. He entered the Locomotive Workshops at Redfern as a Cadet in 1876.*

*In 1888 he was appointed Engineer for Tramways. In this position he managed the conversion of Sydney tramways from cable and steam to electric traction, and the rapid expansion of the tramway system.*