



Robert John Yates

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Experience

- **TICRail** 2022 - Ongoing
RailTrainer and Assessor
- **Specialised Container Transport** 2006 - 2022
DepotManager/Locomotive Driver/Trainer
- **Pacific National** 2000 - 2006
Depot Manager/Locomotive Driver

Qualifications

*Certificate IV in Training and Upgrades
Locomotive Inspectors Examination*

Background

Robert John Yates is a highly experienced rail professional whose career spans more than five decades across locomotive operations, training, and rail management within Australia's freight and heritage rail sectors. Beginning his career, Robert developed extensive operational expertise across steam and diesel locomotive environments, progressing from trainee roles through to senior driver, instructor, and managerial positions. His long tenure in the rail industry reflects a deep commitment to operational safety, workforce development, and the preservation of rail knowledge and practices.

Robert later held leadership and operational roles including Depot Manager and Driver Trainer, alongside ongoing involvement in locomotive driver management and training functions in Adelaide. He continued to operate as a Manager, Locomotive Driver, and Trainer, delivering driver instruction, overseeing operational standards, and contributing to the continued development of rail personnel.

Robert's extensive operational history, combined with formal training qualifications and decades of hands-on experience, provides strong industry credibility and a deep understanding of rail safety, locomotive operations, and driver training. His background reflects a lifelong commitment to maintaining high standards in rail operations and mentoring the next generation of rail professionals.