

# HERITAGE FACT SHEET

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### SLEEPING CAR TAM 1882

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#### Overview

Twelve-wheel passenger car TAM 1882 is a classic example of a main line sleeping car. It represents the standard for overnight rail travel on the NSW Government Railways which applied for over 50 years. Sleeping cars such as this ran to most parts of the state attached to the ubiquitous mail trains of yesteryear. These ran as recently as the mid 1980s and included the famous North Coast Mail which ran daily between Sydney and South Grafton (originally Murwillumbah).

Sleeping car TAM 1882 was built by the Meadowbank Manufacturing Co. in Sydney and entered service in 1929. It is one of the so called '72'-6" cars' (an indication of their length) which also included First and Second Class sitting cars as well. Its timber body has undergone many changes externally, chiefly the removal of crown lights and the addition of plywood cladding. However, internally it remains in original condition, a classic example of the high standards of design and construction of the era it represents.

GMR's TAM sleeping car was withdrawn from service in October, 1985 and placed in storage. It was acquired in 1999 and transferred by rail from Sydney to Coramba shortly afterwards. Here it remained until its road transfer to Glenreagh West on February 3, 2000.

#### Future

Future uses for TAM 1882 are still to be decided. Possibilities include main line charters, restoration as a static exhibit and use as accommodation for members working on site.