



North Bundaberg Railway Station

Establishment

- After Bundaberg became the port for Mount Perry copper mine, a railway from Mount Perry to North Bundaberg was constructed in 1884. Prior to this, only a rudimentary road connected the mine to Bundaberg.
- Initially named Bundaberg Railway Station, this was the first station established in Bundaberg, established as the result of fierce competition between Bundaberg and Maryborough to secure the railway.

Operation

- Upon completion of the railway, output of the Mount Perry copper mine declined. Nevertheless, the lines proved useful for the transport of sugar, timber and agricultural produce.
- Lines were added to connect the railway to the Waterview sawmill and sugar mill via Perry Street in 1893.
- The Bundaberg-Mount Perry railway line continued to operate through to the second half of the twentieth century.

End of the line

- By the mid-twentieth century there was insufficient traffic to justify the continued operation of the line.

- The first section of the line closed in 1960, between Mount Perry and Tirroan.
- The remaining line ceased operations in 1964, with North Bundaberg station closing in 1986.

Over the bridge

- The station was later converted into a railway museum, with elements of other defunct railway stations within and outside the region brought to the site for display.

Railway features

- The complex includes a number of typical timber and tin structures with gable roof consistent with the standard Queensland Rail design from the period of construction, namely the station building including the ticket office, refreshment room and amenities.
- The station building consists of a low set weatherboard clad timber structure on stumps with corrugated iron clad gable roof. The building features a number of sash windows, some with a window hood.
- The platform, accessed via a number of doors with fanlights, is covered by an awning incorporated under the main roof and supported by timber posts with timber brackets.





Additional structures on site include:

- A small amenities extension with similar features to the main extension.
- Former Many Peaks QGR/QR cream shed.
- Timber structure with loading area on stumps with gable roof.
- Lowmead signal cabin.
- A small weatherboard clad timber building.
- A large open shed structure protecting a museum exhibit.
- Covered workshop area and smaller sheds.
- Various movable railway heritage items.

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