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## Nomination for URBAN Award

### Terowie Railway Station



North East (Platform view)

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North West (restored)

Terowie, situated 220km north of Adelaide has two claims to fame in South Australia's history.

The first is that the town was important in the State's history as the place where the train line changed from broad to narrow gauge, making it necessary to offload all goods, including livestock, from one train to another. Thus it became a busy "railway town".

The second claim to fame was a memorable event on 20 March 1942. U.S. general Douglas MacArthur, when passing through Terowie and changing trains, made his famous statement in reference to the defeat at the Battle of the Philippines in which he said: "I shall return". He repeated this statement in a number of other speeches and places.

The Railway Station had been neglected over the years and was derelict and approaching a state of ruin. Buildings were unroofed and vermin and the elements were taking their toll.

The conservation work was carried out at high standard and those involved in this project must feel a sense of satisfaction at the outcome. Many local, interstate and overseas train enthusiasts visit this site on their journey to nearby Peterborough, which is another important railway destination.