



MOONTA STATION

This beautiful old building was erected by Gambling & Son of Adelaide, and opened in 1909.

It replaced an old timber and iron station which was erected in 1878.

The present building is one of several built throughout the state of the same design, including the Wallaroo Railway Station, which has been altered in recent years.

The station is set in spacious grounds, and is now the home of the Moonta Tourist Office.

Open 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm, visitors have access to information on attractions, accommodation, community services and special events.

An extensive display of old photographs, depicting life in Moonta in the 1800's is free of charge and gives an insight into Moonta's rich history.

Ample car, coach, caravan parking available, and public toilets are on site.

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Moonta Railway Station

- * 1861 - Copper discovered in Moonta
- 1863 - Township laid out
- 1866 - Horse-drawn tramway opened
- 1878 - Line purchased by government and extended to Moonta Bay.
- 1891 - Timber & iron station erected. Steam loco's replace trams to Wallaroo. Line converted from 5'3" to 3'6" gauge.
- 1896 - Record Christmas/New Year crowds flock to Moonta Bay by tram.(10,000)
- 1909 - Existing Railway Station built..
- 1927 - First broad gauge passenger train departs August 1. 'S' Class loco. Station -master Classification 3
- 1931 - Tram services cease due to low patronage
- 1947 - Stationmaster reclassified to 4.
- 1949 - Commendation award to SM Mitchell, porter, for prompt action displayed at risk of personal injury in moving a 9000 gallon petrol tank standing next to a railcar which had caught fire.
- 1961 - 1st Class passenger service withdrawn from Moonta - Adelaide line Sundays & Mondays.
- 1962 - First Class passenger travel deleted completely.
- 1969 - Moonta-Brinkworth passenger service ceases. Road passenger transport commences from Moonta-Adelaide.
- 1971 - Stationmaster & 2 employes staff the station.
- 1973 - Stationmaster withdrawn. Porter in charge. SAR recommends closure of Moonta-Wallaroo line.
- 1974 - Demolition of stockyards & oil shed.
- 1978 - Station closed for receipt & delivery of goods.
- 1979 - Station closed.
- 1982 - Crossing warning signs removed..
- 1984 - Moonta -wallaroo line removed.
- 1985 - Station becomes part of Moonta Mines State Heritage Area
- 1997 - Station re-opens as Moonta Station Visitor Information Centre