

## Class Type: NB

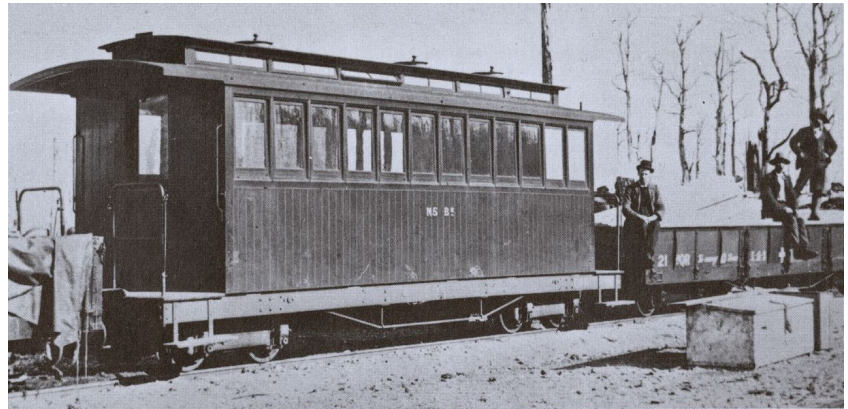
### Background info

#### NB (first series)

These second class carriages were entirely different from the second series.

They were saloon carriage with end platforms.

A smoking compartment for men was at one and a ladies compartment with lavatory at the other. The cars had a long saloon with the seats arranged longitudinally, the passengers sitting with their backs to the windows. A clerestory roof ran the length of the saloon and end compartments. Entrance was via a central door on the end platform which had steps provided at each side.



They were originally run in conjunction with the NBC car-vans, the latter providing the toilet accommodation for men. A gate in the railing across the end platform opened to provide access between the NB and the NBC.

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When the Puffing Billy Railway rebuilt these vehicles they placed the seats 2 + 2 crossways with a central aisle. The seats were placed back to back thus placing a group of four passengers face to face with each able to look out both sides of the train. The cars were restored to a very high standard with carpeted floor. The smoking compartment was eliminated, The lavatory compartment was used as a guard's compartment. The Puffing Billy Railway classed these as NBD to indicate their use as a trailing vehicle with guard's accommodation.

NB There were three Series types: -

**Nos. 1 - 6** were Saloon cars having end platforms and a ladies toilet, and were built from 1899-1904.

**Nos. 7 - 23** were 5-compartment side loading cars, built from 1906-1915.

**Nos. 24 - 27** were the former NAB class cars mentioned previously and were also side loading, having 6 compartments and two ladies toilets.

Body Length	20 feet 6 inches ( 6248 mm)
Vehicle Length	25 feet 2 inches ( 7671 mm)
Coupled Length	27 feet 4 inches (8330 mm)
Width	6 feet 3 inches (1905 mm)
Height	9 feet 5 inches (2870 mm)
Weight	8 tons
Capacity	16 passengers
Built	1898 - 1904
Number Built	6
In use	NBD 1, 2, 5
Awaiting restoration	nil

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Heritage Photo



Current Photo

### ? NB

No. & Class	Description	Former Class & Number	Built By	Condition	Location	Photo of	Catlog.	Victorian Collections No.
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? NB	6 compartments (40)		VR	Awaiting restoration	Emerald under tarp	√	√	Built : ? Type: 2nd Class swing door carriage Rescued from Ocean Grove Victorian in Nov 2010

### VR Service History or other Service History

Number Unknown  
Service history unknown

### Puffing Billy Service History or Notes

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Rescued from Ocean Grove Victorian in Nov 2010

Nov 2010 Two carriages have been rescued from Ocean Grove where they had been built into a house. They are now at Emerald, one being a platform NB carriage and the other a swing door NB carriage. Storage of these vehicles is being considered. Many people were involved in the move: thanks go to Raymond and Thelma Cotter for providing tarps to protect the cars from the elements.

Dec 2010 Two carriages rescued from Ocean Grove are now at Emerald, one being a platform NB car (6NB) and the other a 2nd Class swing door carriage. Minor refurbishment has taken place along with covering with Tarpaulins

