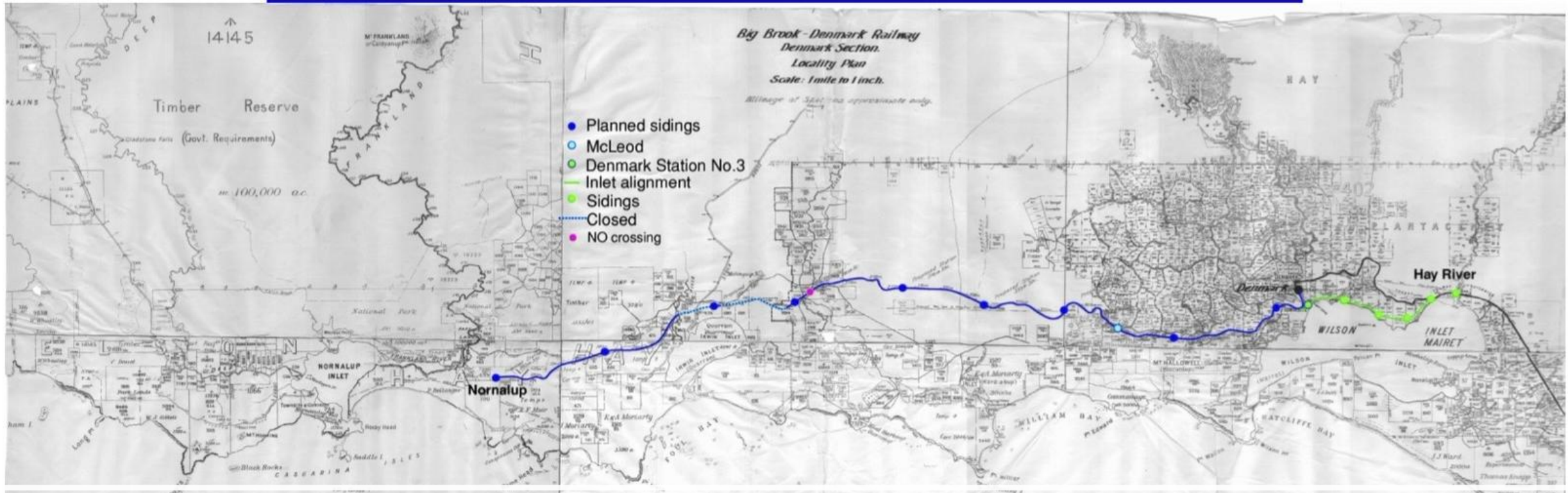


A group of people and a dog are gathered in a wooded area for the unveiling of informational signs for the Denmark Rail Trail. On the left, a man in a plaid shirt and jeans stands with his arms crossed. Next to him are three women, one in a yellow sweater. In the center, a black and white dog sits on the ground. To the right, two women stand near two large informational signs. One woman is holding a white cloth, likely for unveiling. A tall, blue, teardrop-shaped sign with the 'Batterystown' logo is in the background. A white van is partially visible on the far left.

Signage to celebrate the history of the Denmark Rail Trail

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NORNALUP - DENMARK (Hay River) (1929 - 1957)



The Rail Trail



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The railway alignment has been used to create a walking and riding trail from Nornalup to Denmark and then on to the Hay River. Be aware that some sections of the line are not open. Also that two key bridges were removed in the 1960s and only their piers remain thus making that section of the track impassable. You can go to see the remains but won't be able to cross.



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Signage is at each siding or halt and there are other markers to follow the trail. In the winter parts of the track may be covered in water while others have a sandy base. The length of the current walk/ride is around 75km. There are services at Denmark, Kent River (on Hwy), Bow Bridge (on Hwy) and at Nornalup, past the rail terminus, on the Frankland River.



Ross McGuinness
with one of his signs





Installing the Signs

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Elleker - Denmark - Nornalup Railway

DENMARK No.3 STATION (1929 - 1957)

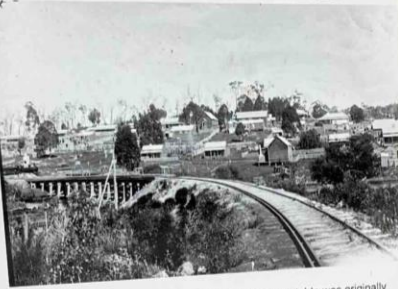


Turntable 1

Millars erected a turntable on the eastern bank of the Denmark river in 1895. It is believed to be a William Seller but the actual model is unknown. Because of the nature of the mill site, a "Y" was not built and the turntable would have been regularly used to turn locomotives both for the tramways and main line to Albany. On a plan drawn in 1908, it is described as being 52'4" in size. Although it is shown at the time the WA Government purchased the Denmark Estate from Millars, it was not included in a list of items valued for the sale.

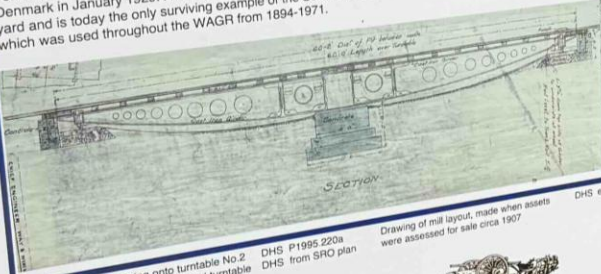
Turntable 2

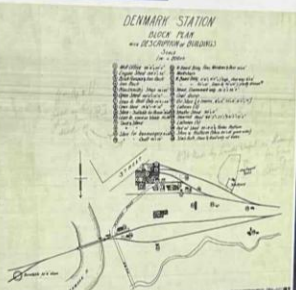
In 1912 the WAGR built a new bridge to service a relocated station. Here they erected a turntable on the west side of the river. It was placed on a site just in front of where the Denmark Hotel was later built. Erected on a spur in front of the hotel, the WAGR turntable saw around sixteen years of service.



Turntable 3

Denmark 60ft built by William Sellers & Co. (Makers No.1214), this cast iron manual turntable was originally 50ft long and installed at the new Northam locomotive depot in 1897. At the time, this was the largest locomotive depot in WA, with about 60 steam locomotives based there. With the arrival of the larger locomotives at Northam, the Sellers turntable was replaced about 1902 and extended to 52'6", before being installed at the Albany Loco depot. The GSR was still light rails and was worked by a mix of Baldwin C, O, G and T class locomotives until 1914. This Sellers turntable was removed from Albany about April 1928 and sent to Midland Workshops for extending to 60ft, and then sent onto Denmark in January 1929. After the closure of the Nornalup railway in 1957, it was abandoned in the Denmark yard and is today the only surviving example of the Sellers 'heavy' cast iron turntable in WA, and the type which was used throughout the WAGR from 1894-1971.





Locomotive moving onto turntable No.2
Section of drawing of extended turntable
DHS P1995 220a
DHS from SRO plan

Drawing of rail layout, made when assets were assessed for sale circa 1907
DHS ex SRO plans

Turntable, abandoned 2000
Section of drawing of turntable
DHS P2003 180
DHS from SRO plan



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