



Invicta with Graham and Reg.

Credit: R. Driver



Training session with Graeme and Wendy.

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Carriages.

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'Did You Know' – intriguing facts about the Australian Sugar Cane Railway

- Bundaberg is the only place in the world where sugar is grown, milled, refined and distilled.
- Bundaberg and Adelaide were the only places in Australia where narrow gauge steam locomotives were built for use in the Australian sugar industry.
- Bundaberg Fowlers were built under license to John Fowler & Co, Leeds, England who had ceased building steam locomotives in 1935? In 2002 Bundaberg Sugar donated the first Fowler built in Bundaberg to the Bundaberg Steam Tramway Preservation Society. Appropriately called No 1, this 0-6-2T 1952 built locomotive worked in the sugar industry and retired from service at Qunaba Mill in 1979.
- Qunaba Sugar Mill stands for Queensland National Bank - the bank that funded the building of this sugar mill at Mon Repos.
- Ever wondered what the Whyte Classification System meant for steam locomotives? 0-6-2T means there were no wheels at the front, 6 driving wheels and 2 trailing wheels. The 'T' means the locomotive has water tanks mounted either side of the boiler.
- Bundaberg Foundry built 8 steam locomotives. The Australian Sugar Cane Railway has 2 of them.
- Bundaberg Fowler No 3 was the only 0-4-2T engine built at Bundaberg.

Our Profile

At the Australian Sugar Cane Railway, located in Bundaberg's Botanic Gardens, qualified personnel operate restored sugar cane coal fired steam and diesel locomotives hauling cane wagons modified to carry passengers. Accredited with Queensland Transport and registered with Workplace Health and Safety Queensland, their award winning volunteers provide train rides along two kilometres of the narrow gauge track every Sunday, during school holidays and by arrangement.

Skilled members of the Bundaberg Steam Tramway Preservation Society Inc carry out maintenance and restoration of the locomotives largely on site. In 2008 ASCR's four-year restoration of the Invicta won the Association of Tourist and Heritage Rail Australia's Steam Locomotive Restoration Award after members with a myriad of skills contributed in excess of a million dollars worth of labour.

Also operating is the first steam locomotive purchased by Millaquin Sugar Mill to replace horse haulage in 1914, known locally as Germany. Two Bundaberg Foundry built locomotives, No 1 and No 3 complete the steam fleet. A diesel hydraulic locomotive built by E M Baldwin & Sons, Castle Hill, Sydney named, Valdora, purchased when Nambour's Moreton Mill closed in 2003 shows the progression of transportation from the field to the mill.

What the Standards Program has meant for our museum

Community Partnerships: We are involving the regional council with greater understanding of the railways operation and management particularly with regard to interface agreements required for road crossings within the gardens complex.

Disaster Planning: Shared responsibilities with the regional council in regards to emergency procedures has been ongoing with good cooperation in the best ways to manage potential disasters.