

## A journey through the Darling Downs.

# Grandchester Railway Station Queensland's First Rail Line

Discover Queensland history along a country road when you visit Grandchester Railway Station, one of the oldest in Queensland. Established in 1865, Grandchester Railway Station was originally known as Bigge's Camp. The rural township of Grandchester is only an hour's drive south-west of Brisbane and presents a fantastic opportunity for locals and tourists

alike to pack the family into the car and head off for an educational adventure.

Grandchester Railway Station provides a glimpse into the construction and operation of Queensland's first rail line, which ran initially from Ipswich to Grandchester, before being extended to the Darling Downs. The once-essential equipment and machinery on display will fascinate young and old alike. Guided tours of the station allow visitors to connect with a place that is on of the state's most significant railway heritage places.

Open on the first Sunday of every month from 10am to 3pm. Volunteers from the local community offer visitors the opportunity to discover and connect with the character and railway history resonating from the property.

### Royal Bull's Head Inn Established in 1847

Visit this historic landmark building situated less than 15 minutes from the bustling business hub of modern Toowoomba! The Royal Bull's Head Inn was acquired through the efforts of the Toowoomba Branch of the National Trust of Queensland over forty years ago. Since then it has been restored and furnished to recreate the atmosphere of a late nineteenth century inn beloved by locals and travellers alike.

Established in 1847 by ex-convict William Horton, the first timber slab Bull's Head Inn was constructed to offer lodgings, stables for animals, host events such as auctions and other social occasions, in addition to maintaining a solid bar trade. It helped that Drayton was a key stopping point between Moreton Bay and the Darling Downs. Even though Toowoomba had been established in the early 1850s, Horton extended the Bull's Head Inn in 1859 by constructing what we see today, a then luxurious two-storey hotel that even included a bathroom!

Open the first Sunday of every month from 10am to 4pm.











The National Trust of Australia (Queensland) is a membership-based community organisation working to promote and preserve the natural, Indigenous and cultural heritage of our state.

#### Northern Queensland

James Cook Museum 50 Helen St, Cooktown 4895.

Hou Wang Temple 86 Herberton Road, Atherton, 4883.

Townsville Heritage Centre 5 Castling St, Townsville, 4810.

Stock Exchange Arcade 76 Mosman St, Charters Towers, 4820.

Zara Clark Museum 36 Mosman St, Charters Towers, 4820.

#### Southern Queensland

Brennan & Geraghty's Store 64 Lennox St, Maryborough, 4650.

Grandchester Railway Station
Access via Rosewood-Laidley Road, Grandchester, 4341.

Royal Bull's Head Inn 47 Brisbane St, Drayton, 4350.

Wolston House 223 Grindle Road, Wacol, 4076.

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary 28 Tomewin St, Currumbin, 4223.

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