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## **Sutherland Railway Station 1906** 1990

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Coaches and sulkies met the trains at Sutherland Station, and from 1911 when the tramline to Cronulla was built, Sutherland became 'the changing Railway Station for Cronulla.'

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In 1881 when the Holt Sutherland Estate Land Company, 99-year leases became available for the subdivided 1000 acres of Holt's estate. Speculators snapped up the leases, and with the opening of the railway line to Sutherland in 1885, Sutherland became more accessible. Primary producers, tradesmen such as boat builders, shopkeepers, railway workers, etc. moved into the district.

By 1906 when Sutherland Shire Council was formed, Sutherland township had 90 houses and about 10 businesses within a mile of the post office. It was the premier town in the district and an administrative centre.

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