

The Dorrigo Steam Railway & Museum in Dorrigo, New South Wales, Australia is a large, privately owned collection of railway vehicles and equipment from the railways of New South Wales, covering both Government and private railways. The collection dates from 1878 until 1985.[1]

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Status[edit]

The museum was opened very briefly in 1986, but has been described as "not yet open to the public" ever since.[2]

History[edit]

The museum's origins stem from the formation of the Dorrigo Steam Railway & Museum Limited in 1973 which was formed following the closure of the Glenreagh to Dorrigo branch line the previous year with the aim of restoring the 69 kilometres as a tourist railway.[3] Much of the rolling stock was stored at the former Rhondda Colliery, three kilometres from Cockle Creek while the line was repaired.

On 20 December 1984, the section from Glenreagh to Lowanna was reopened with 5069 hauling the first train.[4] On 5 April 1986 the line was opened through to Dorrigo, with a steam hauled service hauled by 3028 and 5069, operating the first service over the final 13 kilometres from Megan through to the terminus with 300 members on board.[5] At this stage the line still needed further work before trains could operate on it regularly. This was completed in October 1986.[6]

However, before operations could begin, a faction within the Museum's membership commenced legal action over the ownership of the collection and the line fell back into a state of disrepair.[7] The dispute was finally resolved in February 1999 with the Glenreagh to Ulong section of the line sold to the Glenreagh Mountain Railway and the Ulong to Dorrigo section sold to the Dorrigo Steam Railway & Museum.[8]

Preservation[edit]

Ex-NSWGR Steam Locomotives

No.	Description	Manufacturer	Year	Location	Status	Ref
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1904	0-6-0 passenger	Beyer, Peacock and Company	1877	Dorrigo	stored	
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2414	2-6-0 goods	Dübs and Company	1891	Dorrigo	stored	
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2535	2-6-0 passenger	Beyer, Peacock and Company	1883	Dorrigo	stored	
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3028	4-6-0 mixed traffic	Beyer, Peacock and Company	1904	Dorrigo	stored	[9]
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3046	4-6-4T passenger	Beyer, Peacock and Company	1908	Dorrigo	stored	[10]
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3813	4-6-2 express passenger	Cardiff Locomotive Workshops	1946	Dorrigo	parts only	
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5069	2-8-0 passenger	Beyer, Peacock and Company	1903	Dorrigo	stored	
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5132	2-8-0 goods	Clyde Engineering	1909	Dorrigo	stored	
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5353	2-8-0 goods	Clyde Engineering	1913	Dorrigo	stored	
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5920 2-8-2 goods Baldwin Locomotive Works 1953 Dorriggo stored  
 6039 4-8-4+4-8-4 goods Beyer, Peacock and Company 1956 Dorriggo stored  
 6042 4-8-4+4-8-4 goods Beyer, Peacock and Company 1956 Forbes stored  
 Ex-Private Steam Locomotives  
 No. Description Manufacturer Year In Service Railway Location Status Ref  
 Juno 0-4-0ST Andrew Barclay Sons & Co. 1922 Commonwealth Steel Co. Ltd. Dorriggo stored  
 3 0-6-0ST Kitson and Company 1878 J. & A. Brown Dorriggo stored  
 3 2-6-0T Andrew Barclay Sons & Co. 1911 Blue Circle Southern Cement Dorriggo stored  
 4 0-4-0T H. K. Porter, Inc 1915 Commonwealth Steel Co Dorriggo stored  
 5 0-6-0T Andrew Barclay Sons & Co. 1916 Blue Circle Southern Cement Dorriggo stored  
 Corby 0-4-0T Peckett and Sons 1943 Tubemakers of Australia Ltd Dorriggo stored  
 Marian 0-4-0T Andrew Barclay Sons & Co. 1948 John Lysaght (Aust.) Limited Dorriggo stored  
 Badger 0-6-0T Australian Iron & Steel 1943 Australian Iron & Steel Dorriggo stored  
 SMR 14 0-8-2T Avonside Engine Company 1909 South Maitland Railway/Peko-Wallsend  
 Dorriggo stored  
 N/A 0-4-0 Appleby 1900 Hexham Engineering Dorriggo stored  
 SMR 17 2-8-2T Beyer, Peacock and Company 1915 South Maitland Railways Dorriggo stored  
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 SMR 20 2-8-2T Beyer, Peacock and Company 1915 South Maitland Railways Dorriggo stored  
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 SMR 23 2-8-2T Beyer, Peacock and Company 1915 South Maitland Railways Dorriggo stored  
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 SMR 26 2-8-2T Beyer, Peacock and Company 1915 South Maitland Railways Dorriggo stored  
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 SMR 27 2-8-2T Beyer, Peacock and Company 1915 South Maitland Railways Dorriggo stored  
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 SMR 28 2-8-2T Beyer, Peacock and Company 1915 South Maitland Railways Dorriggo stored  
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 SMR 31 2-8-2T Beyer, Peacock and Company 1915 South Maitland Railways Dorriggo stored  
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 Other locomotives[edit]  
 42 Class diesel locomotive 4206  
 421 Class diesel locomotive 42102  
 44 Class diesel locomotive 4420  
 45 Class diesel locomotive 4521  
 46 Class electric locomotive 4602  
 47 Class diesel locomotive 4706  
 48 Class diesel locomotive 4822  
 49 Class diesel locomotive 4918  
 70 Class diesel hydraulic locomotive 7007, 7008, 7010  
 73 Class diesel hydraulic locomotive 7329, 7335  
 85 Class electric locomotive 8507

86 Class electric locomotive 8601, 8650

BHP D9 class diesel locomotive D11