



Nomination for Brickbat

Demolition of Mt Gambier Railway Roundhouse



Aerial Photo of Mt Gambier Roundhouse (Image: FOTO SA)

On 11 June 2018, *Weekend Notes* (<https://www.weekendnotes.com/the-fight-for-the-roundhouse>) reported: “the Mount Gambier roundhouse was built in 1953 as part of the conversion of the line to broad gauge, allowing much larger trains to be run to Adelaide and Melbourne.

While the railway lines to Mount Gambier have now been removed, the roundhouse and turntable were a reminder of a momentous milestone in the history of Mt. Gambier and South Australia. They should have been repurposed usefully for a better future.

However in November 2018 it was demolished, despite a campaign to save it spearheaded by local heritage enthusiasts and a growing number of local people as one of the last remaining roundhouses in South Australia.