

Peter Fischmann Queensland Rail Photographs

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Date 1979-1995

Author / Creator

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Abstract Photographs documenting the experience of Queenslanders on the Queensland railway system between 1979 and 1995.

Scope and content A collection of black and white photographs, spanning the era between 1979 to 1995 documenting the experience of Queenslanders utilising the Queensland railway system. The photographic collection by Peter Fischmann predominately captures the stations at South Brisbane, Central, and Roma Street. However, there are also images from the Chelmer, Grandchester, Laidley, Mayne, Tennyson and Toowong Stations. The photographs show us how the stations looked at the time, how they were operated, as well as the commuters and station workers in their fashions of the day.

System of arrangement Arranged into 9 series

Description 120 digital photographs :

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Series 1: Central Railway Station (27 July 1979)



Series number 1

Series title Central Railway Station

Date 27 July 1979

Scope and content

Photographs of railworkers and commuters at Central Station in the Brisbane central business district in 1979. Central Station is the principal station on the City network and became the primary passenger station in Brisbane. Central Station originally opened on 18 August 1889 at the northern end of the Brisbane central business district on Ann Street (directly opposite Anzac Square) as the inner city link of the Queensland railway network. The Station has undergone a number of extensions and alterations in its history with the largest redeveloped occurring between the 1960s to 1980s.

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Description

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Series 2: Roma Street Railway Station (1979)



Series number 2

Series title Roma Street Railway Station

Date 1979

Scope and content

Photographs of Roma Street Station in 1979 including: the station buildings; platforms; work spaces; parcel trolley; mail window; and the Parcels Office. Originally opening on 14 June 1875 as Brisbane Terminal Station, it took the name, Roma Street Station when Central Station became the main city station due to its closer proximity to the city centre. Roma Street Station, having incorporated a Goods and Carriage Shed not long after its opening, developed into an extensive and bustling goods yard. Goods were both received and dispatched from Roma Street Station. Some of the goods received included: wool, wheat, coal, fruit, vegetables, and butter, and some of the goods dispatched included: mail, parcels, newspapers, food, books, farm machinery, haberdashery, clothes and furniture.

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Description

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Series 3: South Brisbane Interstate Railway Station (11 March 1979)



Series number 3

Series title South Brisbane Interstate Railway Station

Date 11 March 1979

Scope and content

Photographs of South Brisbane Interstate Station in 1979. The photographs include : the interstate station platforms with an abundance of hanging plants, staghorns and pot plants; a news stand; a canteen which sold "refreshments"; train arrivals and departures to and from Sydney; the Nam 2338 'Southern Aurora' Twinette Sleeping Car (NSW); commuters with luggage; a cloak room; the Interstate Parcels Office; and a ticket officer. The South Brisbane Railway station was located on the the corner of Melbourne and Grey Streets, with separate entrances, platforms and tracks for the interstate and suburban lines. The interstate station faced Merivale Street and the suburban station faced Grey Street. The station was the terminus for the interstate standard or uniform gauge railway line from Sydney to Brisbane and the elevated tracks terminated at Melbourne Street.

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Description

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Other

Biographical history

Originally opening as Melbourne Street Station, located on the corner of Melbourne and Grey Streets in 1884, the station was reconstructed in 1891 and given the name, South Brisbane Station. Initially intended as a temporary terminus, it was originally constructed with 2 platforms. More platforms were added throughout its history to accommodate its increased importance as a passenger service and goods line. In the 1930s a separate interstate platform, station, goods shed and shunting yards were constructed. In 1931, the station was renamed South Brisbane Interstate Station, as it was the terminus of the standard gauge railway line from Sydney to Brisbane with the standard gauge to Sydney having been completed in 1930. The interstate station had a unique two level design, with the platform on the upper level (a vehicle ramp allowed passengers to be dropped off at the main platform entry) while deliveries, baggage and goods were deposited on the lower level.

All were demolished in 1986 to accommodate the Expo '88 redevelopment and interstate services ceased. At this time South Brisbane also reverted back to a two platform station.

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Series 4: Grandchester Railway Station (1994)



Series number 4

Series title Grandchester Railway Station

Date 1994

Scope and content

Photographs of Granchester Station in 1994 including: the station building (now under the care of the National Trust of Queensland), a watertank (retained for heritage operations), railway tracks, and a railway lever. Granchester is located west of Ipswich along the banks of Western Creek at the base of the Little Liverpool. Originally named Bigges (Grand) Camp (Chester) after Frederick Bigges who together with his brother were pioneer pastoralists, the town was renamed Grandchester at the request of Governor Bowen, when the railway station first opened. (In the UK, place names with the word “Chester” indicate that the site once housed a Roman “castrum”, that is, a military camp or fort). Built in 1866, Grandchester Station was the first station to be constructed with local materials. It originally housed the residence of the station master; however, at a later date, a separate station master’s residence was built. From 1868 Grandchester became a refreshment stop for passengers. Once an important passenger service on the main western line from Brisbane, it no longer is in regular use.

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Series 5: Mayne Junction Railway Station (1995)



Series number 5

Series title Mayne Junction Railway Station

Date 1995

Scope and content

Photographs of the Mayne Railway Station and Yards in 1995 including the two-storey signal box. Mayne Junction Railway Station was a station on the North Coast railway line of Queensland. It opened in 1890 as Mayne but was renamed in 1899 to Mayne Junction when a branch line to Enoggera opened. Mayne Junction had lines to Roma Street, Central, Sandgate and Ferny Grove. In 1911 the Government acquired land adjacent to the Mayne Junction Railway Station for engine sheds, coaling and staff amenities and most of the facilities were completed by the 1920s. In 1971; however, when the Mayne marshalling yards were enlarged, Mayne Junction Station was closed.

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Series 6: Standard Gauge locomotive depot, Yeerongpilly (1995)



Series number 6

Series title Standard Gauge locomotive depot, Yeerongpilly

Date 1995

Scope and content

Photographs of the Standard Gauge locomotive depot, Yeerongpilly in 1995 including the NSW railcar 402. With the opening of the NSW North Coast line to South Brisbane in 1930, the New South Wales Government Railways opened a depot to the south of the station. This closed on 13 February 1997 with the turntable relocated to the new National Rail Acacia Ridge facility.

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Series 7: Toowong Railway Station (1983)



Series number 7

Series title Toowong Railway Station

Date 1983

Scope and content

Photographs of the Toowong Station in 1983 including: the platforms, commuters and BUUV Car (?) train. The original Toowong Station opened on 14 June 1875 on Benson Street corner Sherwood Road, Toowong, and was rebuilt in 1960. Toowong Station is served by City network, Ipswich, Rosewood and Springfield line services.

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Series 8: Chelmer Railway Station (1983)



Series number 8

Series title Chelmer Railway Station

Date 1983

Scope and content

Photograph of the PB15 class steam locomotive No. 732 built in 1926 approaching Chelmer Railway Station. No.732 was used for tours on the Queensland Rail network.

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Series 9: Laidley Railway Station (1994)



Series number 9

Series title Laidley Railway Station

Date 1994

Scope and content

Photograph of the station building at Laidley in 1994 with hanging plants, staghorns and a parcel trolley.

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