

With a 150-year history, Downer is uniquely Queensland.

As an Australian-owned and operated company, Downer has an extensive pedigree in rail manufacturing in Queensland, having built more than 1,000 railcars and almost 1,000 locomotives at our Maryborough facility since the 1860s.

Downer has been Queensland's trusted, collaborative and flexible rollingstock partner for 150 years.

Our iconic Maryborough site has been a lynchpin of the manufacturing industry in Queensland. It is from this site that we have designed and delivered every fleet in Queensland, with the sole exception of the fleet of New Generation Rollingstock.

Having built more than 1,000 railcars and almost 1,000 locomotives from our Maryborough site, Downer has provided Queenslanders with the EMU, ICE, SMU200, IMU100, SMU220, IMU120, IMU160, SMU260, electric tilt trains and diesel tilt train fleets.

All of these cars have been proudly designed in Queensland and built on the Fraser Coast, reaching more than 75 per cent local manufactured content and creating hundreds of local jobs.

Importantly, these Queensland-made trains have also been high quality, high performance trains customised to local requirements.

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In Queensland, we work hand-in-hand with our customers. The first rolling stock order was to build steam locomotives for the Queensland Government which was received in 1896. Walkers received an order to build 30 B15 class steam locomotives for the Queensland Government Railways. Since then we have worked with our customers on a variety of rolling stock, including with Queensland Rail through our non-traditional commercial model that is all about collaboration.

Downer and the Queensland supply chain

Downer has a proud history of working with local manufacturing organisations across the Fraser Coast and beyond.

ALLWELD MANUFACTURING

Allweld Manufacturing is a local Fraser Coast business and is proudly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned. Among other capabilities, Allweld builds high-fidelity, full-sized rollingstock mock ups that support design acceptance as well as community and stakeholder engagement. Downer has engaged Allweld on all of our Queensland train projects and also to deliver the mock up used for the NSW Waratah train project. Downer is a strong supporter of Allweld and has showcased their work during a recent supply chain engagement program on the Fraser Coast.

Case study:

Josh Linwood, Director Allweld Manufacturing:

“Downer is a game changing force in the manufacturing industry, and I think that they can help not only our business to expand, but also all Fraser Coast businesses expand.”

Allweld Manufacturing was established 28 years ago and is a start to finish manufacturing facility.

“We have partnered with Downer to build a lot of different components and mock ups.

“Downer is a company that supports Queensland greatly. Having Downer support not only the local Fraser Coast but all of Queensland is great for manufacturing overall.

“Allweld’s future is looking very bright, we’re looking to expand again, and Downer will play a big part in that.



Downer has manufactured almost 1,000 locomotives

Downer has an established history of manufacturing locomotives from our Maryborough facility. The first trains entered service from 1897, before we went on to build more than 500 steam locomotives between 1896 and 1958. We have subsequently continued to build locomotives at Maryborough through to the most recent diesel-electric GT42 class locomotives.

In total, we have manufactured almost 1,000 locomotives including narrow gauge, the 4100 class, 86 class, 4000 class, diesel hydraulic, electric and steam locomotives.



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Community isn't just where you are, but who we are

For 150 years, Downer has been a proud member of Butchulla Country. Today, we have our Butchulla Community Engagement Working Group, which works with the local Elder group to see how Downer can further embrace the community.

We are proud to support local community groups such as the RISE rugby league development program and the Maryborough hockey club.

In 2022, we were the major supporter of the Maryborough Relish Festival, working with local businesses to give away free tickets to the community.

With more than 460 of us working in Maryborough, we're proud to be a member to the Butchulla Maryborough community.



Just wanted to say a huge thank you once again for organising yesterday.

The generous contribution from Downer has been essential to making RISE on the Fraser Coast as successful as it has been.

It allowed registration costs to be set as low as possible for our families, ultimately resulting in good participant numbers for our 2022 program.

John, look at the smile on my daughter Ruby's face, thank you!

Treasurer, RISE program

