

# Oakhampton



*Oakhampton station in 2001 (David Johnston)*

Oakhampton, located 198.960km north of Central, was the second station on the North Coast Line.

The location opened on 14th of August 1911 as part of the first (southern section) of the line to Dungog and was known as Huntingtower during construction.

The name is taken from a town of the same name near Exeter in England and means “town on the River Okeement”.

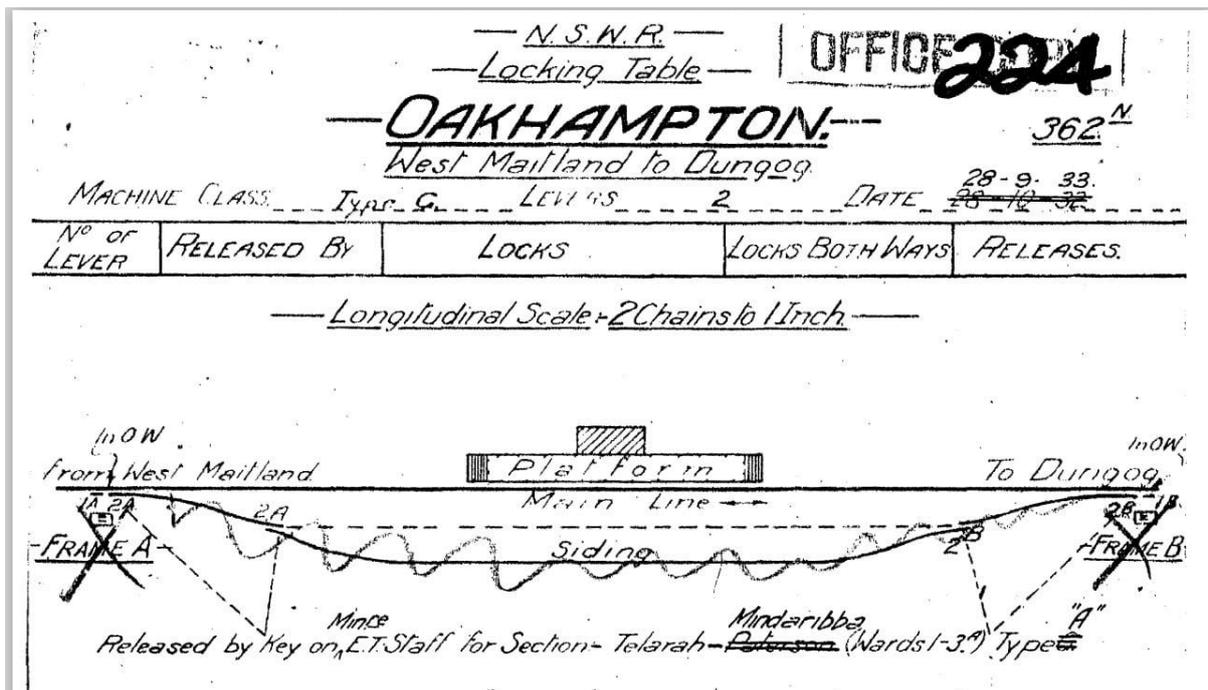


*Uncredited shots of the truncated station, probably taken in the 1980s*

Oakhampton is a suburb in the City of Maitland and, as of the 2021 census 165 people lived in the suburb.

The station opened with the line on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 1911, construction contract from Maitland to Dungog was let to Carson, Cary & Simpson on 28<sup>th</sup> of April 1908. It was closed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1975 although it remained in use up until the early 21<sup>st</sup> century for school children. The small, truncated platform that replaced the original metre platform on the down side of the line has since been demolished. The original station building was a standard B2 shelter with a water closet and urinal located at the up end of the platform at ground level.

There are indications that prior to 1933 a siding was to be provided; however, this appears to have never been constructed and is marked out on the track diagram for the location.



Oakhampton diagram

The area is now part of a growing housing development, particularly around Oakhampton Heights, and there are semi-regular calls to construct a new station in the area.

(Lance Lyon, November 2022)

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