



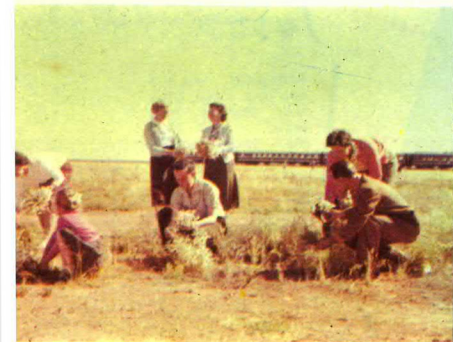
Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia



Gold Mines at Kalgoorlie, Western Australia



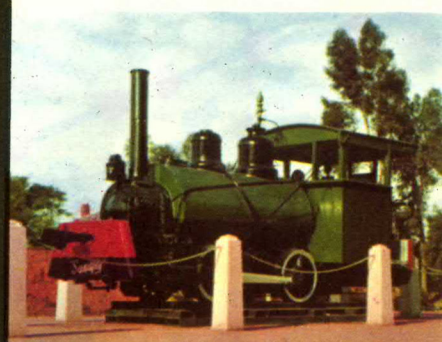
Country view near Hesso, Trans-Australian Railway



Wildflowers, Nullarbor Plain.



Fethers Home, Bookaloo, Trans-Australian Railway



The historic "Sandfly" locomotive, Port Augusta Station



Thomas Playford Power Station, Port Augusta



Flinders Range, South Australia



Loading lead ingots, Port Pirie, South Australia

COMFORT AND RELAXATION

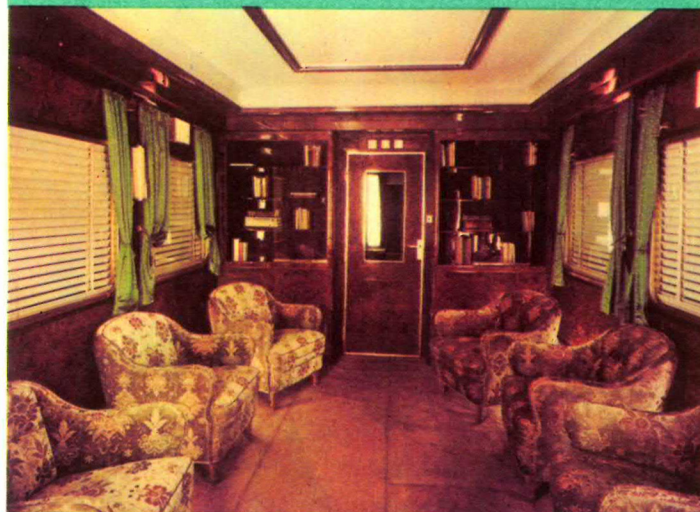
TRANS - CONTINENTAL RAIL TRAVEL IN THE MODERN WAY

- On business or pleasure the rail traveller will be delighted by the personal service and facilities available.
- Complete privacy in your own air-conditioned, self contained roomette or twinette by night or day.
- The Observation Car is ideal for sight-seeing with its spacious windows and restful chairs.
- The Lounge Car with its comfortable and modern setting is a rendezvous for enjoyment and entertainment.
- An excellent variety of meals and refreshments are served in the Dining Car. A liquor service is also available in the Lounge Car before meals.
- Friendly and helpful railway personnel are always on hand to make your journey a pleasant and memorable event.

ACROSS THE CONTINENT



TWO VIEWS OF THE LOUNGE CAR, TRANS-AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY EXPRESS TRAIN



THE TRANS-AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

Year	
1892	Sir John Forrest (afterwards Lord Forrest) set his mind on connecting East and West by railway. Sir John Forrest had overlanded from Western Australia in 1870.
1901	Sir John Forrest held out prospects of the railway being constructed and induced Western Australia to enter the Australian Federation. Reference to the proposed construction of the railway was included in the Governor-General's speech on the inauguration of the Commonwealth. Mr. C. Y. O'Connor, Engineer-in-Chief for Western Australia, submitted estimate of cost of constructing a railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta.
1903	The Minister for Home Affairs (the Hon. Sir William J. Lyne) called together the Engineers-in-Chief of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australia to consider the question of the proposed transcontinental railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta. They recommended a railway of 4' 8½" gauge.
1907	The Commonwealth Parliament passed an Act authorising survey of the route.
1911	Dec. 12, Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Act passed by Commonwealth Parliament.
1912	Sept. 14, first sod turned at Port Augusta by His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Denman.
1913	Feb. 12, first sod turned at Kalgoorlie by the Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Andrew Fisher.
1917	Sept. 22, assent given to Commonwealth Railways Act.

Year	
1917	Oct. 17, rails linked at 1.45 p.m., South Australian time, at 621 miles 58 chains 50.5 links from Port Augusta.
1917	Oct. 22, first passenger train left Port Augusta for Kalgoorlie.
1927	July 4, successful treatment of water at 631 miles by barium carbonate process, thus overcoming serious problem of locomotive water supplies.
1936	Air-conditioned dining and lounge cars brought into service.
1937	July 26, Port Augusta-Port Pirie Railway opened for public traffic.
1940	Ballasting of the track completed.
1951	Diesel Budd Rail Cars introduced into service to provide fast passenger service between Port Pirie-Port Augusta and Woomera. Between September 1951, and May 1952, ten (10) Clyde G.M. type main line diesel electric locomotives were delivered at Port Augusta for service on the Commonwealth Railway system.
1952	Two (2) complete modern air-conditioned passenger trains were placed in regular service in November.
1953	Radio telephone communication equipment installed. First set of welded rail track laid between the 822 and 841 mile in July. Rail laid in lengths of 270 feet. New all steel, weather proof bogie freight vans were placed in service. A distance of 1,108 miles was traversed in 25½ hours by attaching the new type freight vans to the Transcontinental Passenger Express trains.
1959	Diesel Hydraulic Shunting Locomotives were placed in service.

Trans-Australian Railway

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COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS

