

# Traces of our past

## Gladstone's first public cemetery

To your left is the Old Gladstone Cemetery. It was established in the mid 1850s, and was the first major public cemetery in the Port Curtis area. This is the final resting place of many pioneers and early settlers in the development of Gladstone.

Some notable residents:

**John Score Powe**, Registrar (1820–1884)

**Carlo O'Connell**,  
brother of Captain Maurice O'Connell (c.1820–1872)

**Richard Hetherington**,  
Gladstone's first mayor (1826–1870)

**Charles Turich**, grazier (1827–1875)

**Laurens Janson**,  
shipwreck survivor & Master Mariner (1835–1901)

**Emma Rennie**, Gladstone-born settler (1854–1932)

**Edward Breslin**, MLA (1882–1914)

**William "Mr Gladstone" Golding**,  
CMG, MBE (1890–1985)

## Old Rail Bridge North Coast Railway Line, 1903

This former railway bridge was completed in 1903. It was one of the **final pieces** in the Gladstone – Rockhampton line, which completed the link between Brisbane and Rocky.

This formed part of the growing North Coast Railway Line—a narrow gauge line providing passenger and freight services—which would ultimately link Brisbane and Cairns.

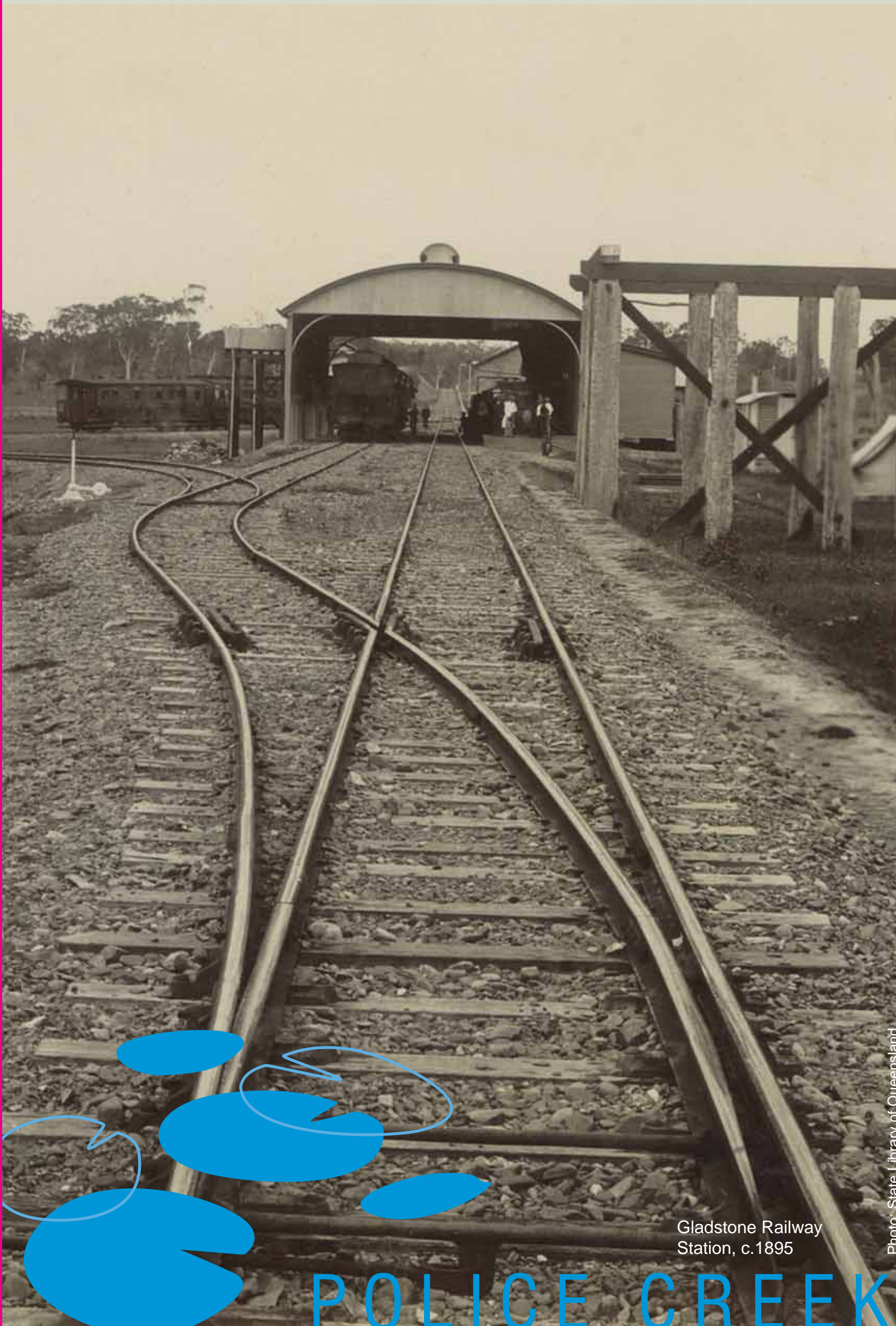
The Old Rail Bridge **operated until the 1970s**, when the line was redirected along the current route you can see downstream from here. The old bridge was retained as a pedestrian bridge.

## Police Creek ends here, but the trail continues ...

The creek downstream from the Old Rail Bridge is known by its original name, "Auckland Creek".

The trail continues across the bridge and downstream. Beyond here, you'll find an old fig tree with a somewhat sorry tale, the current railway bridge, a mangrove boardwalk, and the Lake Callemondah reservoir.

**Enjoy the trail!**



Gladstone Railway  
Station, c.1895

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POLICE CREEK