Railway Goods Sheds (Queensland)

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A number of goods sheds did not conform to the image of a 'standard' building. For a short time vaulted roofs were in vogue, influenced possibly by other structures such a carriage shades. The branch line to Urangan saw some of these forms, including the shed at Nikenbah, which bore a remarkably strong resemblance to a stores shed located in the yard at Maryborough.

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Sheds

Non-Standard



Nikenbah 1996. Jim Hutchinson photo.



Stores shed, Maryborough Yard, 1996. Jim Hutchinson photo.

In the north, another non-standard (albeit much larger) shed can be found at Normanton-a large

structure considering the size of the township and the area serviced.



Normanton 1996 (above and below). Jim Hutchinson photos.



Apart from the buildings provided for general goods handling, there were other structures associated with the railway that catered for specific loads. Some of the most imposing were grain and produce sheds, that could (and can still) be found adjacent to both main and branch lines that service grain producing areas. They were large sheds, and modelling them would require intelligent compression, but nevertheless they were, and are, an important facet of freight operations. Typical examples are shown below at Nobby, Greenmount and Kaimkillenbun, followed by a drawing of a standard wheat shed.



Nobby 1995. Jim Hutchinson photo.



Greenmount 1996. Jim Hutchinson photo.



Produce shed and silos, Kaimkillenbun 1996. Jim Hutchinson photo.

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