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ANGRMS Collection: Ruston

- Name: No.5 (Ruston)
- Wheel Arrangement: 4wDM
- Built By Ruston & Hornsby, Lincoln, England
- Weight: 7tonnes
- Build #: 279567
- Horse Power:
- Year: 1949
- Cylinders: 3 @ 4.5 x 5.5
- Drive Wheels: 18"
- B.P.: 40

Background

Ruston and Hornsby built some 6,000 small diesel locomotives for use in industry. This example is a Model 40DL fitted with a 3-cylinder Ruston diesel motor.

A sand mining company at Cudgen in northern New South Wales originally used it, and then the Colonial Sugar Refining Company purchased it, along with a sister locomotive, in 1958 for use at the nearby Condong Mill. The tramway system there closed at the end of the 1974 crushing season and the locomotive was purchased by ANGRMS.

It was moved to Rocklea where it was restored to working order.

It was used at the Rocky Point Mill centenary celebrations in 1978 and then transferred to Woodford in 1979. It is now used as a general navvies' loco on our site.