

**Media Release**  
***Bow River Publishing Presents:***

**END OF AN ERA**  
**The Final Years of Sydney's Single-Deck  
Electric Trains**



For over sixty years the single-deck electric trains plied Sydney's suburban electric network. These iconic trains, with their manually operated doors, provided safe and efficient travel for millions of Sydney's rail commuters over the decades.

By the late 1980s the continued delivery of double-deck electric trains sped up the replacement of the single-deck sets. The retirements of the single-deck sets became a political focus by the early-1990s, with the government of the day determined to rid the system of the old trains. A politically directed 'farewell' of the single-deck trains was announced with the implementation of a new timetable starting in January, 1992. The sudden withdrawal of over one-hundred single-deck cars, that could not be matched by the delivery of reliable Tangara sets, saw the network flounder. As such, a number of single-deck sets were retained to provide CityRail services, often in the 'hidden' backwaters of the CityRail system until July, 1994.

END OF AN ERA is an all-colour A4 pictorial landscape format book consisting of eighty pages. The book features images of Y-sets, B-sets, H-sets, Parcel Vans, M-sets and the power-door operated W-sets.

Much has changed in Sydney's suburban rail scene in the last fifteen years as evident by the images contained in END OF AN ERA.

Due 1 December, 2007.