



Emu Park/Yeppoon Railway

The Emu Park Railway from North Rockhampton to the seaside town of Emu Park was opened in 1888, however the Alexandra Bridge link to the Central Railway didn't open until 1899. An extension to Yeppoon via Mt Chalmers opened late 1909, giving area residents access to both seaside towns.

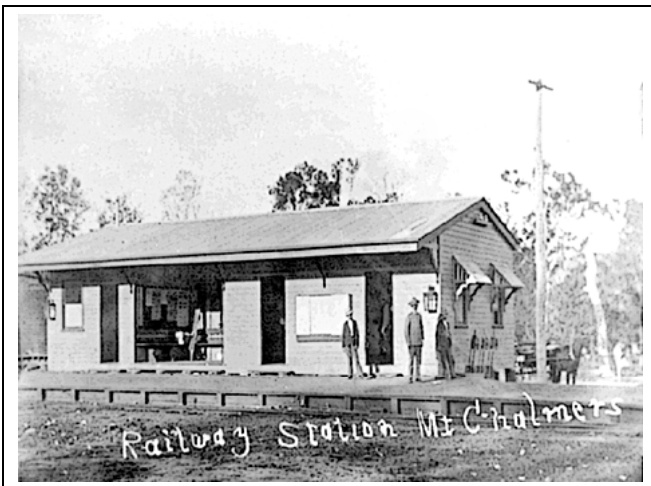
The original impetus for the Emu Park line was seaside recreation, responding to Brisbane's Sandgate line. Once connected to the Central Railway traffic developed with the Lakes Creek meatworks and passenger schedules provided a 90 minute commute to work in Rockhampton for coastal residents. A small amount of traffic was generated by the Broadmount Port as well.

closed several years earlier and the mine's traffic also failed after a few years.



Freight shed in station precinct, Yeppoon [lz 1043]

The daily commute, the seaside trade, some agricultural produce and general freight for locals kept the lines operating until closure (Broadmount in 1929, Emu Park in 1964 and Yeppoon in 2004 -- freight only from 1978).



Source: Mt Chalmers Community History Centre
A branch line from Sleipner Junction to the mine at Mount Chalmers opened in 1908 with the extension to Yeppoon completed the following year. The sugar industry which had originally requested the Yeppoon line had

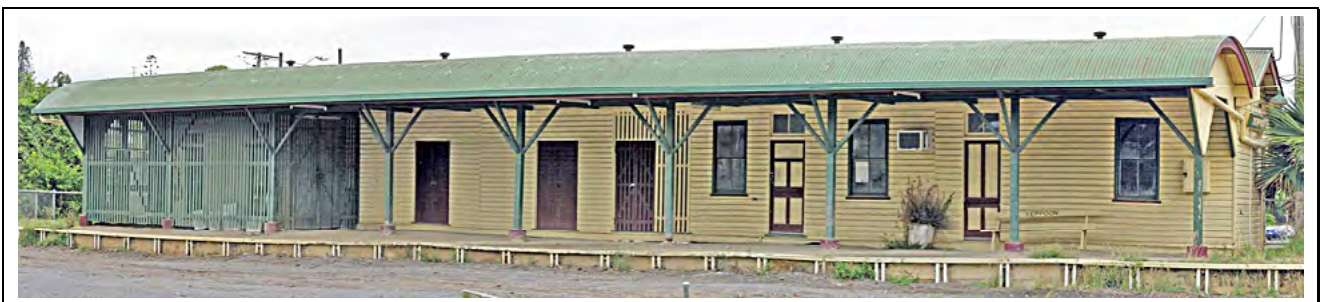
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The Emu Park Museum and the Archer Park Rail Museum have some items from the line(s) in their collections.



Heritage listed Yeppoon Station with platform shade but no carriage shade, 2007 [lz panorama 0190-3]