

FUNNY WORDS, SERIOUS STUFF

A selection of Australian railway terms you will see around the Museum

Rolling stock: Any railway car and/or locomotive

Locomotive: A locomotive (or engine) is a railway vehicle that provides the power for a train

Tender: A tender (or coal-car) hauled by a steam locomotive and containing the locomotive's fuel (wood, coal, or oil) and water



Wheel arrangement: The way in which wheels are distributed beneath a locomotive. For example the Northern type of locomotive has a 4-8-4 wheel arrangement (4 leading wheels, 8 driving wheels, and 4 trailing wheels)

Consist: A group of railway vehicles making up a train

Train: A series of connected railway cars pulled or pushed by one or more locomotives



Bogie: Rolling stock undercarriage incorporating the wheels, suspension, brakes (and traction motors in powered units)



Gauge: The spacing between rails in a track. The Museum has broad, narrow and standard gauge rolling stock on display. The little train that runs around the Museum runs on 457mm gauge

1 509 Northern type of locomotive has a 4-8-4 wheel arrangement
Department of Lands, NRM Collection

2 500 class steam locomotive No.504 hauls a large freight consist through Mt Lofty
NRM Collection

3 An Australian National AHBA class hopper wagon clearly shows its roller bearing bogies while standing at Wallaroo
Ian Harvey

4 This section of standard gauge track (1435mm) has just been tamped (had ballast packed down) and is ready for traffic on 7.6.1972
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