

2. Tram & bus- prepaid token tickets.

The NSW Government Printing Office was responsible for printing government tram and bus tickets from 1879 to 1989.

In an 1882 description of his work, the Government Printer commented: *The tickets first used were produced like railway tickets, but a more economical and expeditious mode of printing them in sheets by letterpress was soon substituted.... The paper, after being impressed with an imitation watermark “Two pence” is bound in books with butts and certificates as to the number of sheets in each book and the number of tickets printed thereon and then delivered to the accountant, issued by him to the foreman of the Stamp Branch to be printed and perforated and passed by the latter in sheets to the chief clerk.*

The pre-purchase cardboard tickets were printed initially in strips, later in large sheets and could be purchased in strips from licensed vendors. After the 1888 ticket re-use scandal several changes were introduced. Several overprints were made for special groups (eg, On Service [OS], Ambulance, etc). Though these tickets were largely superseded by the cash fare paper types from 1896, they remained in use on trams and buses until the 1970s.

The elongated types were printed sheets of 240. Tramway tickets were printed by the Stamp Printing Branch of the Government Printing Office [GPrO] initially because they had the lithographic equipment.

Tickets were purchased from Tramway offices or authorised agents in strips and used on trams (and later buses) in lieu of cash. The tickets represented a discounted fare.

NB Not all of these types may have been used in Newcastle.



1. 1883-1887 1d purple/yellow print (back buff) with imitation watermark “GT”¹ and perforation



2. 1883-1891 Workman's Ticket, purple/buff

¹ John Sharkey of the GPrO paid £40 for engraving this (State Archives 1/94 23.6.81)



3. 189? Sunday school ticket

Railway WN9/1895 notes a picnic group on the Sans Souci steam tram charged 10½d adult, 4½d child in exchange for collecting Sunday School tickets.

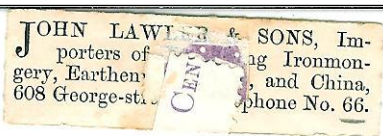


4a. 1.5.1888-1889 1d Black type 1 (lion and unicorn design)

(Scanned from Cinderella Auction catalogue 1987)

4b. 1889 1d Blue type 1 (lion and unicorn design)

Some have advertising on the back². One has rules on the back.



5. 1889-1891 1d On Service Ticket, red/buff printed design, pin perforated

(Scanned from Stamp News April 1999, size not proportional to other tickets)

² 2 settings for Lawlers noted. This was managed by the Tramways Real Estate Branch.

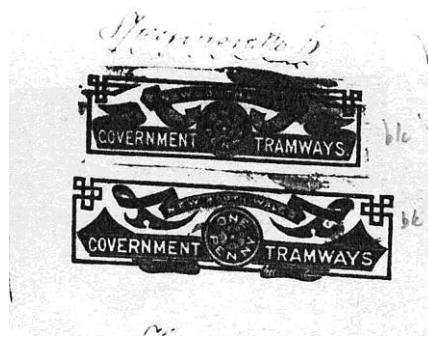


Please see that this Ticket is torn in two by the Collector.

6. 189? 1d yellow-orange.

With black admonition on back.

Rules, Regulations and working orders for the guidance of officers and servants and the conduct of traffic on the Tramways of NSW (1894) no.67 states: As soon as possible after passengers have entered the cars Conductors must politely request their fares or tickets, the receipt of which he must acknowledge before leaving each compartment and while facing towards the passengers by ringing his cash or ticket register bell as the case may require. Conductors must also when tickets are collected tear the same in two pieces immediately after ringing their bells.



Die and an alternative design destroyed 1898.



7. 1891 ½d Violet Students-Workmen (see background below)



8. 1894-1897 1d Blue type 2 (penny and Queen Victoria design)

(Scanned from Museum display)

9. 1d Blue type 2 with red cross and OS overprint (see background below)



Rules on back

10. 1895-1898 3/4d Red Railway and Bent Street type 1



bottom frame damaged



11. 1d Blue type 3 with red cross and OS overprint (see background below)

11a. 1896-1899 Brown School Pupils Bathers Tickets (see background below)

12. 3.11.1897-7.9.1902 1d Blue type 3 (penny and NSW device design)



3/4d Red Railway and Bent Street ty



13. 1898-1900 3/4d Red Railway and Bent Street type 2 (see background below)

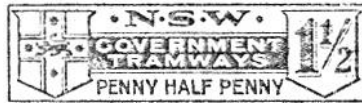


14. 1906 1d Magenta Apprentice (see background below)



15. 1906 1½d Green Omnibus³ (see background below)

Unidentified photo proof known (#).



16. 1918 1½d Yellow (see background below)

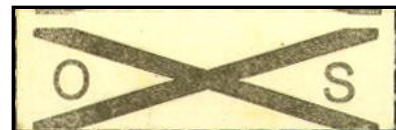
17a. 192? 2d red



17b. 1930 2d red

same but with pink moire background

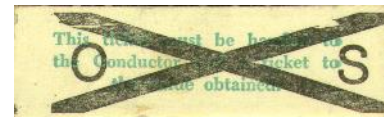
18. SAME OS



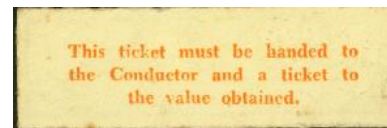
Major printing flaw

19. 19?? 3d Green

20 Same OS

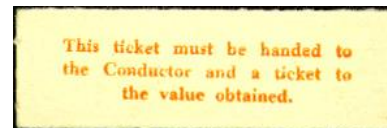
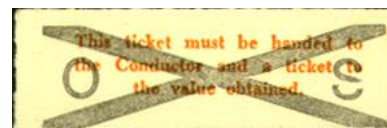


**Tickets altered to read TRANSPORT in place of TRAMWAYS
(Issues after 1952)**



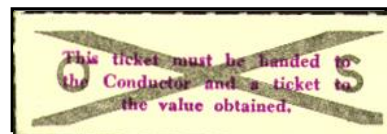
21. 1952? 6d Orange

22. same OS



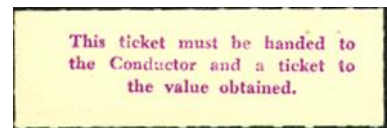
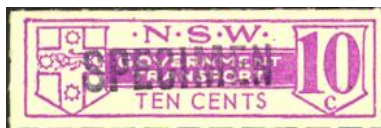
23. 1966 5c Orange

Replaced the 6d orange on currency conversion.



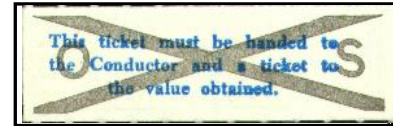
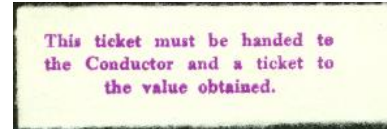
24. 1968 7c Purple

24a Same OS



25. 1971 10c Purple

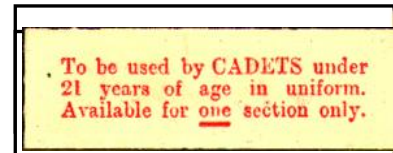
25a Same O



26.1971 18c Blue OS

Have you ever wondered at these values? They were generally used by messengers and staff to/from work. 7c=1 sec, 10c=concession but 18c was no rate!

OTHER OVERPRINTS ON CASH FARE TICKETS

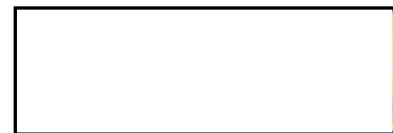
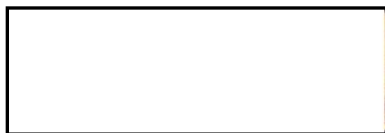


27. 1d Blue type 2 with red overprint MILITARY SERVICE

28. 1d Blue type 3 with red overprint SCHOOL CADET, value ½d

29. 1d Blue type 3 with red overprint CADET

30. 1d Blue type 3 with red overprint AMBULANCE



31. 1d Blue type 3 with red overprint DEPARTMENTAL OMNIBUS



32. 1d Blue type 3 On Service with red overprint DEPARTMENTAL OMNIBUS

(Reported in WN 44 of 1942 as 'On Service' (presumably red overprint cross and OS) with DEPARTMENTAL OMNIBUS overprint)



33. 1d blue with red overprint P.M.G.



34. 1d blue with overprint DEFENCE DEPT



(Scanned from Cinderella Action catalogue 1987)

35. 1½d Yellow with black overprint bars and OS

(Scanned from WN 7 of 1919)



36. 1½d yellow with red overprint DEFENCE DEPT



37. 5c Orange with black overprint AMBULANCE