

OTHER TRANSPORT

One of the main modes of transport was by foot at first. Very few roads existed and therefore it was easier to travel through the scrub.

Many early residents travelled by horseback. The rough terrain of the district in general meant that journeys were made along bush tracks before the bush was cleared enough to form roads. Then horse and buggy or wagon was employed to travel from place to place. People walked or rode to gather their mail, sell produce grown on their land or visit with friends and family.

Gosford Railway Station was opened officially on August 15th, 1887. The coming of the Railway line marked the beginning of a new era for the district which had depended beforehand on water transport for its goods.

The line was then extended, but it was not possible to go through to Sydney entirely by rail until the Hawkesbury River Bridge was opened in 1889.

The photo below shows Platform 2 at Gosford and the Stationmaster's residence about 20 years after the station was opened.



Other modes of transport became popular when motorised vehicles arrived. Buses, Taxis and Private Cars meant that longer distances could be travelled more easily. This brought the isolated areas within the district together and improved trade, industry, tourism and employment.



Terrigal Bus Service around 1926.