

# *CAMPBELLTOWN RAILWAY STATION*

Main Southern Railway, Campbelltown

Late Victorian Building Built c. 1880's





## **HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:**

The railway line to Campbelltown was opened in 1858 and for a while Campbelltown was the end of the line. The building was constructed in the 1880's. There are two (2) late Victorian buildings of brick with louvered roof ventilators and platform awnings supported by Corinthian cast iron columns and brackets. Outside features barge boards, finials and decorative gable ends, inside retains pressed metal ceilings and cornices.

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In August 1857, a contract was awarded to William Randle; for the construction of a railway line from Liverpool to Campbelltown.

There were no interconnecting stations, and the line was single track throughout, costing 7000 to build (\$14000).

The Campbelltown Station was erected in 1858, at a cost of 2004 (\$4008) and is 213 ft above sea level. The Goods shed cost 1761 (\$3522) and the Station Master's Cottage 868 (\$1736). An engine turntable was provided at Campbelltown with all engines using wood as fuel. The first train arrived at Campbelltown at 3 pm on the 4th of May 1858. The regular journey from Sydney took 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  hours.

Passengers were carried in 1st, 2nd and 3rd class carriages, which were all of the four wheeled variety. The return fare of the trip was:

1st class - 18/-

2nd class - 8/6

3rd class 5/9

By 1888 the Campbelltown to Sydney 1st class return fare had been reduced to 7/- . And the 2nd class fare to 4/5.

This train service was restricted to four trains a day from Sydney, Mondays to Fridays, with three trains on Sunday.

As Sydney (then Redfern) had an open Station, the tickets of passengers travelling to Sydney, were collected at Newtown. The Railway was in operation for two years before separate "Goods Trains" were run; prior to this "Goods Trucks" were attached to convenient passenger trains.

On Saturday May the 4th 1968 the first electric train arrived at Campbelltown Railway station.

## **CONDITION AND USE:**

Reasonably well maintained by the SRA and still in use as a railway office, waiting room and toilets.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:**

- The building has historical, cultural, social and architectural significance
- The Station building is associated with the railway, which was important as a transportation link
- Campbelltown Station now serves as a city and country rail link.

**HERITAGE LISTING:**

**LOCAL:** LEP 2002

**STATE:** *Proudfoot:* Index No. 43, Category 3

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