



## THE STORY SO FAR

The Ceres Railway track was originally built at the turn of the 20th century, starting in July 1910 and was completed in May 1912. The line was built using second hand material and the engineers responsible for the building work was Mr's Heatlie, Warren and Bromley.

Part of Ceres Rail Company's mission is to help preserve and promote South African Rail Heritage, which involves restoring and refurbishing old locomotives and coaches.

So far we have a Class 19D locomotive #3321, named Jessica, (these were manufactured in 1948 in the UK and 235 were placed in service between 1937 and 1949 in South Africa), a Class 19B locomotive #1412, named Bailey, and the very famous, one of a kind South African built (1981) Class 26, fondly known as the Red Devil.



### **Class 19D – 3321, Jessica**

The Jessica was manufactured in the UK in 1948 with 235 of its kind being placed in service in South Africa between 1937 and 1949. It has a 4-8-2 Mountain-type wheel arrangement and a Watson Standard boiler.



Dining car circa 1935 of one of the most luxurious rail services in the British Empire at the time, the South African "Union Limited", as the Blue Train was called. It covered 956 mi between Cape Town and Durban. Equipped with running hot & cold water, & electrically lit cabins, it also had hot & cold shower-baths in sleep cars. An attendant was stationed in each carriage; train staff undertook shoe-cleaning & provided a general valet service; and the deluxe expresses had fully qualified chefs.



Luxurious lounge cars where passengers can enjoy the breathtaking scenery in their own comfort whilst unwinding with family or friends.

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