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ANGRMS Collection: Melbourne

- Name: Melbourne
- Wheel Arrangement: 0-6-0
- Built By Hudswell Clarke, Leeds, England
- Weight: 30 tonnes
- Build #: 1701
- Year: 1938
- Cylinders: 2 @ 10" x 12"
- Drive Wheels: 26.5
- B.P.: 160psi

Background

Melbourne is unusual in that it is a 2ft gauge tender engine, one of a number supplied to the Colonial Sugar Refining Company's mills both in Queensland and Fiji between 1912 and 1953. These locomotives looked very smart with their bright paintwork and highly polished brass trim.

Melbourne is a rebuild following the combining of parts from several Hudswell Clarke locomotives, in 1956. The boiler off No.5 from Hambledon Mill (b/n 1659 of 1936) and the frames and parts of another Victoria Mill locomotive (Victoria b/n 1701 of 1938) were used. The combined locomotives were renamed MELBOURNE. MELBOURNE was based at Victoria Mill, Ingham where it was the pride of the fleet.

It was donated to our Society in 1976 and transported to storage at Rocklea, Brisbane and finally to our Woodford Site in 1979. It is currently (2001) in working order.