

COMMISSIONERS' TOUR OF INSPECTION

MIRBOO NORTH TO HAZELWOOD  
GLENGARRY TO HILLSIDE  
ORBOST TO BAIRNSDALE  
MONTGOMERY TO ROSEDALE  
FLYNN TO WARRAGUL  
DAVID TO THORPDALE  
NOOJEE TO LILLICO  
DROUIN TO HALLAM

Monday 10th to Thursday 13th December, 1951.  
Train departs from Spencer Street at 11.30p.m. on Sunday 9th  
December, 1951.

TOUR PERSONNEL.

Mr. R. G. Wishart	-	Chairman.
" A. G. Fletcher	--	Commissioner.
" A. C. Ahlston	--	Chief Mechanical Engineer.
" A. P. Taylor	--	Chief Civil Engineer.
" G. Rogers	--	Chief Traffic Manager.
" C. G. McDonald	--	Asst. Chief Electrical Engineer.
" P. Cooper	--	Auditor of Revenue.
" J. Clarke	--	District Superintendent.
" J. Noonan	--	Metro. Rolling Stock Superintendent.
" R. S. Miller	--	Actg. Metro. District Engineer.
" G. L. Rayment	--	Commissioners' Secretary.
" G. L. Reid	--	Inspection Officer.
" J. B. Gwillim	--	Tour Clerk.

TRAIN STAFF.

Driver	-	F. Myers
Fireman	-	K. Whelan
Guard	-	M. A. Dean
Conductor	-	J. Freeland
Steward	-	A. Portwood
Cook	-	F. Williams
Kitchen Lad	-	D. Walton

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GIPPSLAND LINE

A.1

DUPLICATION, ELECTRIFICATION AND RELAYING OF LINE

These works are proceeding and periodical reports respecting progress and major items are forwarded to the Commissioners.

A detailed statement of the present position will be available to the Commissioners on tour.

MIRBOO NORTH

Mr. W.J. Best, Stationmaster (Class 8)

1.

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle	Sheep
1938	1226	3243	3049	851	283	204	126
1950	1249	11394	6189	8215	395	127	110
1951	1462	8837	4562	5355	195	118	77

D. R. 423

2.

Instructions have been issued for attention to electric wiring and installation of power points.

Awaiting staff.

(W & W. 6071/49)

COMPLETED.

8.8.50. Installation of 3 electric lights and power point in portable provided for use of New Australians.

3.

DARLIMURLA

4.

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle	Sheep
1938	477	38	25	12	-	-	-
1950	21	899	-	1303	-	-	-
1951	13	773	1	1004	-	-	-

STACKING SITE.

5.

Last month Mr. S. Sargent applied for the lease of a site 25' x 6' on which to erect a platform for the stacking of pulpwood.

Papers were forwarded to the Estate Officer stating no objection provided platform erected to satisfaction of the District Engineer and standard clearances observed.

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BOOLARRA

6.

Mr. W. J. Rodgers, Asst. Stationmaster (Class 5)

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	536	1862	1352	1642	67	45	58
1950	1271	1085	2059	257	74	40	16
1951	1060	897	1638	185	87	10	6

YINNAR

7.

Mrs. A. Dawson, Caretaker (Class 3).

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	263	980	1737	870	88	31	13
1950	559	1882	4497	395	101	73	14
1951	451	1175	2853	170	120	106	12

STOCK YARDS.

8.

In July last the District Superintendent suggested that the existing pig yards be converted into cattle yards because of the considerable development in the cattle business as compared with the pig traffic which is now practically nil.

Instructions have been issued for the work to be done.

(50/4792)

COMPLETED.

1.4.51. Installation of electric light and power at Works Camp. 9.

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HAZELWOOD

10.

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks Horses-Sheep	
			In	Out			
1938	7	9	68	3	-	1	-
1950	2	-	261	-	-	-	-
1951	-	-	84	-	-	-	-

GLENGARRY

11.

Mr. J. A. Ward, Asst. Station Master (Class 5)

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks Cattle-Sheep Horses	
			In	Out			
1938	1378	1519	1428	1313	325	60	30
1950	1620	3814	2828	1108	141	210	52
1951	1556	2888	2265	506	92	174	42

STOCK YARDS

12.

Approval has been given for the provision of two new cattle holding yards (25' x 35') roofing of pig shelter and provision of 600 gallon water tank and trough at pig yards.

Pig shelter completed and tank provided. Balance waiting staff.

(48/2003)

6 TONS CRANE.

13.

The Burwood Timber Mill Pty. Ltd. requested that:-

- (1) The chain on crane be replaced by a suitable wire rope.
- and
- (2) that a power drive be provided.

The first matter has been attended to. In regard to the second, the Company was informed that the Department would not fit the drive but there was no objection to it doing the work. The Company agreed but has been unable to make the installation owing to the shortage of electric motors. The correspondence has been filed pending further advice from the Company.

(47/7003)

REPAIRS TO CULVERT

14.

Repairs to culvert at entrance to station yard will be carried out when staff is available.

(51/3990)

D.R. 2744

15.

Instructions have been issued recently for installation of power point in the living room of this residence.

(W. & W. 12740/51)

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GLENGARRY - TOONGABBIE

16.

REGRAIDING ETC. AT 104M. 79C. 33 LKS.. EAGLEHAWK CREEK

On 24.8.51 the Country Roads Board was written to and field notes were forwarded in connection with the regrading of the railway line at Eaglehawk Creek and the necessity to widen a roadway at that location. The land required to widen roadway was shown by red colour on plan of survey.

The Board was informed that regarding its request that the fence on land to be acquired be relocated, this Department had requested the owner (Mr. Bloomfield) to permit said relocation to be carried out before acquisition was effected but permission was refused on the grounds of interference to his main entrance gate and road culvert. This will be overcome however, by moving the fence to the new alignment only from southern end of gateway. On advice from the Board of resumption of the land, arrangements will be made to relocate the fence.

(51/8402)

TOONGABBIE

17.

Mrs. N. L. Grimme, Caretaker (Class 3)

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle	Sheep
1938	834	578	436	479	493	5	23
1950	1031	1337	999	135	617	29	67
1951	725	669	694	53	229	10	26

D.R. 1839

18.

A contract has been let for the installation of two additional lights and a power point at D.R. 1839.

(W. & W. 77/51)

COMPLETED.

19.9.51 Repairs to trucking yards.

19.

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COWWARR

20.

Messrs. J. Hosie and L. F. Taylor, Asst. Stationmasters (Class 5)

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	1674	2477	689	9089	263	78	32
1950	2378	2607	852	860	119	29	67
1951	2094	2259	943	575	141	64	40

STOCK YARDS

21.

The Victorian Dairy Farmers' Association requested the provision of an electric water pump at the stock yards. The existing pump was repaired and is considered to be satisfactory.

(51/4202).

DAWSON

22.

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	53	27	23	1	47	-	-
1950	58	149	48	409	51	-	-
1951	22	10	26	-	70	-	-

HEYFIELD

23.

Mr. L. V. Rogan, Stationmaster (Class 8)

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	2159	3122	1309	2080	-	113	65
1950	4568	9235	4740	3675	420	292	123
1951	5317	10031	4894	2642	193	254	54

ERECTION OF HOUSES.

24.

The erection of three prefabricated houses at Heyfield is practically completed (£7030). Graveling and provision of fence in front of one is yet to be done.

(51/1971)  
(51/7014)

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HEYFIELD (contd.)

WATER TANKS AT RESIDENCES.

25.

Instructions were issued on 25.11.51 for provision of water tanks at D.R's 3278, 3286, and 3297.

(W & W. 12126/51)

STOCK YARDS.

26.

Repairs have been carried out to keep the yards in reasonable working order. The question of renewing them will be reviewed 1.9.52.

(45/11761)

BUSINESS SITES.

27.

Arrangements are in hand to lease an area 618' x 110' for business sites on a 21 years lease subject to cancellation at six months' notice.

The area in question extends from near the entrance to the goods yard towards the stock yards and is well away from siding frontage.

(L.136632)

LEASE OF LAND

28.

A lease commencing 1.12.51 has been granted to Newland Lumber Coy. of railway land 150' x 50' near the stock yards at a rental of £26 per annum.

(50/7862)

COMPLETED.

14.2.51 Provision of siding to hold 24 trucks and provision of gantry crane for timber traffic. 29.  
(£8374).

18.7.51 Surfacing and grading approach road to passenger platform. 30.

TINAMBA

Mr. E.L. Storer, Stationmaster (Class 8)

31.

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks Cattle-Sheep Horses.	
			In	Out			
1938	2024	4273	1405	3221	240	281	69
1950	1646	5638	1457	1265	299	394	50
1951	1292	4421	1089	759	143	259	36

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TINAMBA (Contd.)

FENCING AT TRUCKING YARDS

32.

Instructions have been issued for provision of wing fence 35' long to facilitate the yarding of cattle.

It is anticipated that this work will be commenced this month.

(50/4992)

DRAINAGE.

33.

The Shire of Maffra requested permission to construct an unlined drain along north eastern boundary of property connected with the railway station. There is no objection to the construction of the drain subject to usual conditions and the Shire will be advised accordingly.

(51/11088)

W.S. LEVERS.

34.

Instructions have been issued for the installation of "W.S" levers in lieu of existing spur levers on main line plunger locked pointed at "up" and "down" ends.

Lever will be installed withing 3 weeks of material being supplied.

(W & W.5200/50).

MAFFRA.

35.

Mr. J. Quirk, Stationmaster (Class 4)  
Rolling Stock Branch - Railmotor Drivers Dunlop and Dwyer.

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	4988	15341	46891	10464	320	120	48
1950	7750	77055	64053	38529	476	348	85
1951	7057	66872	46803	28970	390	290	79

RELOCATION OF STATION BUILDINGS

36.

On tour on 8.5.50 Councillor J.A. Johns asked the Commissioners that consideration be given to transferring the stations buildings and platform to the other side of the line. All of the passenger buisness came from this side of the line and had to cross the line to get to the station.

In reply the Commissioners said that, although the proposed transfer might be an advantage, it could not be even considered until urgent new construction and overdue maintenance works were attended to. These works would involve labour and materials to the order of many millions of pounds and until they were dealt with it would be impossible to undertake work. such as that desired.

(50/4791)

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MAFFRA (Contd.)

USE MADE OF AND SHORTENING OF VARIOUS SIDINGS.

37.

There are five sidings also a loop siding for the weighbridge adjacent to the old sugar beet factory now known as Parsons' factory. The District Superintendent reports that:-

- (a) Nos. 1 and 2 sidings leading to the factory are not required for Departmental purposes but on occasions some empty trucks are placed thereon by the Co-operative Milk Products for convenience. Only approximately 6 trucks of machinery have been placed at Parsons' factory during the past 6 months. No outwards loading was despatched.

The deadend of No's. 1 and 2 was recently extended by 110 feet at the request of Cereal Processors Ltd. (a subsidiary Company of Parsons' Bros.) who paid the cost £220.

- (b) No. 3 siding is not being used and is not required.
- (c) No. 4 siding:- All up loading is placed there with tractor by Co-operative Factory and it is also used by us for placing up loading therein. It is in use daily.
- (d) Weighbridge loop:- This is used for excess inwards loading a/c. Co-operative Factory. They sort out loading placed by us on No.5 using this loop road for reversing certain inwards loading which is shunted to their factory by tractor.
- (e) No. 5 siding:- This is in daily use. All inwards loading for the Co-operative Factory also empty louveres for their use are placed here. They sort out the various trucks required, using the weighbridge loop for the purpose. We do not marshal their empties or loaded-in trucks therefore a considerable amount of engine shunting time is avoided by the use of their tractor.
- (f) The "Dehydration" siding serving the old factory of that name (now known as Maffra Weaving Mills and owned by H. Williams, at present used by Parsons Bros. for storage of sugar) is regularly used for the crossing of trains and on occasions for storage of up loading when heavy export traffic is offering.
- (g) It is understood that Parsons Bros. desire that we reduce the length of sidings Nos 3 to 5 including the weighbridge loop by about 300 feet so that the area adjacent to the factory can be fenced off and protected. The shortening of the roads as suggested will suit railway requirements.
- (h) Up to three placings are made daily with loading etc. for the Co-operative Factory who take delivery from No5 siding road. They also place outwards loading in these sidings with their tractor for clearance daily. On occasions they have loaded up to 15 trucks.

There is no record of any written request by Parsons Bros. for the shortening of the sidings as mentioned in (g) above.

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MAFFRA (Contd.)

38.

SIDING SERVING DEHYDRATION FACTORY:

The Department of Lands and Survey has advised that the property known as the Dehydration Factory at Maffra was sold in 1948 to Mr. Hugh Williams of Kew who is responsible for the payment of maintenance charges in connection with the railway siding serving such premises.

The annual maintenance charge is £47. Mr. Williams has recently been written by the Secretary for Railways regarding an agreement with him and his reply is awaited.

(50/12057)

SITE FOR FACTORY

39.

Ready Made Quick Frozen Foods Ltd., a company concerned in the production of quick frozen fruits and vegetables, is interested in the purchase of the former dehydration factory building at Maffra but the site upon which this building is situated is not sufficient for the Company's requirements and its representatives have inquired, per the Premier's Department, as to the possibility of its purchasing or leasing on a long term basis an area of adjoining railway land.

On 7.11.51 the Secretary for Railways advised the Premier's Department that the Commissioners are prepared, subject to the consent of the Governor in Council, to lease the area desired to the Company, under certain conditions and also contingent upon satisfactory arrangements being made for the relocation of the low voltage line which traverses the proposed lease area.

If the offer of the lease is accepted and the Company is desirous of utilising the adjoining railway siding, the conditions under which the Commissioners will permit this to be done will be conveyed to the Company. The area commences 5 feet from the concrete invert near the down end of the passenger platform being about 78 feet deep there from the boundary post and wire fence and extends in the down direction 795 feet tapering off to a point at the extreme down end.

(50/9009)

SIDING FOR NESTLES' FOOD SPECIALTIES.

40.

Nestles' Food Specialties (Aust.) Ltd., requested provision of additional siding accommodation. A railway construction comap, which will be required until 1954, is on the desired site and the matter is pending vacation of it.

(50/1240)

MILK COY'S. SIDING.

41.

Instructions have been issued for rearrangement of the Maffra Co-operative Milk Products Coy's private siding (£917).

Waiting on advice from the Company.

(48/8876)

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NEW OFFICE OUTSIDE GOODS SHED.

Instructions have been issued for erection of a new 12' x 14' office on outside of goods shed.

This work is to commence early.

(50/3956)

GOODS OFFICE HEATING

43.

In June last the District Superintendent urged the provision of a kerosene heater in the goods office where no fire place is provided.

Papers were forwarded to the Amenities Committee recommending the application be given a No.1 priority and it is understood that this location is on the distribution list for the next lot to be supplied.

ELECTRIC BELL

44.

It was proposed to provide an electric bell to aid the Gatekeeper who operates the gates on 'up' side of McAllister River Bridge.

As staff is not at present available the matter has been pending for 12 months.

(W & W.454/51)

D.R. 443.

45.

Instructions have been issued for enclosing verandah and provision of louvred window therein (£40) at D.R.443. Awaiting staff

(W & W.10930/50)

COMPLETED

46.

14.10.50 Relocation of telephone wires for S.E.C.

47.

1. 5.51 Provision of power point and erection of 12' x 10' hut at D.R.440.

48.

22.10.51 Extension of siding by 110 feet for Cereal Processors (Vic.) Pty. Ltd. (£236)

MAFFRA - BOISDALE

49.

CONSTRUCTION OF CROSSING.

The work of constructing a P.C.R. crossing at 133 m. 06 ch. for the Maffra Shire is 10% complete (£122).

(51/6197)

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BOISDALE

50.

COMPLETED

21.7.50 Removal of van goods shed.

BRIAGOLONG

STOCK YARDS.

51.

Because of the decline in traffic the Commissioners agreed on 22.8.51 that no further repairs are to be carried out on these stock trucking yards.

(43/10445)

STRATFORD.

52.

Mr. F. Bryne, Stationmaster (Class 8)

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	3337	2524	1347	874	956	74	80
1950	2588	5120	1532	2546	1961	85	87
1951	2367	4062	1465	1265	1017	51	107

RENEWAL OF STOCK YARDS.

53.

Approval has been given for renewal of stock yards and regrading of stock siding (£1,521) Tenders are being invited for reconstruction work. Earthworks contractor commenced on 1.12.51

(50/2852)

COMPLETED

54.

5.10.51 Abolition of 26' nonstandard loading ramp no longer required and in bad condition.

14. 3.51 Provision of approach warning bells at Hobson Street level crossing 138m. 32 ohms.

55.

STRATFORD - BAIRNSDALE.

56.

RE-SLEEPING

Resleeping of track between 138 m. 40 ch. and 170 m. 60 ch. (£41,525) is in hand.

(49/11162)

MUNRO

Mr. F.W. Delaney, Vol. Caretaker.

57.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total In	Tonnage Out	Wool bales	Livestock Out trucks Cattle-Sheep	
1938	202	478	81	2214	-	-	-
1950	228	214	337	155	-	-	-
1951	105	78	269	17	-	-	-

COMPLETED

58.

14.9.50 Provision of shelf for rear wall of van goods shed for holding small parcels.

FERNBANK

59.

Mr. E.W. Richardson, Asst. Stationmaster (Class 5)

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total In	Tonnage Out	Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks Cattle-Sheep Horses	
1938	1223	1473	373	2248	141	5	32
1950	483	1796	257	1795	465	-	1
1951	604	1625	368	1595	146	-	6

LINDENOW

Mr. T.F. Smith, Stationmaster (Class 8)

60.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle - Sheep Horses	
1938	1527	4014	1245	9887	-	46	28
1950	1922	8420	1997	5959	1218	73	51
1951	1519	10417	1591	8734	640	94	40

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STATIONMASTER'S RESIDENCE

In August last year, Mr. Dynes, Stationmaster, requested the provision of hoods for windows of his residence (D.R.285) which faces the north, similar to the shades provided on an adjacent D.R.

The request was refused as it is not departmental policy to provide shades which will exclude the sunlight from rooms. However, arrangements were made to provide ventilators in the rooms in question.

(W. & W. 12409/50)

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DIVERSION OF WATER

Permission has been granted Bairnsdale Shire to divert water from the street channel into drain on south side of railway between 160 m. 15 c. and culvert at 160 m. 56c. The Shire has been informed that should events show that the culvert at 160 m. 56 c. is unable to reasonably cope with the flow, the licence will be terminated.

(49/10663)

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COMPLETED

27.7.51 Provision of heavy duty transport ramp and crush at stock yards. (£103.)

HILLSIDE

Mrs. A.M. Stanley, Carotakor (Class 3)

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	291	2515	220	6434	88	105	38
1950	272	1686	420	1148	36	60	14
1951	182	1790	323	1439	80	31	4

HEAVY DUTY LOADING RAMP

The question of providing a heavy duty transport ramp and converting existing sheep yards to cattle yards (£200) is under consideration.

(W. & W. 9959/50)

OCCUPATION CROSSING AT 165 m. 79 c. 85 lks.

Mr. A.J. Murphy of Hillside has recently been granted the necessary licence covering use of the occupation crossing mentioned above. Rental 15/- yearly.

(49/10358)



ORBOST

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Mr. W.C. McConnell, Stationmaster (Class 6)Polling Stock Branch - Dr. W. Coad, 1 Engine, 4 on staff.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total In	Tonnage Out	Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks Cattle-Sheep Horses
1938	124	16019	5919	8673	-	612 36
1950	72	57533	7554	25914	5030	818 78
1951	42	52725	7506	24173	1044	443 43

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RESIDENCES

There is no site for a residence in or close to the Orbost station yard which is not subject to flooding, and this is the reason housing near the station has not been provided.

Two residences have been purchased, one in Reed Street (D.R. 3262, now occupied by the Stationmaster) at a cost of £2310 and the other in Scott Street (D.R. 3274, vacant) at a cost of £1560.

CRANE FACILITIES AND SIDING ACCOMMODATION FOR TIMBER TRAFFIC. 69

The District Superintendent, Metropolitan District Engineer and the Timber Reviewer visited Orbost in November 1949 and recommended that in order to cope with the expanding timber and log traffic it was necessary to install an additional crane and a new siding leading off the main line at the up end and running to the rear of the passenger platform, with a new road approach to same in order to isolate the sleeper and log traffic from the goods shed siding. A plan was prepared accordingly with a new crane alongside this dead end siding, with approach road to same to handle timber, ramp on both sides of the siding for the stacking of sleepers and provision for a gantry crane.

The Commissioners approved generally of the permanent scheme outlined on the plan together with the provision of a gantry crane but directed the question of proceeding with this work should be reviewed again in 6 months time in the light of the conditions then obtaining.

Further enquiries were made by the District Superintendent during July last as to the quantities of timber being conveyed by rail and by road. Of the eleven mills at present in operation, four use rail and road, three use only road transport, one provides timber for production of fish boxes, and three use only rail transport. Alstergren's (East Gippsland Timber Company) have been supplying timber by road to Morwell and also to the Snowy River scheme. The Errindindra Timber Company, located about 60 miles from Orbost, has also been supplying timber to the Snowy River project. Log and pole traffic from D. Piazza is about three bogie trucks per week and is all loaded at McMahon's crane where the bulk of the loading is now performed by J. Dowsett. M. Murray loads for the East Gippsland Timber Company and also for Smith Bros. and the Baltic Timber Company. The loading is somewhat light, and we can handle a much greater output than that offering with the existing facilities.

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ORBOST (Cont'd)

CRANE FACILITIES AND SIDING ACCOMMODATION FOR TIMBER TRAFFIC(Cont)

For the four weeks ended 14/7/51, there were 19, 19, 28 and 30 trucks of sawn timber loaded, and 9, 4, 2 and 3 of logs and poles.

The District Superintendent made enquiries in regard to the proposal to install a gantry crane, and states that the local power supply comes from the Butter Factory and is D.C. current and not suitable for power operation of cranes although it was understood that the Factory is waiting on the supply of machinery from Broadford, which will then provide A.C. current at some future date. Wiring, etc., required for this, however, does not extend beyond the town area. He further understood that power from Yallourn is not expected to be available for from approximately 5 to 10 years, the installation at present terminating at Lakes Entrance. Mr. McMahon who has a motor drive installation on the 6 tons crane on the goods shed road, stated he was prepared to provide two diesel motors for the operation of the gantry crane. The District Superintendent considered we could operate a 6 tons mobile crane in conjunction with the existing cranes with every satisfaction. The extent of the loading at present did not warrant any additional facilities at Orbost, but should the traffic revert back to the rail from the road he considered the position could well be met by the provision of a mobile crane.

Further inquiries have been made into the matter in the light of the truck supply and the volume of traffic offering and the Chief Traffic Manager is of the opinion that we can handle the traffic for the present with the existing facilities.

(47/7546)

IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR PIGS AND CATTLE AT STOCK YARDS. 70

The Shire Council and Stock Agents have complained strongly of the inadequate facilities here for the trucking of cattle, particularly when pigs are loaded on the same day, as the latter then occupy several cattle yards and it is not possible to place all cattle for despatch in the holding yards resulting in some being held in the approach lane.

The outwards cattle and pig traffic averages 550 and 160 trucks per annum respectively and investigation disclosed that additional accommodation was warranted. It was agreed to construct six additional pig yards each with paved surface and water trough, sub-division of the cattle general receiving yard which is due for renewal, to create an additional cattle yard, provide a double tier motor discharging ramp and crush for sheep as well as a discharging ramp for cattle and pigs and pave the whole surface of the sheep and cattle yards owing to the slushy conditions that always obtain here during wet weather. Plan and estimated cost £4,466 were prepared and approved in 1946 and the Commissioners authorised the carrying out of the work. Instructions were issued 3/12/46.

Owing to the shortage of manpower it has not been practicable for the Department to carry out the work. As a result of a deputation on tour in 1947 tenders were invited but only one was received for £10,993 and this was not accepted. Further representations were made on tour in 1949 that these improvements be carried out and as departmental staff were still not available to undertake the work, tenders were again invited in May 1950 but none was received.

(CONTINUED)

ORBOST (Cont'd)

IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR PIGS AND CATTLE AT STOCK YARDS (Cont'd)

Last year the Hon. A. E. Lind M. L. A. made representations respecting the inadequate cattle holding yard accommodation and it has been recommended that at least the pig yards portion of the work or alternatively the paving of the surface of the yards be carried out with whatever labor can be obtained.

The Chief Civil Engineer informed the Commissioners on 9/10/50 that the difference in the levels between the proposed new yards and the existing stock yards makes it impracticable to carry out the erection of the pig yards prior to the carrying out of the whole of the work and it was proposed to invite further tenders for the complete job. This was done and at the closing date in January last none was received and the Chief Civil Engineer stated it would not be practicable to make Departmental staff available to do the work.

On 27/4/51 the Chief Civil Engineer informed the Commissioners it was felt no good purpose would be served by calling further tenders for this work at present. Efforts were being made for the building up of a gang for stock yards construction work and it was considered the matter should pend for review in a further six months. As the estimated cost of the work was prepared in 1946 it was further considered the past appropriation should be cancelled and further estimate of cost and appropriation submitted in due course.

The Commissioners approved of this being done and directed the matter be reviewed on 1/10/51.

On 5/10/51 the Chief Civil Engineer reported that as funds are not available to carry out this work the matter might pend for review on 1/7/52.

The Commissioners have accordingly pended the matter for review on that date.

(45/2868)  
(50/8213)

CHARGES FOR USE OF CRANES.

71

On 12/9/51 the Commissioners approved of Mr. J. F. McMahon charging 8d. per 100 super feet for loading timber at the crane on which he installed a power drive on 4/8/47 and for lashing the timber on rail trucks.

(47/7520)

On 14/8/51 the Commissioners approved of the East Gippsland Timber Coy., (A subsidiary Coy. of Alstergren) charging 8d. per 100 super feet when loading timber off motor trucks and 10d. per 100 super feet when load lifted off the ground with the crane on which Alstergren installed a motor engine in 1947.

(47/6797)

ORBOST (Cont'd)

USE OF LINE BY ROAD VEHICLES IN FLOOD TIME.

72.

On tour on 9.5.50 representatives of the Orbost Shire Council requested that the line over the viaduct at the up end of the station be ballasted up to rail level and permission given in flood times for road vehicles to use this as a means of access to the town from the level crossing near the stock yards.

When there were heavy floods the road became blocked, but by using the line as proposed it would be possible to reach the town. There was only one train a day and the Council thought that if they or the Country Roads Board provided a driver to bring road vehicles over the viaduct it would meet the position.

After inspection the Commissioners decided that they are not prepared to accede to the Council's request and the Shire Council was so informed.

(50/5255)

LIGHTING.

73.

Instructions have been issued for provision of improved lighting adjacent to trucking yards (297).

Awaiting staff.

(W & W. 6899/50)

WIRING AT ENGINE SHED.

74

Instructions have been issued for repairs to wiring for electric lighting at engine shed.

Awaiting staff.

(W & W. 6897/51)

COMPLETED.

23.7.51 Provision of additional 6 tons derrick crane at the down end of dead-end siding extension to the main line for timber traffic. 75.

ORBOST - BAIRNSDALE

STRENGTHENING OF LINE

76.

The Greater Gippsland and Snowy River Protection and General Development League made representations in May 1951 to the Hon. the Minister for Public Works that the Bairnsdale-Orbost line be strengthened.

On 26.4.51 the Chairman of Commissioners reported as follows to the Hon. the Minister:-

(Cont'd)

ORBOST - BAIRNSDALE (Cont'd)

STRENGTHENING OF LINE (Cont'd).

76. Cont'd

"The Bairnsdale-Orbost line is 60 miles long, and in common with many other branch lines throughout the State is laid with light rails and with bridges suitable for the types of locomotives used on light lines. To strengthen the Orbost line for use by heavy engines would involve extensive rebuilding of bridges, widening cuttings and embankments and relaying the track with heavier rails. This would involve an expenditure of upwards of a million pounds, and, as the existing track is quite capable of handling all the traffic offering on the line, this would obviously not be justified.

(51/4226)

WAYGARA.

Mrs. M.E. Potter, Vol. Caretaker.

77.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks Cattle-Sheep	
			In	Out			
1938	2	8	15	1	-	-	-
1950	4	61	17	29	-	-	-
1951	-	874	6	497	-	-	-

CRANE FACILITIES.

78.

The Waygara Sawmilling Company has a contract with this Department to supply timber.

A second mill is to be erected in Waygara yard and the output of the two mills is expected to be three trucks of timber daily for this Department for ten years. This traffic warrants the provision of a crane and, accordingly, a 6 tons crane has been transferred from Goodwood Siding, Noojee to Waygara for re-erection there.

On 23.10.51 Messrs. Gibbs, Bright and Coy. who are the selling agents for Waygara Sawmilling Coy., made application to purchase the 6 tons crane now at Waygara.

The Company has been leased a suitable site for its operations and, it is understood, has erected the crane, the value of which is £350 (not erected). The matter of its sale to the Company is under consideration.

(51/1693)

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TOSTAREE

79.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total In	Tonnage Out	Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks Horses-Sheep	
1938	16	48	84	22	-	1	-
1950	-	45	55	34	-	-	-
1951	-	31	85	24	-	-	-

COMPLETED.

28.6.50 Removal of D.R. 2257 to Nowa Nowa. 80.

NOWA NOWA

Mr. J.B.Ainsworth, Asst. Stationmaster (Class 5) 81.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total In	Tonnage Out	Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks Cattle-Sheep Horses	
1938	77	1700	1235	1602	680	23	30
1950	20	12423	2076	8258	1286	25	40
1951	10	13003	2159	6998	574	16	20

CHARGE FOR USE OF CRANE.

82.

Mr. B. McAllen who installed a power drive on the 10 tons crane in 1949 made application in June last to increase his charges for the loading, lashing etc. of timber into trucks from 6d. to 9d. per 100 super feet.

After investigation the Commissioners approved on 23.7.51 of the charge being increased to 8d. per 100 super feet which is equal to 2/4.8 per ton.

The matter is to be reviewed if additional and more consistent loading is made available.

(47/13907)

COMPLETED.

26.6.50. Re-erection of D.R. 2257 ex Tostaree (£989) 83.

COLQUHOUN

84.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	<u>Total Tonnage</u> In                  Out		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u> Cattle-Sheep	
1938	1	8	-	4	-	-	-
1950	-	877	-	791	-	-	-
1951	-	517	32	704	-	-	-

BRUTHEN

Mr. R.H. Arthur, Relvg. Stationmaster (Station Class 8)

85.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	<u>Total Tonnage</u> In                  Out		Wool bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u> Cattle-Sheep Horses	
1938	152	4859	2489	3461	-	208	62
1950	13	13482	4131	6777	5556	81	17
1951	3	10114	3745	4626	1201	87	18

ALTERATIONS TO STOCK YARDS.

86.

On 27.1.48 the Commissioners approved of the renewal of the stock trucking yards at an estimated cost of £725.

This cost included concrete surfacing of cattle race and crush and pig yard, provision of pig shelter in new position, water trough in pig yard with tank water supply, light type transport ramp leading into pig yard and renewal of fencing and gates.

Due to shortages and other urgent works, it has been found impracticable to carry out this work. On 3.5.51 the Chief Civil Engineer reported that with minor repairs as required the yards can be kept in reasonable working order for a further period of 18 months by which time it is hoped that a stock yards renewal gang will be available.

The matter is pended for review on 1.5.52.

(46/920)

COMPLETED.

87.

31.5.50. Provision of dead-end siding at rear of down end of passenger platform for handling sleeper traffic (£1771)

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MOSSIFACE

Mrs. N.I. Darvell, Caretaker (Class 4). 88.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	
1938	29	1206	136	1706	-	-	-
1950	1	4245	33	2460	-	-	-
1951	-	2979	28	1402	-	-	-

CRANE POWER:

89.

In 1949 it was agreed to transfer the 6 tons crane from Yarra Glen to Mossiface and re-erect it there for the timber and pole traffic. However, before this could be done, the loaders of poles, McKenzie Bros. and Mr. Kennedy, obtained mobile cranes of their own.

The crane ex Yarra Glen has been erected at Orbost and the question of provision of a crane at Mossiface has been pending for review on 1.1.52.

(48/3220)

BUMBERRAH

Mrs. D.E. Loby, Caretaker (Class 3). 90.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	13	803	672	508	-	1	60
1950	7	2037	876	1645	80	12	30
1951	-	984	874	333	75	16	12

EXTENSION TELEPHONE TO CARETAKER'S RESIDENCE.

91.

The Postal Department installed an extension bell instead of an extension telephone in the residence of the Caretaker and the Chief Civil Engineer has been requested to arrange for a telephone to be provided.

(51/2341)

COMPLETED.

22.6.51 Reconstruction of stock yards (£1,595)

92.



CLAYBANK

93.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	<u>Total Tonnage</u> In      Out		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u> Cattle-Sheep	
1938	-	8	-	2	-	-	-
1950	-	1	6	-	-	-	-
1951	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

NICHOLSON

94.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	<u>Total Tonnage</u> In      Out		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u> Cattle-Sheep	
1938	-	40	95	58	-	-	-
1950	-	131	198	143	54	-	3
1951	-	13	124	15	51	-	-

BAIRNSDALE

Mr. C. Beuthin, Relvg. Stationmaster (Station Class 3)

95.

Rollingstock Branch - Driver-in-Chge. A. Timms, 3 engines.  
12 on staff

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	<u>Total Tonnage</u> In      Out		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u> Cattle-Sheep Horses	
1938	14172	20838	16466	6485	-	548	186
1950	19504	53681	24015	11463	3376	1189	477
1951	17866	47364	19346	8535	1891	1100	397

TIMBER SIDING AND CRANE.

96.

It has been agreed that the present crane site is not suitable and in view of the increasing timber and log traffic from this district, the Commissioners approved in 1948 of the construction of a new siding on the up side of the McArthur Street level crossing with the necessary metallised loading frontage and road approaches to same and the relocation of the crane thereon at estimated cost £3160, the work to be taken in hand and completed as early as practicable.

When this is done a Mr. Jenner will attach a power unit to the crane at his own expense and operate it under the usual conditions. Mr. Jenner asked permission to install the power drive on the crane in its present position, but this was not approved.

It is not possible to load any quantity of timber with the crane in its present position and this has led to much of the traffic being diverted to the road until such time as the work approved is carried out. The earthworks and roadway have been completed. Waiting staff for balance of work.

(48/10047)

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BAIRNSDALE (Cont'd)

RECONSTRUCTION OF PASSENGER ROAD APPROACH.

97.

When the extension and re-arrangement of the station buildings were completed in 1941, the Commissioners approved of the reconstruction of the station entrance and passenger road approach which were to be provided with a bitumen surface, and also the construction of a beautification plot, it being considered that the present approach was not satisfactory or suitable for the heavy co-ordinated bus services to and from this station.

The Shire Council submitted an estimate of £400 for the work but in view of the labor and materials position, the carrying out of the work was deferred.

On tour in 1949 the Shire Council again requested the carrying out of the improvements to this approach road and suggested that the fence at the up end be moved back to make more room available for the eight or nine buses and up to thirty cars which sometimes occupy the yard. The Commissioners said that if the Council could undertake the re-surfacing job they would be prepared to have this done, provided the Council carried out and undertook to maintain the beautification work.

The Shire Engineer (Mr. Vaughan) said they could do the resealing for this Department and the Shire President (Councillor Gilsenan) said he thought the Council would look after the beautification. The Commissioners undertook to look into the proposed realignment of the fence. The Shire Council considered that the congestion in the yard was caused mainly by the buses not parking in an orderly manner ready to depart, also parking of cars too close to the station building interfered with pedestrian traffic and this could be obviated by providing a row of posts in front of the station verandah.

The decision of the Shire regarding the carrying out of the work is awaited.

(46/15220).

CROSSING WORK.

98.

Plan and estimate are being prepared for renewal of crossing work at up end of yard between 170 m. 77 chs. 42 lks. and 171 m. 01 chs. 64 lks. After the completion of this work the released material will be used in repairing the crossing work at the down end. With slight repairs the three throw at 171 m. 14 chs. 57lks. will be kept in serviceable condition for a little longer.  
(W & W 4782/50).

PRIVATE SIDING.

99.

The Caltex Oil Coy. Pty. Ltd. has requested the extension of the stock siding for use by the Company for the discharge of rail tank cars.

A suggestion by the Stationmaster that the new timber siding be used would not be practicable because there would be quite a delay in placing trucks and disturbance to timber loading operations.

A scheme has been prepared and is being submitted for consideration by the Commissioners.

(51/3972)

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BAIRNSDALE (Cont'd)

SIDING FOR BRITISH CELANESE LTD.

100.

The British Celanese Coy. Ltd. enquired per the Hon. The Minister regarding provision of private siding accommodation and was advised of the general conditions covering construction of private sidings and requested to lodge a deposit to cover preliminary investigations.

The Company appears to be proceeding with a proposal to construct a siding at Geelong before Bairnsdale.

(50/2125).

TELEPHONES.

101.

The provision of direct communication between Bairnsdale and Traralgon will not be provided because of the high cost involved.

The work of providing separate postal telephone for the goods shed is in hand.

A local telephone has been provided between the station and loco. shed and the selector telephone connected to an extension on the telegraph bench.

(Suggestion 50429)

EXTENSION TELEPHONE.

102.

Arrangements are in hand with the Postal Department to provide an extension of the postal telephone to the passenger clerk's telegraph desk so that he may attend to it with minimum interference with his clerical duties.

BUCHANAN STREET CROSSING.

103.

On tour in April, 1949, the Shire Council requested that flashing light signals be installed at the Buchanan Street crossing at the down end of the station. It was stated that most of the 1,500 children who attend the High School passed over this crossing daily. The view of the crossing was obscured by the engine shed and it was considered that there was a considerable element of danger for pedestrians having in mind the shunting and train movements over the crossing. This, it was considered by the Council, justified the provision of warning signals.

The Commissioners considered that if reasonable care were exercised by road users, there was very little danger at the crossing in question. When shunting movements were made over the crossing, there was always a railway employe in attendance to warn road traffic of the presence of an engine or moving vehicles, and apart from this, the crossing was no different from many others throughout the State where road users had simply to be on the lookout.

It was considered that there was no justification for the provision of flashing light signals and the request was therefore declined.

(49/4573).

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BAIRNSDALE (Cont'd).

P.C.R. CROSSING.

104.

To improve the view at P.C.R. crossing at 172 m. 12 chs. 32lks. a triangular piece of land has been acquired.

Scrub growing on railway property has been removed and the Shire of Bairnsdale requested not to plant trees where they will cause obstruction to roadusers' view of crossing.

(48/3603)

LOCKERS ETC. AT GOODS SHED.

105.

In May last the A.R.U. requested the provision of seven clothing lockers at the goods shed - 4 for regular daily paid staff and 3 for casuals. A request was also made for an electric urn and lavatory accommodation for both sexes.

After investigation it was decided that five clothes lockers should be provided and these were ordered on 14/8/51.

The request for lavatory accommodation was refused as sanitary conveniences are conveniently accessible on the passenger platform 35 yards from the goods shed.

The request for electric urn was also refused as the roster provides for the goods shed staff being able to go home for meals and, in any case, an electric urn is available in the parcels office.

ELECTRIC LIGHT IN GOODS SHED.

106.

Instructions have been issued for provision of two electric lights in goods shed.

Awaiting staff.

(W & W. 6945/49)

WASH BASIN IN GOODS OFFICE.

107

Arrangements have been made to provide a portable wash stand and basin in the goods office as ablution facilities were not provided for in the construction of the new goods office.

RUBBER TYRED HAND TRUCK.

108

Two rubber tyred wheels have been forwarded to the goods shed to replace the iron wheels on a hand truck for trial purposes.

A report is to be submitted in a month's time as to the suitability of such wheels.

(51/1232)

CLOSING PORTION OF WHARF LINE.

109.

On 6/7/50 the Commissioners approved of that portion of the wharf line beyond 171 m. 21 chs. 65 lks. (Goodman's private siding), being closed to traffic.

(49/11381).

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BAIRNSDALE (Cont'd)

TRAIN EXAMINERS' CABIN AND LOCO. STOREHOUSE. 110.

Instructions have been issued for re-arrangement of Train Examiners' Cabin and Loco. Storehouse.

Lighting has been installed in Train Examiners' Cabin; the remaining work is waiting availability of staff.

(W & W. 8764/48)  
(W & W. 4367/48)

SAND HOUSE. 111

Instructions have been issued for erection of new sand house adjacent to sub-depot building.

Awaiting staff. (W & W. 8729/51)

PRIVATE SIDING. 112

Instructions have been issued for provision of a private siding to serve S.E.C. pole storage depot (£4,858).

Waiting on S.E.C. to supply timbers and staff.  
(51/1991)

CLEANING OF STOCK TRUCKS 113

Bairnsdale is one of the stations selected for the hand cleaning of stock trucks and the Contractor appointed to undertake this work here has requested the provision of a short platform (inexpensive gang plank type) between the loading races and the dead-end to facilitate the cleaning of trucks prior to their being hand shunted empty to the loading races.

It was agreed that this was a desirable facility and instructions have been issued for the work which is awaiting staff.  
(W & W. 2940/49)

COMPLETED.

26/11/51	New goods office and extension of shed accommodation	114
16/2/51	Installation of electric light in Train Examiner's Cabin	115
7/3/51	Provision of covering on floor of Rest House	116
11/4/51	Provision of additional power point in D.R.290.	117
15/6/51	Provision of light over door of Rest House	118

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<u>MONTGOMERY</u>							119
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			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	
1938	41	1167	352	648	71	44	100
1950	-	267	177	255	-	-	-
1951	-	204	217	209	-	-	-

MONTGOMERY - FULHAM 120

RELAYING

Relaying between 131 m. 12 c. and 127 m. 12 c. (£38,540)  
is in hand. (50/7683)

<u>SALE</u>							121
<u>Mr. D. Little, Stationmaster, (Class 4).</u>							
Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £.	<u>Total Tonnage</u>		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out trucks</u>	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	13148	14320	16127	8088	-	258	145
1950	26726	37317	28871	7809	3648	396	254
1951	23620	32778	22508	5501	1638	357	196

ELECTRIFICATION OF LINE TO SALE 122.

On tour on 9.5.50 representatives of the local Council stated that the Council was anxious that the proposed electrification of the main line be extended to Sale instead of terminating at Traralgon. The Mayor, Cr. G. Valentine, stated that Sale was about to be proclaimed a city, recently two English firms had completed arrangements to establish factories there and during the next two years the expenditure on these would be in the vicinity of a million pounds. East of the town there were 28 timber mills operating and it was considered that the traffic likely to be offering would more than justify the expenditure on extending the electrification scheme. Councillor Jones stated that at the present time there was a large amount of haulage of logs done by road through Sale and he felt that if this were diverted to the rail, it would go a long way towards providing the revenue required to meet the cost of electrification.

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Electrification of Line to Sale (Cont'd)

"The Commissioners outlined what is being done to improve the Department's capacity to give still better service. Electrification of the main line as far as Sale was principally a matter of economics. There was no doubt about it being a payable proposition as far as Traralgon due to the enormous brown coal and briquette traffic arising from the development of the Morwell brown coal deposits. Beyond Traralgon, however, they were afraid that the traffic at present in sight would not be sufficient to justify the high outlay involved.

They assured Councillor Jones that the Department was fully aware of the extent of the road traffic referred to by him and this was taken into consideration when looking into the question of electrifying the line.

They agreed with the view of the Council that rail traffic from Sale would increase considerably as the area was further developed, and said that when the stage was reached that the prospective revenue would be sufficient to justify it, they would have no hesitation in recommending that the electrification of the line be extended as requested. They were sorry, however, that they would not be justified in doing this at present."

(50/5209)

LOOP LINE :

123

On tour in April 1949 the local Council requested the Commissioners to give consideration to the provision of a loop line to obviate the shunting movements now necessary after arrival and before departure of passenger trains.

In reply the Commissioners said that the matter had been looked into previously and even if it were a feasible one it would be some considerable time before it could be adopted.

(49/4483)

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM.

124

A public address system will be installed at Sale when staff can be made available (£145). (Since completed).

(48/5589)

PARCELS OFFICE

125

The parcels office at Sale is not large enough for requirements and approval has been given to a scheme of improvement. The principal features are the incorporation of the existing ladies' waiting room into the parcels office, provision of additional racks, and conversion of the ante-room to the ladies' lavatories to form a 13'6" x 11' ladies' waiting room £325.

Instructions issued 29.11.51.

(51/9910)

REFRESHMENT ROOMS

126

Instructions have been issued for :-

- (a) replacement of broken window in Manager's room.
- (b) rehangng of wire door of staff bedroom.
- (c) patching of linoleum.

Awaiting staff.

(W.W. 8088/51.)

(Continued)

FISH SHED

In August last year it was agreed that the 10' x 10' galvanized iron fish shed on the passenger platform be removed for use elsewhere. However in view of the use made of the shed when the goods train service is curtailed it was later considered the shed should be retained.

The matter has been pended for review on 1.4.52.

(W.W.8851/50)

PRIVATE SIDING

128.

The Bradford Dyeing Association has requested that the construction of a private siding for it (£4,151) be deferred indefinitely.

(50/1119)

LINOLEUM IN GOODS OFFICE

129.

In June last the District Superintendent urged the replacement of the badly worn linoleum as it permitted draughts of air to blow through the cracks in the goods office floor which is 2'6" above ground level.

In view of the Commissioners' general policy regarding supply of linoleum, the papers were forwarded to the Secretary for favourable consideration.

RUBBER TYRED HAND TRUCK

130.

Two rubber tyred wheels have been forwarded to the goods shed to replace the iron wheels on a hand truck for trial purposes.

A report is to be submitted in a month's time as to the suitability of such wheels.

(51/1232)

SIGNAL BOX

131.

Instructions have been issued for repairs to signal box and renewal of equipment in basement of same (£1,196).

Awaiting staff.

(W & W.234/48)

D.R.3195.

132.

Instructions have been issued for repairs to D.R.3195 (£173). This work involves the renewal of paling fence at rear and the matter is being taken up with Mr. O.Swenson, owner of the adjoining property, with a view of his meeting half the cost.

(49/9782)

(No's 133 and 134 ARE NON-ISSUES)

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SALE (Contd.)

PURCHASE OF RESIDENCE.

135.

A residence has been purchased at the corner of McAlister and Marley Streets (£1850) and instructions issued for necessary repairs (£102).

Awaiting staff.

(49/5922)

LOCO. DEPOT AND TRACKS ETC.

136.

Approval was given some years ago for the erection of a new Loco. Depot on new site on up side of level crossing, the re-arrangement of the tracks at the up end and the extension of the passenger platform. Tenders were invited for the erection of the new Loco. Depot but none was received.

The matter is to be again reviewed in April 1952.

COMPLETED

137.

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|-----------|---|------|
| 10. 8.51. | Provision of an additional power point at D.R. 3195                   |      |
| 29.10.51. | Erection of two prefabricated houses (£4914).                         | 138. |
| 23.12.50. | Alterations to tracks in connection with demolition of wharf. (£450). | 139. |
| 7.11.51.  | Provision of two dog boxes.   | 140. |
| 26.10.51. | Provision of sleepout at D.R. 3212 (£144).                            | 141. |
| -         | Our Note No. 142 is Non-issue   | -    |
| 9.11.51.  | Provision of sleepout at D.R. 3213                                    | 143. |
| 6. 2.51.  | Installation of pilot lamp in Refreshment Rooms                       | 144. |
| 6. 4.51.  | Renewal of line on floor of signalbox.                                | 145. |
| 8. 6.50.  | Provision of catch points in Canal Road ahead of post No.5.           | 146. |
| 2. 7.51.  | Provision of public address system on station platform (£122).        | 147. |

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SALE, WARRAGUL AND MELBOURNE.

148.

IMPROVED TELEPHONE SERVICE

Instructions were issued on 20.1.49 for the provision of improved telephone service between Melbourne, Warragul and Sale (£9,000).

The work from Melbourne to Warragul has been completed and the work beyond Warragul is held up pending a decision as to what actual telephonic communication service will be required so far as selector traffic telephone, station services, teleprinter services, etc., are concerned. between Melbourne, Warragul, Moe and Yallourn, and Morwell and Traralgon, especially as it is now necessary that the cables for the telephone services in these areas be placed underground because of the electrification of the line.

(47/14553)

FULHAM

149.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	<u>Total Tonnage</u> In                      Out		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u> Cattle-Sheep	
1938	415	272	171	277	19	-	-
1950	544	417	176	131	26	-	-
1951	1332	726	254	99	-	-	-

ABOLITION OF OCCUPATION CROSSING

150.

Instructions have been issued for abolition of occupation crossing at 116m. 68ch. 56lks.

Awaiting staff.

(48/2730).

KILMANY

151.

Mr. G.B. Taylor, Asst. Stationmaster (Class 5) and Mrs. S. Taylor,  
Caretaker (Class 3).

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	<u>Total Tonnage</u> In                      Out		Wool bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u> Cattle-Sheep Horses	
1938	1041	1045	561	738	510	16	62
1950	842	3585	818	1616	569	135	135
1951	665	2876	749	734	172	98	122

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KILMANY (Contd.)

STOCK YARDS

152.

A layout for the renewal of the stock yards has been prepared and approved by the local graziers and stock agents concerned the estimated cost being £1487.

Provision will be made for a double deck ramp for the unloading of sheep from both top and bottom decks of transports when the work approved on the plan is being carried out.

Necessary repairs and renewals have recently been completed and the question of the reconstruction of the whole of the yards as per the plan (No.409/50) has been pending for review on 1.2.52.

(49/13532)  
(50/5200)

D.R.271

153.

Instructions have been issued to convert the existing bathroom to a bedroom 12' x 8' and provide bathroom on back verandah. This work will be commenced when carpenters are finished at Sale.

(W & W.7800/44)

KILMANY - FLYNN

RELAYING

154.

Relaying from 11m. 16 ch. to 110m. to 21ch. and from 113m. 40 ch. to 11m. 30ch. (£37,970) is in hand.

(51/6743)

ROSEDALE

Mr. E.L. Pitts, Stationmaster (Class 8) 155.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Revenue		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	9618	2726	1080	1476	1182	45	134
1950	4213	4756	1677	1041	1901	140	182
1951	4148	3320	1377	438	1241	73	72

STOCK YARDS - DISCHARGING RAMP ETC. 156.

On tour in April 1949 the local Shire Council made representations that the discharging ramp at the stock yards be replaced, the present one being too low even for the bottom tier of a road vehicle. A wider ramp with provision for discharging from both tiers of a road vehicle and also repairs generally to the yard were desired.

On inspection it was found that some gates had dropped and several rails were broken. These have since been placed in order.

In regard to the provision of a new ramp, the Council was advised that this would have to wait owing to the shortage of men and materials.

(49/4071)

D.R.266. 157.

A request from Mr. E.L. Pitts, Stationmaster, that additional bedroom accommodation be provided was refused.

It was suggested that, to provide more wall space in the existing second and third bedrooms, the mantelpieces might be removed and the fireplaces bricked up. This scheme is not favoured by Mr. Pitts who submitted a further suggestion that the kitchen and adjacent room be joined under same roof thus giving an additional 5 feet of room space.

This matter is under consideration.

(W & W.9632/51)

WATER SUPPLY AT DR.269 158.

At present there is a reticulated water supply and one tank at this residence but, as the reticulated supply is said to be unfit for human consumption, the occupant has requested the provision of an additional 600 gallon tank.

The matter is under consideration.

(W & W.9762/51)

COMPLETED

9.11.51. Provision of water troughs and water supply to the stockyards. (£48) 159.

22.2.51. Removal of dead trees from stockyards. 160.

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FLYNN

161.

Mrs. M. A. Merrett, Caretaker (Class 3)

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage In	Out	Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks Cattle-Sheep Horses
1938	206	648	245	10	50	61 65
1950	208	856	501	28	159	85 25
1951	264	676	277	2	59	58 26

FLYNN - TRARALGON

RELAYING

162.

Relaying from 101m, 40c to 100m, 60c and from 104m, 73c to 101m, 53c. (£43,364) is in hand.  
(50/7821)

LOY YANG

163.

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage In	Out	Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks Cattle-Sheep
1938	28	29	16	82	-	- -
1950	8	5	32	-	-	- -
1951	1	-	17	-	-	- -

TRARALGON

164.

Mr. M.M.O'Meara, Relvg. Stationmaster (Station Class 3)

Rolling Stock Branch - Depot Foreman Mr. G. Muhlhan; 10 engines, 79 on staff

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage In	Out	Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks Cattle-Sheep Horses
1938	14866	10365	7934	3333	770	314 112
1950	27504	22121	15512	3158	1020	270 135
1951	27367	20515	13899	1643	327	189 75

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PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL STORAGE SIDINGS AND REMODELLING OF YARD.

On 27.9.50 the Operating Improvement Committee submitted a report to the Commissioners in which it was stated that shunting operations in the Traralgon yard are hampered by insufficient sidings for storing trucks, passenger stock and vans and by the inadequacy in number and length of passing loops and of sidings for making up trains. The shed accommodation is inadequate and loading and unloading operations on the siding are too confined and subject to interruption through movements of trucks. The passenger facilities reasonably serve requirements. The population of the town is increasing and with the development of the brown coal resources in the Latrobe Valley and the industries in the district the town will further expand. Although nothing definite has been reported yet there is an immense brown coal field within two miles of Traralgon and it is thought that considerable development involving the operation of briquette plant will take place after the Morwell project has been put into operation.

A plan has been prepared of the proposed railway facilities catering for the prospective development of the brown coal resources and for industries that may be started in the district and providing for duplication and regrading between Traralgon and Morwell and possible duplication to Sale. The goods shed and yard rearrangement which will necessitate the termination of certain business leases should be adequate for a considerable time and provision can be made for increasing their extent if necessary.

The Committee said the existing stock yards facilities need not be interfered with at present but a new site for the yards is available on railway land on the down side of Traralgon Creek when required. By the time this is found to be necessary the position, the extent and nature of business to be catered for and the effect of proposed district stock yards and abattoirs near Morwell will be known. The Committee considered that the most urgent requirement is the construction of two additional storage roads at the immediate up end of the passenger platform leading off the main line in the up direction, estimated cost £5482, and that the yard be remodelled in accordance with the plan at cost £50,000 and carried out as early as practicable.

On 9.11.50 the Commissioners approved of this report and its recommendations and stated provision had been made in the new Loan Bill for the sum of £10,000 towards the cost of the work including a proposed mechanical coal handling plant. Instructions have been issued for the provision of the two storage sidings at the up end of the passenger platform (£5482).

The P.M.G. Department is at present relocating cables and our work will commence when this has been done.

(50/2641)

PARKING FACILITIES.

166.

The parking area for motor vehicles is rather limited, it being approximately 225 ft. by 45 ft.

The width of 45 ft. could be extended by removing three trees, but a considerable quantity of filling would be necessary at the area towards Railway St. is very low.

A through road has been suggested by the Shire of Traralgon which would permit of one way traffic and is the more desirable proposal. The estimated cost of providing this road is £628. It has been recommended that this Department offer to pay half the cost, the Shire to pay the remainder.

(51/7025) (CONTINUED)

REQUEST FOR PLAN OF NEW YARD.

In January 1951, the Shire of Traralgon requested per the Hon. the Minister that a copy of the plan of the proposed layout of the Traralgon yard be forwarded the Council as such plan might be of assistance in the planning of works in the vicinity.

The Chairman replied to the Hon. the Minister that "It is not customary to make plans of departmental proposals of the nature in question available to outside bodies, but particulars of the project at Traralgon, as it may affect the local Municipality, could be obtained upon personal representation to the Chief Civil Engineer".

(51/318)

STOCK YARDS.

168.

The Shire Council has made representations on many occasions during the last ten years in regard to the condition and location of the stock yards and requested their removal to a site at the down end of the station which site was purchased some time ago for the erection of a locomotive depot but not used for that purpose.

It was stated in 1939 that the Council intended to erect municipal sale yards adjacent to this land and, in accordance with the usual practice, the railway stockyards should be situated closeby.

The estimated cost of the siding to serve the new yards was £4220 which amount the Council was requested to bear. Because of the war, in 1940 the Council decided to defer the matter until hostilities ceased. Since then complaints have been made by the Council as to the fencing and surface and access to the yards. In the latter connection a proposal was approved to lease a strip of land to the Council for the formation of a lane approach to the yards so as to ease the position on the Princes Highway but the Council would not accept the conditions of the lease.

On tour in April 1949, the Shire Council indicated to the Commissioners that it was still desired that the stock trucking facilities be transferred as they were most unsatisfactory and renewal was long overdue. The Commissioners replied that they had been prepared for a long time to either attend to the stock yards on their existing site or replace them on a site adjacent to the proposed sale yards if the Council would pay for the additional siding required in connection with the latter proposal.

To require the Council to pay this was in accordance with a long standing practice from which there was no justification for the Commissioners departing in this case. If the Council decided to abandon its proposal to erect sale yards and would furnish a plan showing where it was now desired that the trucking facilities be located, the matter would be given further consideration.

In September 1949, the Graziers' Association complained of the condition of the yards and some attention was given them. The Association was advised that the yards have reached a stage where further extensive renewals would be uneconomical but minor repairs will continue to be carried out from time to time until the yards are renewed.

On tour in May 1950 the Shire Council again mentioned the condition of the trucking yards and urged that some action be taken. The Commissioners explained that developments at Traralgon might necessitate relocation of the stock yards. A comprehensive investigation was at present being made of probable yard requirements, and when this was completed the Commissioners would be in a position to make a decision in regard to the renewal of the stock yards. In the meantime an effort would be made to keep the existing facilities in reasonable working order.

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TRARALGON (Contd.)

168 (Contd.)

STOCK YARDS (Contd.)

In June, 1950, McLean and Hill Pty.Ltd., Stock and Station Agents, wrote drawing attention to the state of the yards and requesting some action be taken. This firm was given a reply similar to that given the Shire Council on tour in May 1950. The papers, have been pending for review on 1.12.51 and will be available on tour.

(49/4728)

BRIDGE OR LEVEL CROSSING

169.

When on tour in April, 1949 the Commissioners were asked by the local Council to provide a bridge or level crossing on the up side of the existing undercrossing. It was stated that there was a considerable amount of congestion at this crossing which was intensified when stock was driven through.

The Commissioners said that if the Council were willing to bear the cost of an additional bridge they would be willing to have the matter investigated, but would not consider taking any action except on this basis. With the increasing rail and road traffic to Traralgon, a level crossing would not be agreed to.

In August, 1950 the Latrobe Valley Development Advisory Committee requested that the Chief Civil Engineer investigate the possibility of providing a road bridge over the railway in the vicinity of the Base Hospital at Traralgon.

The Secretary for Railways replied that while it would be practicable to construct a bridge over the line at its present level, it may be necessary, in the event of the line being subsequently regraded, to remove the bridge and build a new one at another location.

The cost of providing the bridge would require to be borne by some authority other than this Department and any subsequent costs incurred in removing the bridge and erecting it elsewhere would also require to be borne by some authority.

(49/4528)

STATION BUILDINGS AND V.R.I.

170.

A tender has been accepted for painting station buildings and institute.

(W. & W. 13194/48)

V. R. I.

171.

Instructions have been issued for provision of an additional safety device on doors of V.R.I. buildings. Staff is at present at Traralgon and will attend to this matter early.

(W. & W. 11361/49)

GASSING OF CARS.

172.

In July last the Sup't. Train Services urged the provision of four additional gassing points to avoid train delays which occur when it is necessary to set back trains containing P.L.stock.

In view of the cost (£308) the papers have been recently forwarded to the District Sup't. to arrange for a check to be maintained for a period of a month showing the delays which occurred to trains by reason of the desired additional points not being available.

(W. & W. 8368/51).

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TRARALGON (Contd.)

YARD LIGHTING

173.

The shunting staff complained of the repeated failure of the globes in the yard lighting and it was suggested that rewiring was necessary.

A recent inspection revealed that the yard lighting installation is in good condition and could not in any way affect the life of the lamps.

Upon test the line voltage was found to vary from 230 to 245V and the Stationmaster has been advised to install 250V lamps.

(W. & W. 8021/51)

POWER DRIVE ON CRANE.

174.

The 6 tons derrick crane has a power drive owned by H. Beecham & Coy., whose employes use such power drive, other clients operating the crane manually. This power drive is not suitable for Departmental use and, in view of the heavy use made of the crane and development of industries in the district, the Commissioners have recently approved of the installation by the Department of an electric drive on the crane at an estimated cost of £488, the crane to be then available for general use.

(46/4255)

EXTENSION OF GOODS SHED.

175.

The extension to the goods shed is in use. Drainage will be given attention early. (£608)

(51/2083)

DIRECT TELEPHONE LINE TO GOODS SHED.

176.

The local Chamber of Commerce requested in June 1951 that a direct telephone line be provided to the goods shed as delays were occurring with the present system of switching calls for the goods shed through the Stationmaster's office.

As busy periods in the passenger office, the limited staff is not able to promptly cope with all requirements and the cost to provide a direct telephone to the goods shed is an increase of approximately £3 per annum rental. The Commissioners have recently approved of a direct telephone being provided and the Postal Department has been requested to install it.

(51/6497)

RUBBER TYRED HAND TRUCK.

177.

Two rubber tyred wheels have been forwarded to the goods shed to replace the iron wheels on a hand truck for trial purposes.

A report is to be submitted in a month's time as to the suitability of such wheels.

(51/1232)

COVERING SIGNAL WIRES.

178.

Instructions have been issued for signal wires to be covered for a distance of 30 feet between the gas tank and the point where the existing protective covering ends. (£247).. Awaiting staff.

(49/13617)

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TRARALGON (Contd.)

MECHANICAL COAL HANDLING PLANT. 179.

The question of providing mechanical coal handling plant and overhead storage facilities at Traralgon is under consideration.

(49/4251)

ACCOMMODATION FOR ENGINEMEN. 180.

The Commissioners have approved of the provision of two 12' x 10' portables as additional sleeping accommodation for resting enginemen at estimated cost of £720. This work will be done early.

(51/8795)

DRIVERS' ROOM 181.

Instructions have been issued for provision of a light over the door of the Drivers' Room at Loco Depot.

Awaiting staff.

(W. & W. 3053/51)

BICYCLE SHELTER FOR LOCO STAFF. 182.

The Commissioners have approved of the provision of a shelter for 25 bicycles of the Loco Shed staff at an estimated cost of £228. Instructions issued. Awaiting staff.

(50/9615)

LOCO DEPOT CONVENIENCES. 183.

Approval has been given for the construction of new conveniences at Loco Depot (£518) and the work will be carried out as soon as staff can be made available.

(46/14214)

LOCO DEPOT ANNEXE. 184.

Instructions have been issued for provision of an annexe adjoining the engine shed for accommodation of engine metallier. (£146)

Awaiting staff.

(W. & W. 13390/48)

LOCO STOREHOUSE. 185.

Instructions have been issued for provision of shelving in loco storehouse for storage of diesel rail car lubricants.

Will be done early.

(W. & W. 9712/49)

LOCO OFFICE LIGHTING. 186.

A request for additional lighting at loco office is under consideration.

(W. & W. 8883/50)

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TRARALGON (Contd.)

LIGHTING OF COAL STAGE.

187.

The work of providing lighting at coal stage is in hand.

(W. & W. 5911/50)

LEASE OF LAND TO SHELL COY.

188.

The Shell Company of Aust. Ltd., enquired regarding the least of railway land but later advised that, as it had purchased land at the corner of Dunbar and Shakespeare Streets, Traralgon, the leasehold site would not be required.

After verbal discussion the question of providing siding facilities has been left in abeyance.

(50/2039)

D. R. 258.

189.

Instructions have been issued for general re-arrangement of D.R. 258 (£200)

It is anticipated that this work will commence in February, 1952.

(W. & W. 10487/46)

LAVATORY ROOFS.

190.

Attention is being given to leaking lavatory roofs.

(W. & W. 11164/51)

COMPLETED.  
11.10.51

Erection of two notice boards for taxi stands. 191.

19.5.51.

Electric lighting and power in Workers' Camp. 192.

22.3.51

Provision of internal bathroom, new wash-house, repairs, etc. at D.R. 2681. 193.

MARYVALE

194.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	
1938	-	998	33,453	1,531	-	-	-
1950	-	103,145	143,934	63,338	-	-	-
1951	-	777,027	105,040	37,783	-	-	-

MORWELL

195.

Mr. H.L. Jenner, Stationmaster (Class 4).

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses	
1938	11339	6686	6107	806	496	162	155	
1950	21419	12753	13211	1390	575	197	75	
1951	27885	17281	12591	674	251	158	88	

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF TRACKS AND CROSSINGS, ADDITIONAL SIDING ACCOMMODATION, DRAINAGE OF YARD, INCREASED PASSENGER AND GOODS FACILITIES, INCLUDING RELOCATION OF LATTER. 196.

In order to meet the anticipated traffic requirements arising out of the development of the brown coal resources in the neighbourhood of Morwell by the State Electricity Commission, it will be necessary to completely rearrange the station and yard and include in the proposals the construction of a 50' wide bridge at the up end and a 100' wide bridge at the down end pedestrian subway, new station buildings, platform, goods shed, stock yards, gantry crane, etc., the approximate estimated cost being £335,000. The Central Planning Authority has been informed that the Commissioners are prepared to bear an amount of £1,900 towards the cost (£10,000) of the up end bridge, and to bear an amount of £24,000 in the case of the bridge at the down end, the total cost of which is £31,000 and it is expected that the funds covering the remaining costs will be made available by the Government to enable the work to be carried out. The pedestrian subway under the line at the main Morwell station will be extended across beneath the Princes Highway to the opposite side of that road and a request from certain of the residents and business people that the existing level crossing at the down end be retained when the overhead bridge is constructed at McDonald Street, has been refused.

The development of the existing passenger and goods facilities involves the provision of a much larger station yard on the present site and the ultimate removal of the goods yard and stock trucking yards to a site adjacent to the existing Maryvale railway siding and situated East of the new Jeeralang West Road deviation and approximately 2½ miles from Morwell and 6 miles from Traralgon.

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REARRANGEMENT (Continued)

On 1.9.49 a plan submitted by this Department to the Morwell Project Committee showed the proposed new location of the railway goods sheds, heavy loading area and sale and live stock yards in the position referred to in the previous paragraph. This plan also showed the State Electricity Commission's sidings to the new Morwell briquette factory, the Mirboo line diversion, the proposed A.P.M. new siding from the briquette factory to connect to the present A.P.M. siding at the down end of the new goods yard, new roadways and road diversion on the south side of the line, proposed siding to future industrial area and site for abattoirs on the south side of line, and the area on the north side of line alongside the A.P.M. siding which has been reserved for future oil depots and industries.

The sum of £20,000 was provided for in the 1949-50 Loan Bill Application Act towards the cost of this work, including acquisition of land. The work of constructing the new station will be undertaken progressively as the town develops. Preliminary plans are in hand and the provision of additional goods facilities will probably be undertaken first. The level crossing at the eastern end of the station will probably be closed when the bridge at McDonald Street is built in a few years time. The existing bridge over the railway on the Melbourne side of the station will be replaced. Portion of the new tracks to the Electricity Commission's new store and workshops area was recently completed and other work is in hand.

(45/5207)  
(50/12145)  
(49/3356)

Owing to the urgent need of additional loading space in the present goods yard, a plan has been prepared to provide additional siding accommodation and increased loading area. The scheme involves the removal of the water tank, which has been relocated on the turntable road in a position which will be permanent provided that the rearrangement of the track work at the up end in connection with the duplication is carried out in accordance with the ultimate arrangements set out on another plan 'B'. This rearrangement involves the shortening of the passenger platform at the up end and extension at the down end. When the stockyards and goods business are eventually transferred to Maryvale the surplus sidings could be removed.

(W. & W. 10101/44)  
(44/10258)

Another plan has been prepared showing the track arrangements in the vicinity of Morwell the design being based on

- (a) Duplication to Morwell only.
- (b) Closing of level crossing.
- (c) Regrading of the line to permit construction of overhead bridge at McDonald's Road.
- (d) Provision of operating roads to work the S.E.C. sidings, i.e. for goods traffic other than coal, such as stores, equipment etc.

(W. & W. 99998/51).

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MORWELL (Contd.).

LEASE OF LAND FOR CAR PARK.

197.

On 30.7.51 the Shire of Morwell agreed to lease an area for the parking of cars subject to permission being granted to plant a hedge between the inner fence and a drain which runs about 3 feet distant from such fence.

This area has frontage of 426' 9" to Commercial Road and commences immediately on the down side of the goods yard entrance gate. For 328 feet the width is 22 feet and it then tapers for a distance of 73' 6" in the down direction until at the extreme down end the width is 9 feet. The cost of the road frontage fence is to be borne by this Department and the inner fence by the Shire Council.

On 20.11.51 the Shire Council was advised by the Chief Civil Engineer that there is no objection to the Council planting the hedge desired provided it is an evergreen one and it is regularly trimmed and kept clear of the drain.

The written acceptance of the conditions by the Shire is awaited.

36/3234  
(15/765/14)

JOINT OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

198.

In regard to the erection of office accommodation at the new briquette factories for joint use by staff of the S.E.C. and this Department (on similar lines to that being provided at Yallourn), the Commission has been advised that it will be necessary to provide accommodation for at least 8 railway employes.

(W. & W. 9998/51).

WIRING SIDINGS

199.

The question of wiring tracks for electric traction in briquette and brown coal sidings and in Workshops area is under consideration.

(W. & W. 9835/51)

PURCHASE OF LEASED LAND

200.

Messrs. Bruce, Littleton and Watt, Solicitors, have requested that the land leased by them, on which they have erected business premises and now intend to extend, be sold to them.

They were informed that the land is not for sale.

(47/10272)

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MORWELL (Contd.)

FENCING ON LEASED LAND.

201.

The erection of fencing on leased land at the down end of the Morwell goods yard is considerably hampering the work of the yard and it is considered that the land recently fenced should be resumed as being required for railway purposes.

The matter is under consideration.

(W & W 12834/47)

CONSTRUCTION OF STREETS.

202.

In connection with the pre-cut housing project the Commissioners approved in November, 1950, of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. J. and M.I. Jeffrey for the construction of roadways, etc., at Mary Street, Jane Street and Dempsey Court, Morwell, for the sum of £2262.

Approval was also given for the supply of 25 tons of cement to the contractor at the rate of £8 per ton, the contract price having been reduced by £200 to cover this supply.

The work is in hand.

(50/11801)

DRAINAGE

203.

The work of draining leased shop sites at Morwell (£232) has not been carried out because the leases of sites affected have been cancelled on account of future railway requirements.

(44/8987)

WARNING SIGNS AT CROSSING

204.

The State Electricity Commission requested that warning signs be erected at the level crossing in Commercial Road. Arrangements have been made for a standard rail crossing sign to be erected on left side of roadway on both approaches.

It was suggested to the Commission that it arrange with the road authority concerning the erection of rail crossing advance warning signs at positions mutually agreed upon between road authority, S.E.C. and this Department.

(51/9512)

SIDING FOR AUSTRALIAN PAPER MANUFACTURERS LTD.

205.

The Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd requested the construction of a direct rail connection from the raw coal loading area at Morwell works to its works at Maryvale and also a siding extension at Maryvale.

This work would be necessary whether or not the rail connection for raw coal traffic was constructed.

The estimated cost of the work is £107,149. This estimate is based on the use of Australian steel, but should it be necessary to use imported steel, additional cost will be incurred.

Tenders for earthworks have been received and the Company has been requested to agree to the specified conditions, furnish a progress payment of £10,000, and provide evidence of the agreement of the S.E.C. to the carrying out of works on the Commission's land.

(50/744)

MORWELL (Continued)

SIDINGS FOR S. E. C.

206.

Provision of railway sidings to serve the Morwell Briquette Project (including the briquette factories, raw coal loading area and stores and workshops area) at an estimated cost of £390,588<sup>7/8</sup> chargeable to S. E. C.

One track to stores and workshops area is practically complete. Down track to briquette factory is available for traffic. Progress has been made with the work on temporary construction lines.

The work is practically suspended because of shortage of funds.

(49/11326)

PRIVATE SIDING FOR COMMONWEALTH OIL REFINERIES.

207.

The question of providing siding facilities to serve Commonwealth Oil Refineries bulk oil store depot is being investigated.

(56/9631)

PRIVATE SIDING.

208.

The Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria requested construction of a siding to serve the Lurgi Pressure Gasification Plant.

The State Electricity Commission and the Town and Country Planning Board have signified approval of a track which will run parallel to Tramway Road, and will preserve 600 ft. clear between the west boundary of Tramway Road and the eastern boundary of the railway easement.

The scheme is being investigated.

(51/3189)

BRIDGES FOR S. E. C.

209.

Due to the financial position the State Electricity Commission has requested that the work of constructing bridges at 99m 33c over the Jeeralang West Road deviation and for the 90 centimetre railway over the main line west of Morwell be suspended for this financial year.

(49/7271)  
(50/1573)

McDONALD STREET BRIDGE.

210.

The construction of the bridge over the railway lines opposite McDonald Street, Morwell, will require to be carried out in conjunction with the extension of the goods yard facilities and regrading of main line.

Because of the financial position this work will not commence before July 1952.

(51/8256)

ABATTOIRS SITE.

211.

The Latrobe Valley Development Advisory Committee informed the Commissioners of the intention to construct central abattoirs to serve all towns in Morwell area. Advice has been received that the site originally proposed near Tramway Road presented a number of difficulties such as disposal of effluent etc. Alternative sites under consideration were on the A. P. M. private land about 2 miles from main line, and also a site east of Traralgon-Maffra line. No decision has yet been made.

(50/6137)

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MORWELL (Contd.)

EXTENSION OF GOODS SHED.

212.

The work of extending goods shed is nearing completion. The shed is in use.

(50/6934)

GARAGE AT REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

213.

Material cannot at present be made available for a building to house bicycles of the staff and the Refreshment Manager's car.

(47/11607)

LIGHTING OF WORKERS' CAMP

214.

The work of installing lighting of main portion of camp was completed on 24.8.51 (£412). A contract has been accepted for lighting of additional huts since provided.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING OF PORTABLES.

215.

The provision of electric light in two portables occupied by New Australians has been approved and contract let. Waiting on contractor.

(W & W 8503/49)

DRAINAGE AT WATSON AVENUE.

216.

The Shire of Morwell has been granted permission to construct a drain which will discharge into the railway drain and through the 36" diameter culvert under the line at 89M. 220. 721.

(50/10061)

D.R. 2421.

217.

Due to works being carried out at Morwell it will be necessary to relocate D.R. 2421 on a new site.

(W & W 10891/44)

WORKERS' CAMP

218.

Instructions have just been issued for installation of hot water service at Workers' Camp (£215)

(W & W 11871/51)

TRACTOR FOR SHUNTING.

219.

The Fordson tractor formerly used at Healesville for shunting purposes has been transferred to Morwell for use there.

(49/8533)

COMPLETED.

220.

30.10.50 Installation of 3 electric lights and power point in portable accommodation for staff.

(Continued)

PROVISION OF POWER SIGNALS.

With the rapidly increasing traffic on the main eastern line involving additional trains and the extension of the electrification system from Dandenong to Traralgon increasing the importance of the line comparable with other main lines, it has been realised for some time that the existing signalling facilities are inadequate for the prompt and economic handling of the traffic on this section.

The Signals Division has made investigations to provide a signalling scheme which would enable the crossing and running movements of trains to be carried out more economically and expeditiously.

This involves the installation of a central interlocking machine at crossing stations to enable the points at each end to be interlocked and the provision of the correct signals together with track control whilst between stations 3 position automatic signals would be provided to enable a six minute headway to be maintained for following trains under electric traction. The electric staff system would be abolished on the single lines and a 3 position signalling system provided similar to the Geelong line. It was estimated that the cost of the scheme from Dandenong to Morwell South would be £341,000.

The sum of £35,000 was provided in the 1950-51 Loan Bill Application Act towards the cost of this work.

The matter was discussed between the Commissioners, the Operating Improvement Committee, the Chief Traffic Manager and the Engineer of Signals and Telegraphs to determine the priorities as between the different sections to be done.

Orders have been placed under contract in England for much of the requisite material.

(49/13371)

THORPDALE LINE  
INSPECTION  
per

ROAD CAR

from

MORWELL.

12.12.51.

THORPDALE, NARRACAN, COALVILLE AND DAVID

THORPDALE

222.

Mr. W.H. Gunn, Vol. Caretaker.

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	29	1142	1835	1032	315	2	57
1950	1	7665	3121	8352	332	18	157
1951	-	5813	2082	6399	348	4	54

RECONSTRUCTION OF STOCKYARDS.

223.

On 16.12.48 the Commissioners approved of the renewal of the stockyards on their existing site, the yards to be gravelled & the sheep and cattle races concreted.

Instructions were issued but because of the shortage of labor and material and in response to representations by Hon. W.C. Fulton M.L.A. on 20.9.49 the Commissioners agreed that endeavours be made to have the work carried out by contract. This place is No. 13 on the priority list of improvements to stockyards where the work has not yet been commenced.

Following on representations by the residents, the Live Stock Agent and District Superintendent visited Thorpdale on 11.9.50 and, along with certain Stock Agents, reviewed the proposed new stock yards scheme as already approved. It was reported that the three holding yards to be provided would be inadequate for the present volume of sheep business and should be increased in number and drafting facility provided, as rapidly increasing traffic would be maintained and further improvement in the business could be expected. The report of these officers was forwarded the Commissioners by the Chief Traffic Manager who recommended that the increased facilities be provided.

On 23.10.50 the Commissioners approved of the carrying out of the amended scheme. Tenders have been called for the carrying out of the work estimated to cost £1802.

(50/8199)

REDUCTION OF GOODS SHED

224.

The goods shed has been reduced to 20' x 20'.

The platform will be reduced correspondingly when staff is available.

(49/12286)

SCALES.

225.

Arrangements are in hand to withdraw the 20 cwt. Avery scales and replace them with a 5 cwt. portable set.

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NARRACAN

226.

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle	Sheep
1938	26	190	377	335	-	4	2
1950	1	550	304	73	-	-	76
1951	-	185	255	124	-	3	8

COMPLETED.

227.

31.5.50 Renewal of trucking yards.

COALVILLE

228.

Miss I. Ashton, Vol. Caretaker.

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle	Sheep
1938	267	83	37	90	-	-	-
1950	10	6	555	2	-	-	-
1951	-	2	386	-	-	-	-

COMPLETED.

28.8.51 Abolition of goods platform.

229.

DAVID

230.

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle	Sheep
1938	34	10	7	6	-	-	-
1950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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HERNE'S OAK

231.

WALKWAY ON BRIDGE

During peak periods the volume of vehicular traffic on the bridge at 87 M 26 C, which carries the road to the S.E.C.'s briquette works, creates hazards to pedestrians crossing the bridge and the S.E.C. has requested that a pedestrian walkway be provided at its cost (£479)

The commencement of the work is waiting the availability of staff.

(50/10976)

232

ERECTOR OF HOUSES

The erection of two prefabricated houses is in hand.

(W & W 12080/51)

- 233  
COMPLETED. The installation of 5 electric lights and power  
16.3.51 point for 1 gallon electric urn in Signal Box.  
234  
10.10.50. Installation of 6600 Volt line and sub-station.  
235  
26.7.50 Provision of pathway from Highway to Signal box  
to enable employes to reach the Signalbox from their  
residences. (£250)

236

HERNE'S OAK - YALLOURN

SIDING FOR S.E.C.

A revised scheme has been prepared for provision of a siding in connection with the Melbourne Swamp-drainage Scheme between Herne's Oak and Yallourn. The estimated cost of the work, chargeable to S.E.C. is £13,800 the Commission to provide the crossing timbers.

The matter is pending advice from the S.E.C. as to whether the scheme meets with its requirements.

(48/11476)

YALLOURN

Mr. W.J. Prior, Stationmaster (Class 2)

Rolling Stock Branch 3 Train Examiners.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage In	Out	Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks Horses-Sheep
1938	102	196760	11752	414186	-	1 -
1950	2	794761	41965	1318033	-	2 -
1951	2	773016	40998	1133977	-	1 -

238.

COMBINED OFFICES.

Offices which are to be used jointly by the S.E.C. and this Department's staffs are in course of construction by the Commission.

As well as office accommodation, meal and locker rooms and sanitary conveniences are to be provided.

It is desired that on the ground floor of the offices, where railway staff will be accommodated, the windows fronting the yard and in the Stationmaster's office be of clear glass, the remainder to be half opaque and half clear.

A request to the Commission to so arrange is in course.

(49/1860)

239

NEW GOODS SHED AND PARCELS OFFICE

The general scheme of improved facilities at Yallourn includes provision of a new goods shed and parcels office. The tender of Messrs J.J. Marr and Sons at £8270 was approved by the Department on 27.2.51. The building is to be of brick construction with fibrolite roof to conform with the combined offices erected by the State Electricity Commission.

(50/2745)

240

TELEPHONES

Arrangements are in course to provide extensions of the postal telephones in the Stationmaster's and Asst. Stationmaster's new offices from the wall to the desks.

241

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM IN NEW YARD.

On 2.5.50 the Commissioners approved of the installation of a loud speaker and telephone system in the new yard at an estimated cost of £1700. Some of the preliminary work has been done.

(50/4404)

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YALLOURN (Contd.)REPAIR SIDING FOR S.E.C.

A scheme for construction of a spur line for S.E.C. to accommodate trucks for local repairs or adjustment is being submitted.

The estimated cost, exclusive of earthworks which are to be carried out by the Commission, is £375.

(51/6617)

SIDING FOR S.E.C.

The State Electricity Commission requested construction of a siding to provide access for rail delivery to the Commission's bulk oil storage.

Instructions have been issued for the work to be carried out, (£2186) but the S.E.C. does not desire the work to be proceeded with at present because of the unfavourable financial position.

(50/11805)

244

POWER STATION SIDING.

The work of providing additional siding accommodation for the S.E.C. at the Power Station is in hand. Completion is dependent on work to be done by the S.E.C. (£3940)

(47/14821)

245

SLUING OF SIDING

The State Electricity Commission has requested that the railway siding between the Commission's seasoned timber store and its proposed oil store be slued to provide requisite clearance between tracks and the building column. Each track can be slued 10 inches to obtain the necessary clearance, the cost being £40 which is to be borne by the S.E.C.

(51/8151)

246

ASH HANDLING ROAD

The intention to use Diesel electric locomotives (the first of which is expected to arrive in March) until the electrification of the line is completed obviates the necessity for an ash handling road.

Appropriate action is being taken to keep the area clear of ashes.

(W &amp; W 12069/51)

HOT SHOWERS

247

Having regard to the prevailing shortage of labour and material, the Commissioners were unable to sanction the provision of temporary hot showers at Yallourn (£210)

The new office buildings etc., being erected by the S.E.C. for joint use of Commission's and Departmental staff provide for hot and cold showers.

(W &amp; W 3308/47)

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YALLOURN (Contd.)

248

SALE OF WEIGHING TRUCK

The S.E.C. desires to purchase a test weighing truck from this Department for use at Yallourn.

The matter is under consideration.

(51/4057)

249

RELOCATION OF WEIGHBRIDGE

A proposal to relocate the 35 tons weighbridge at briquetting works siding is under consideration.

(W & W 8369/51)

250

LIGHTING IN STATION YARD

The S.E.C. is arranging for the existing light at the 'down' end of the yard to be converted to a flood light with high powered globe.

(W & W 10071/49)

251

LIGHTING FUELMEN'S CABIN

The S.E.C. is to provide electric lighting to this cabin.

(W & W 8170/51)

252

STATIONMASTER'S D.R.

The installation of an additional power point in this residence is in hand.

(W & W 9939/49)

253

COMPLETED.

Provision of new marshalling yard, locomotive facilities, etc. (92,182)

254

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|---------|---|------|
| 24.3.50 | Lighting room used jointly by Departmental and S.E.C Staff. |      |
| 5.5.50  | Provision of portable office in marshalling yard.           | 255. |
| 10.5.51 | Rearrangement of yard water supply (£1975)                  | 256. |

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YALLOURN (Contd.)

257

COMPLETED.

6.10.50	Provision of spur siding off Power House siding for S.E.C. (£906).	258
17.3.51	Installation of W.S. lever on points leading to elevated road to briquette factory.	259
16.5.51	Construction of siding facilities as Central Workshops and Stores for the S.E.C. (£8640).	260
16.5.51	Provision of pole storage siding for S.E.C. (£1615).	261
21.5.51	Siding for cleaning out trucks at S.E.C. briquette factory (£9415).	262
28.6.51	Provision of 10' x 8' shed to provide shelter for fuelmen at Coal Stage.	263
28.8.51	Provision of "W.S" lever at points leading from No. 1 to No. 2 and No.3 roads, Marshalling Yards.	264

SPUR LINE

YALLOURN - MOE

264

The spur line recommended by the Public Works Committee as an alternative route for the transport of coal and briquettes from the Yallourn works has been practically completed.

(48/7600)

PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE AND FACILITIES:

265

The State Electricity Commission suggested in 1948 the future provision of an appropriate passenger train service between Moe and Yallourn and a private siding to deal with same at Yallourn as it was anticipated that within 18 months at least 1,200 of the Commission's employes at Yallourn would be residing at Moe.

After investigation a summary of the position is that although it would not be reasonably practicable to operate the proposed passenger service, in addition to the goods service, under steam train conditions between Moe and Yallourn via Herne's Oak, such a service could, it is considered, be arranged under electric traction conditions via the proposed deviation route, subject to the provision of additional track and other facilities as hereunder:-

At Yallourn - A dead-end passenger arrival road and platform to accommodate eight cars with an extension in an up direction to stable six cars adjacent to the Commission's Administrative Offices.  
Booking Office facilities.

(CONTINUED)

At Moe - A train stabling road to hold 8 cars, preferably at the up end of the yard, adjoining 'A' and 'B' sidings

The interlocking of sidings 'A' and 'B' and the additional handling road.

Enlargement of the booking office to enable the proposed increased business to be properly handled.

A suitable timetable of 7 trains each way per day can be arranged. The economics of the proposal show an excess of estimated revenue over additional operating costs of £3,674 per annum representing interest at the rate of 3¼% on a capital outlay of £113,046. As there appeared to be reasonable prospect of the revenue being sufficient to justify the expenditure involved in providing the additional facilities required, it was recommended to the Commissioners that plans and estimates of cost be prepared for these facilities as an addition to the deviation and electrification schemes.

Plans of the suggested facilities at Yallourn and Moe at estimated cost of £21,500 and £2,500 respectively have been prepared. This cost does not include electrification of the proposed deviated main line (this being included in cost of electrifying the main line of Traralgon) or of the sidings involved. The new layout at Yallourn is unsuitable for steam passenger train operation.

The proposed passenger facilities at Yallourn will be adjacent to the new administrative block and workshops and is suitable to the State Electricity Commission.

The Commissioners on 9.9.49 informed the State Electricity Commission that, as more than two years will elapse before passenger travel between Moe and Yallourn will develop to the extent suggested by the latter, and as the electrification of the new spur line and main line would not be completed by that date, they had decided the matter could pend for the time being.

(48/11096)

REQUEST FOR STATION AT NEWBOROUGH

266

The Newborough Progress Association requested in September 1949 that a railway station be provided at Newborough.

After investigation the Commissioners replied that no provision is made in connection with the construction of the new spur line from Moe to Yallourn for a railway station at Newborough. The question of the deviation of the route of this line to permit of the construction of a station at this place was investigated by representatives of the Morwell Project Co-ordinating Committee, the State Electricity Commission and this Department, when it was decided that there was no justification for the alteration of the alignment of the line to cater for possible railway passenger traffic between Moe and Yallourn.

The papers have been pended for review on 1.7.52.

(49/10720)

Mr. G.H.D. Gullick, Stationmaster (Class 3)

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	19406	7007	5843	1584	-	14	16
1950	50668	28385	10243	4235	63	16	17
1951	49629	26205	9335	1574	65	32	9

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF STATION YARD

A scheme of the proposed re-arrangement of this station in connection with duplication and electrification has been prepared and includes the following features :

- (a) Provision of island passenger platform and new upside to be incorporated in the existing platform.
- (b) Crossover immediately at down end of platform for possible passenger shuttle service between Moe and Yallourn.
- (c) Loop for eight car electric train at up end for the same purpose.
- (d) Passing loops for side tracking coal trains or other through goods trains, in both the up and down directions.
- (e) Relocation of the stockyards and N.G. stock transfer to permit of alterations to sidings.
- (f) Increase in goods siding capacity and additional loading area.
- (g) Sorting sidings and shunting movements performed mainly at the down end.
- (h) Heavy loading transfer. This is the same as the existing arrangement.
- (i) Narrow gauge transfer at goods shed.
- (j) Level crossing at the up end to be relocated.
- (k) Overhead footbridge extended and a pedestrian subway is possible (see item 270)

The scheme also includes the provision of a signalbox on the island platform to operate the large number of signals and interlocked points.

It was subsequently stated that there were later proposals and the passing loops mentioned in (d) above are not of sufficient length to accommodate the longest trains which will operate on the line. The Chief Traffic Manager and the Chief Civil Engineer recently visited Moe when it was indicated that the planning authority had requested removal of the goods facilities from the vicinity of the station in order to fit in with the present bus terminal arrangements. The whole of the proposed layout will now have to be reviewed.

(45/7523)

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MOE (Contd.)

REARRANGEMENT OF OFFICE.

269

Portion of the work of rearranging office at Moe (£405) has been carried out but as the new line to Mallourn will probably involve rearrangement of signalling in yard and alterations to station buildings, the remainder is being held up.

The work done to date includes completion of lighting, temporary telephone facilities, enclosure of booking office by provision of screen, arrangements regarding safe custody of cash and public space for parcels business.

(49/728)

270

SUBWAY

The Government, on the recommendation of the Latrobe Valley Development Advisory Committee, has agreed to provide financial assistance up to an amount of £14000 from the Latrobe Valley Development Fund towards the cost of providing a subway instead of an extension of the overhead bridge made necessary because of yard alterations.

The estimated cost of the subway is £18000 and the balance of £4000 will be met by this Department which will provide the subway when men and materials become available.

(51/4172)

WEIGHBRIDGE

271

In October, 1950, the Moe Chamber of Commerce asked whether provision has been made for a cart weighbridge in the plans of new railway yards for Moe and stated that a weighbridge was urgently needed.

The Secretary for Railways replied that for some years past it has been the policy of the Commissioners not to provide cart weighbridges at stations but if the local Council wishes to install a cart weighbridge in Moe station yard and land is available, the Commissioners would be prepared to grant free carriage by rail of the weighbridge parts. No communication has been received from the Council regarding the matter.

(50/11716)

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

272

The Commissioners approved on 24.5.51 of the provision of a public address system and train indicator boards at an estimated cost of £178.

Instructions have been issued for the carrying out of the work which will be done when staff is available.

(48/5589)

SALE OF ICE CREAM ON PASSENGER PLATFORM

273

The application of Mrs.M.B. Harris of Trafalgar for the right to sell ice cream on the Moe passenger platform has been refused by the Estate Officer. (15/734/32)

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Moe Contd.

EXTENSION OF GOODS SHED

274

The dimensions of the goods shed were 50' x 18' with an internal goods office at one end and in consequence of the increase in traffic it was agreed in 1950 that an extension of the shed by 20 feet was urgently necessary as a temporary measure until such time as the whole of the yard facilities are rearranged in connection with the handling of the increasing coal and briquette traffic.

The estimated cost of the 20 feet extension is £286 and instructions have been issued for the carrying out of the work which has been completed with the exception of drainage.

(50/6322)

TELEPHONE IN GOODS SHED

275

In order to facilitate the conduct of the goods clerical business, arrangements are in course to replace the existing wall type postal telephone with a table set.

Waiting on P.M.G. Department. (W. & W. 10891/51)

FIRE RISK FROM BROWN COAL

276

\* The Stationmaster has recently brought under notice the fire risk from brown coal dust in the unloading area on the shed road on the up side of the stock yards. Two trucks of brown coal are unloaded in this area each week and, although the normal droppings from unloading operations are cleared up on each occasion by the consignees, a certain amount of dust accumulates which cannot be readily gathered up.

The fire hydrant is located at the rear of the passenger platform up end and the hose has to be brought across the platform and three sets of rails.

The Stationmaster has suggested that a fire plug be provided on the goods siding but has been informed that as the station yard is to be rearranged in connection with the duplication, an additional fire plug cannot at present be installed.

COAL ELEVATOR.

277

In June last Mr. V.R. Allison, brown coal unloading contractor for the local butter factory, was granted permission to operate a petrol driven elevator in the goods yard under certain conditions. (E.O. 50/1238)

WATER SUPPLY

278

When the storage tank is filling, there is insufficient pressure for washing out ashpans. The matter is being investigated. (W. & W. 3303/51)

HOT WATER AT BARRACKS

279

The occupants of the Moe barracks have complained regarding the inadequacy of the hot water supply. The improvement of the position is dependent upon the release of a coke boiler from Dandenong which will be installed at Moe.

The release of this boiler is pending provision of a permanent installation at Dandenong for which the supplier has promised early delivery of material. (W. & W. 3749/51)

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POWER POINT 280

In April last Guard T. Kennedy requested the provision of a power point in his D.R. for the operation of a washing machine and the papers have been forwarded for attention.  
(W. & W. 3803/51)

LIGHTING 281

Instructions have been issued for provision of a light between the rest house and station (£12). Awaiting staff.  
(W. & W. 8637/51)

BRIDGE OVER PRINCES HIGHWAY EAST 282

The work of widening the road bridge at the down end of station yard is nearing completion.

Provision has been made for two 6 ft. footways and a 30 ft. roadway. The work is being carried out in such a way as to allow of the future widening of the roadway to 40 ft.

The estimated cost is £13,330 of which the Country Roads Board is to contribute £7,950.

(46/638)

COMPLETED 283

- 22.6.51 Removal of 4,000 gallon tank and stand serving narrow gauge engines. 284
- 24.3.51 Installation of electric light in sandhouse at Loc. Depot. 285
- 14.3.51 Installation of two additional power points in D.R. 894. 286
- 22.3.51 Relocation of entrance gate to Works Camp and renewal of boundary fence. 287
- 21.6.50 Installation of two additional electric lights in station office. 288
- 23.11.51 Provision of separate parking area for buses (£725) 289
- 23.4.51 Provision of 12' x 10' portable at D.R. 2755. 290
- 17.7.51 Provision of additional accommodation at staff barracks. (£538) 291
- 7.8.51 Relocation of selector telephone in Parcels Office. 292
- 20.10.51 Provision of two single and one double parcels racks. 293
- 11.8.50 Renewal of 6000 gallon combined tank and spout at up end of passenger platform (£686)

MOE - TRAFALGAR

294

COMPLETED

- 11.11.51 Provision of miniature electric staff instruments in place of large type instruments to expedite train running.

TRAFALGAR.

295.

Mr W. Boyd. Rlvgr. Stationmaster (Station Class 6)

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out-trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	9655	6493	5581	2943	-	431	36
1950	10730	10820	10542	2901	-	527	50
1951	9355	9449	8440	1821	-	595	38

LEASES OF LAND

296.

In January 1951 the Shire. of Narracan and the Minister of Health per the Hon. the Minister asked what effect the duplication of the line will have on present leases of railway land abutting on the Princes Highway.

The Chairman recently replied to the Hon. the Minister that "the extent to which tracks in the station yard at Trafalgar will be rearranged in connection with the duplication of the main line at this location has not yet been decided, but it is known that portion at least of the leased land on the down side of the station yard will be affected by such proposals".

(51/785)

WIG WAG SIGNALS AT CROSSINGS.

297.

On 22.11.50 the Shire of Narracan (Council Chambers at Trafalgar) stated in a letter to the Secretary for Railways that the Princes Highway within the Shire territory does not cross the railway line but some of the minor roads do and as they carry heavy traffic, the Council believes that consideration should be given to the provision of warning signals of the wig wag type at such crossings.

The Secretary replied that if particulars of the crossings within the Shire of Narracan at which it is considered flashing light signals should be provided were supplied, arrangements will be made for our Level Crossing Committee to inspect and report upon them.

The papers have been filed pending receipt of further advice from the Shire.

(50/11971)

P.C.R. CROSSING

298.

A plan and estimate are being prepared for relocation of P.C.R. crossing from 74m. 16c. 30 lks. to a more suitable site at 74m. 22c. 80lks.

(W&W.1099/48)

PURCHASE OF HOUSE.

299.

A house has been purchased in Chapman Street for £1900.

Repairs have been commenced but completion held up awaiting staff.

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DARNUM

306.

Messrs. R.N. Faull, D.J. Hansen and T. White, Asst. Stationmasters  
CLASS 5.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep Horses	
1938	1951	1035	786	1391	-	138	14
1950	686	875	823	40	16	99	49
1951	574	306	667	16	10	12	-

CROSSING OF LINE

307.

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line, the Commissioners minuted the papers on 26.1.51 as follows:-

"In the original plan provision was made for a crossing at this station to enable pedestrians to cross from one platform to the other. This was not a good arrangement as the view of trains is not satisfactory and, as an alternative, it is proposed to provide an entrance to each platform from the adjoining roadways and pedestrians would require to use an overhead road bridge which had been erected as close as possible to the station. The Commissioners said that they were agreeable to the proposed arrangement being tried out. In any case they were not disposed to agree to the provision of a foot crossing at this location and if a separate foot crossing were found later to be justified a footbridge would have to be erected".

(51/1083)

STAFF EXCHANGE LIGHTING

308

Complaint has been made recently that the electric light which illuminates the staff exchanging location is situated underneath the verandah and arrangements are being made to relocate it on the facing of the verandah.

Instructions have been issued. Awaiting staff.

(W&W 12270/51)

D.R.414

309.

A quotation for relocating electric light meter at D.R.414 is under consideration.

(W.W.7342/51)

D.R.247

310.

A request that back verandah of D.R.247 be boarded up has been refused.

(W.&W.6894/50)

COMPLETED

311.

2.3.51 Installation of electric light and power point in new station buildings on down platform.

Mr. R.W. Jenkins, Stationmaster (Class 2)  
Refreshment Room Manager - Mr. J.C. Clarke,  
Rolling Stock Branch - Dr. W. Hortle, two engines 82 on staff.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock	
			In	Out		Out Trucks	Cattle-Sheep Horses
1938	34101	13536	21799	4113	-	802	163
1950	67449	38929	42181	6908	280	1037	160
1951	66131	35580	26705	3352	141	897	106

INCREASED ACCOMMODATION FOR HANDLING LOCAL GOODS TRAFFIC

It came under notice of the Commissioners on tour in April, 1949 that trucks were being delayed owing to the limited siding accommodation and that it was frequently impracticable to place all of the trucks for delivery on the day of arrival.

At the present time about 15 trucks can be placed for public discharging and loading purposes - 11 on the portion of the siding between the crane and the stock yards and 4 beyond the potato platform on the dock extension at the up end of the shed.

The District Superintendent went thoroughly into the matter and suggested that increased discharging space could be made available by:-

- (a) Abolishing the existing dock road and demolishing the earth filled platform serving this road.
- (b) Converting the adjoining Train Examiners' road into a public discharging and potato loading road. Earth filled platform would need to be re-erected to serve this road but could be reduced in length by 100'
- (c) Providing a new Train Examiners' road by extending No.8 to a dead-end parallel with the existing siding.

It was stated this re-arrangement would provide accommodation for discharging about 10 trucks direct into road vehicles, in addition to the requirements for potato loading, and it would also obviate the need for certain track renewal work.

The question of providing increased siding accommodation has been considered in connection with the rearrangement consequent on duplication and it was recommended to the Commissioners that the District Superintendent's proposals be carried out.

Plan and estimate of cost £3,063 for the proposals of the District Superintendent have been prepared. The plan was approved subject to the proposed ramped loading platform being re-located farther along the siding so as to give room for 12 trucks to stand between the end of the ramp and the buffer stops.

The Commissioners authorised the carrying out of the work instructions for which were issued on 6.4.51. Shortage of staff is holding up the commencement of the work.

(49/4034)

(CONTINUED)

WARRAGUL (Contd.)

314.

PROPOSED SIGNAL AND TELEGRAPH DEPOT.

In connection with electrification, power signalling and additional interlocking on the section Dandenong to Traralgon, it is considered that it will be necessary to provide a new Signal and Telegraph Depot at Warragul.

Plan and estimate are being prepared.

(W & W 12569/51)

LOUD SPEAKER SYSTEM IN GOODS YARD.

315

The Commissioners approved on 25.8.50 of the installation of a loud speaker system in the goods yard at an estimated cost of £488. The work is about 35% completed.

(50/8932)

316.

ASPHALTING OF GOODS SHED FLOOR.

The volume of business handled in the goods shed is heavy and, in order to facilitate the moving of goods and obviate damage to fragile consignments, instructions have been issued for the floor of the shed and the platform opposite the doors to be asphalted.

Awaiting staff.

(W. & W. 11801/48)

RUBBER TYRED HAND TRUCK

317

Two rubber tyred wheels have been forwarded to the goods shed to replace the iron wheels on a hand truck for trial purposes.

A report is to be submitted in a month's time as to the suitability of such wheels.

(51/1232)

RELOCATION OF TANK

318

Instructions have been issued for relocation of 10,000 gallon tank and stand.

Awaiting staff.

(W. & W. 2503/46)

WATERING FACILITIES

319

Instructions have been issued for attention to loco. watering facilities at 'down' end of station.

Awaiting staff.

(W & W 7227/49)

WATER SUPPLY TO STOCK YARDS

320

A tender has been accepted for the provision of a reticulated water supply to the stock yards.

(W. & W. 4801/49)

Continued -

WARRAGUL (Continued)

PURCHASE OF HOUSE.

321

A house has been purchased at No. 15 Church Street for £2,250 and instructions issued for necessary repairs (£280).

Awaiting staff.

(50/9484)

PURCHASE OF HOUSE

322

A house has been purchased at No. 5 Hunter Street (£1400) and repairs (£159) carried out. Painting will be done when staff is available.

(50/477)

V.R.I. BUILDING.

323

The V.R.I. is arranging for the painting of Institute buildings by contract.

(50/3037)

BARRACKS

324

The following matters are under consideration:-

- (1) Provision of electric urn.
- (2) Additional sanitary conveniences.
- (3) Provision of shower and water supply to new sink.
- (4) Provision of garbage tins.

(W & W 3747/51)

ACCOMMODATION FOR SHUNTERS.

325

Approval has been granted for provision of accommodation for Shunters and Train Examiners (£745). It is not practicable to carry out this work at present and, as a temporary expedient, an equipped 20' x 12' portable has been supplied for the use of Shunters. The Train Examiners are still accommodated in their own portable.

(48/4679)

PIG WARMER

326

Instructions have been issued for the provision of a pig warmer at the Shunters' cabin.

Awaiting staff.

(W & W 4851/50)

ELECTRIC URN AT LOCO. SHED.

327

The provision of an electric urn at the loco. shed is under consideration.

(W & W 3747/51)

TURNTABLE REPAIRS

328

Repairs have been effected to the 70 feet turntable and attention will be given the abutment wall when staff is available.

(W & W 7977/45)

(CONTINUED)

WARRAGUL (Contd.)

COMPLETED.

5.10.51	Renewal and re-arrangement of tracks near goods shed. (£4438)	329.
11.10.50	Installation of electric light at entrance to the V.R.I.	330
23.5.50	Alterations and improvements to public address system on passenger platform. (£248)	331
28.9.50	Installation of electric light in Loco. Depot shower room.	332
19.1.50	Extension of "A" siding at up end by 250' (£538)	333
15.6.50	Provision of sanitary conveniences, lavatory basin and showers at Loco. Depot.	334
31.8.50	Installation of flashing light signals at P.C.R. at 58 m. 52 chs. (£590)	335
16.7.50	Installation of four electric lights and four power points in four portables for staff accommodation.	336
15.6.50	Re-arrangement of booking, parcels, and Stationmaster's offices. (£1365)	337
6.7.51	Provision of three additional power points at D.R. 3207.	338
18.10.51	Relaying floor blocks in hot meal section, Refreshment Room.	339
-	Sewerage of staff living quarters.	340
16.8.50	Flashing light signals at P.C.R. crossing at 55m. 04ch. (£623)	341
31.5.50	Provision of pantry at refreshment staff quarters.	342
31.7.50	Provision of closet in bathroom, Refreshment Manager's quarters.	343
31.10.51	Sewerage of D.R. 241 (£246)	344

WARRAGUL - DROUIN

COMPLETED

26.9.50	Relaying and reconditioning track between 60 m. 10ch. and 57 m. 24 c. (£29,022)	345
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FOURTH DAY, THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1951.

NEERIM SOUTH

347

Mrs. S.M. Poulson, Caretaker (Class 3)

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	8	854	986	422	-	107	23
1950	-	1565	1998	839	-	147	14
1951	-	924	1549	82	-	130	4

EXTENSION OF STOCK YARDS SIDING

348

On tour on 11/5/50, Mr. R. Algie asked the Commissioners that the stock siding be extended to hold two additional trucks.

After inquiry he was informed on 21/8/50 "that the records disclose that the capacity of the siding (7 cattle and 9 sheep trucks) has been exceeded on only three occasions during the past 15 months, and that on such occasions additional trucks had been left in a position for easy hand shunting to the races. There is a daily goods train service on the line, and as the acceptance of orders for cattle trucks can be regulated to a maximum of seven trucks on any one day without inconvenience to consignors, the Commissioners regret they would not be justified in acceding to the request".

(50/5154)

CARETAKER'S RESIDENCE

349

Instructions have been issued for provision of telephone at Caretaker's residence.

Waiting on P.M.G's Department.

(50/5205)

NEERIM SOUTH - NOOJEE

RECONDITIONING OF TRACK

350

The Commissioners have approved of the reconditioning of the track between Neerim South and Noojee at an estimated cost of £9207.

Instructions issued.

(50/7531)

FOURTH DAY, THURSDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1951

NOOJEE

Mrs. M.K. Cambridge, Vol. Caretaker. 351

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle	Sheep
1938	337	4420	680	7115	-	-	-
1950	-	12739	550	15104	-	-	-
1951	-	4141	299	4591	-	-	-

COMPLETED.

Transfer of 6 tons crane from Goodwood Siding to Waygara. 352.

NAYOOK

Mrs. H.K. Ehrnholm, Caretaker (Class 3) 353

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle	Sheep
1938	18	2819	847	6353	-	-	4
1950	-	2660	1074	2794	-	-	1
1951	-	1553	778	1588	-	-	-

NEERIM

Mrs. R. Rowe, Caretaker (Class 4) 354

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle	Sheep
1938	5	1449	364	2757	-	-	-
1950	-	1615	515	1655	-	1	12
1951	-	983	396	886	-	-	-

RELOCATION OF CROSSING. 355

The work of relocating P.C.R. crossing at 78 m. 14 chs. for Buln Buln Shire Council is in hand.

(51/5106)

FOURTH DAY, THURSDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1951

<u>CROSSOVER</u>							356
Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	<u>Total Tonnage</u> In          Out		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out trucks</u> Cattle-Sheep	
1938	13	14	11	5	-	-	-
1950	-	822	31	384	-	-	-
1951	-	645	70	362	-	-	-

<u>ROKEBY</u>							357
Mrs. D.N. Bartley, Caretaker (Class 4)							
Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	<u>Total Tonnage</u> In          Out		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out trucks</u> Cattle-Sheep	
1938	3	1468	566	4878	-	-	-
1950	-	1154	698	1520	-	-	-
1951	-	822	272	896	-	-	-

COMPLETED.

24/10/51	Repairs to road approaches in station yard	358
13/10/51	Installation of electric lighting at D.R.409.	359

<u>BRAVINGTON</u>							360
Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	<u>Total Tonnage</u> In          Out		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u> Cattle-Sheep	
1938	-	4	70	6	-	-	-
1950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<u>BULN BULN</u>							361
Mr. E. Freckleton, Vol. Caretaker.							
Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	<u>Total Tonnage</u> In          Out		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out trucks</u> Cattle-Sheep	
1938	6	894	768	1349	-	-	5
1950	-	379	810	674	-	-	-
1951	-	112	514	120	-	-	-



LILLICO

362

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out trucks Cattle-Sheep	
			In	Out			
1938	-	-	68	-	-	-	-
1950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

DROUIN

Mr. W. Wilson, Stationmaster, (Class 7.)

363

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out trucks Cattle-Sheep Horses	
			In	Out			
1938	11970	4467	6340	3789	44	162	47
1950	11841	9377	11932	4918	34	38	11
1951	11237	6757	10131	2345	30	16	16

NEW STATION BUILDINGS

364

In connection with the duplication and electrification of the main Gippsland line, it is intended to erect new station buildings here and the plan has been approved by the Traffic Branch.  
(W & W 8431/50)

PROVISION OF SIDING AND RELOCATION OF CRANE

365

In connection with the electrification of the Gippsland line it is intended to wire all existing sidings in the Drouin station yard. This will necessitate the provision of an unwired siding, loading platform and relocation of crane at an estimated cost of £1703.

Instructions issued.

(51/3336)

On 26.1.51 the Commissioners invited the general file:-  
"Drouin - The stock yards are to remain as at present and extra siding will be provided".

(51/1083)

REARRANGEMENT OF YARD ENTRANCE.

366

Three small areas of land have been made available to the Country Roads Board for road making purposes. One of these areas on the eastern corner of the Princes Highway and a road leading to the bridge over the railway is to be made available on expiration of the existing lease. The lessee proposes to erect a new building clear of this area and the Country Roads Board has been requested to supply details of proposed roadworks.

The realignment of the roadway on the south side of the railway will necessitate alterations to the station yard entrance estimated to cost £150.  
(50/3006)

COMPLETED

11.10.50 Provision of 1 gallon urn.

367.

LONGWARRY

368

Mr. C.W. Cole, Stationmaster (Class 8)

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	6054	1170	4301	315	9	26	19
1950	6024	5418	16279	3521	59	2	-
1951	5643	3533	8909	1292	13	-	1

STATION FACILITIES:

369

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line the Commissioners minuted the papers on 26.1.51 as follows:-

"At this station there have been many requests for a foot crossing and there is evidence of regular use being made of an unauthorised crossing place. It is proposed, therefore, to provide a footbridge. This was approved as was also the proposal to relocate the station and stock yard and convert the level crossing adjoining the existing station to a P.C.R. to obviate opening and closing of the gates".

(51/1083)

ROAD TO SUB-STATION

370

In connection with the provision of a sub-station at 52m. 18c. the unmade approach thereto is located on land owned by the Lands Department and leased to a local landholder Mr. R.G. Boxshall.

Portion of this unmade roadway needs regrading and filling and the Department of Lands and Survey and the Shire of Buln Buln have agreed to the Railway Department carrying out such work on this unused road.

(51/4393)

FLASHING LIGHT SIGNAL:

371

Instructions have been issued for the provision of flashing light signal at P.C.R. crossing at 51m. 12c. 53 lks. (£1715)

Awaiting staff.

(49/8006)

D.R. 2410

372

A request for provision of a back verandah at D.R. 2410 has been declined.

(W & W 2999/43)

COMPLETED

373

Purchase of residence in Witten Street (£2,300)

BUNYIP

374

Mr. T.J. Gray, Stationmaster (Class 8)

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Truck	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	5165	2584	2297	2340	-	56	46
1950	6348	4891	3174	3079	144	50	13
1951	7208	4557	2317	2456	-	25	7

FLASHING LIGHT SIGNAL

375

The Bunyip Progress Association requested provision of a wig wag warning signal at P.C.R. crossing at up end of yard and enquired whether any provision has been made in general extension plans for a crossing or an improvement to existing archway at 48m. 58c. at down end of station.

The Association was informed that the warning signal is not warranted. The proposals for duplication and electrification of the line provide for regrading at down end of station but will not materially affect the bridge structure referred to including headroom.

Under crossing rights do not exist at this bridge.  
(50/5286)

PURCHASE OF HOUSES

376

Two houses have been purchased for £950 and £1050 respectively. Repairs (£600) will be carried out when staff can be made available.  
(49/12173)

D.R. 237

377

A contract has been let for installation of additional power point at D.R. 237.  
(W & W 2106/51)

BUNYIP - GARFIELD

ROADWAY

378

In connection with the duplication works it is necessary to take over a section of the Tynong-Garfield road.

To replace this road the Shire of Berwick has undertaken at the cost of this Department, to construct a new one with necessary drainage at an estimated cost of £1179.

(51/4098)

GARFIELD

379.

Mr. R.J. Graham, Stationmaster (Class 8) and Mrs. A.O. Graham.  
Caretaker (Class 3)

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock	
			In	Out		Out Trucks	Cattle-Sheep Horses
1938	6620	1904	1179	1312	31	23	47
1950	10394	5226	1995	3089	18	41	3
1951	9553	5060	1547	2808	49	12	2

LEVEL CROSSINGS, RE-ARRANGEMENT ETC.

380.

At a conference at Garfield on 17.4.51 tentative proposals relating to level crossing facilities at each end of the yard were discussed by the Level Crossing Committee with representatives of the Shire of Berwick and the Garfield Progress Association.

A scheme for the duplication of the main line and station layout, abolition of two level crossings, provision of a pedestrian subway in lieu of the existing foot crossing at the station and relocation of stockyards at an estimated cost of £34,500 has been approved by the Commissioners.

The Council is agreeable to the closing of level crossings at 45m. 50c. and 45m. 75c. subject to provision being made for a proposed livestock subway.

A plan is being prepared indicating railway land in the vicinity of station available for leasing, etc. in order that the Council may submit proposals for parking areas, etc.

(50/5201)

LIGHTING AT WORKS CAMP

381

A contract has been let for provision of lighting at the Works Camp.

(W & W 3877/51)

BEAUTIFICATION LEASE

382

Early this year the Berwick Shire Council was required to remove the children's playground swings and sand pit from land, adjacent to the tracks, leased to it by the Department for beautification purposes as the terms of the lease had been infringed.

(46/8460)

GARFIELD-PAKENHAM

RECONDITIONING TRACKS:

383

Resleepering and reballasting of track between 45m. 20c. and 38m. 40 ch. (£9309) is in hand.

(51/9331)

TYNONG

384

Messrs. F.G. Tighe and J.A. Tullock, Asst. Stationmasters (Class 5) and Mr. L. Jacgung, Relieving A.S.M.

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	4566	1455	864	1341	-	1	6
1950	9253	2830	1300	1587	98	6	9
1951	5780	3275	1230	2214	3	3	4

STOCK YARDS ETC.

385.

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line the Commissioners minuted the papers on 26.1.51 as follows:-

"In view of the fact that stock yards will be available  $3\frac{1}{4}$  miles away in one direction and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles in the other, consideration was given to their abolition at Tynong. The Commissioners directed, however, that facilities be provided on a new site but they are to be no larger than is necessary for the business offering".

The track plan has been examined by the Chief Traffic Manager who reported:-

"Catch protection should be provided at the up end. At the down end, the sidings should be extended to a straight similar to the up end in order that proper catch protection for main lines can be provided. Up and down main lines and all sidings are to be wired for electric traction."

The stock yards are to be relocated 150' on the up side of the goods platform on the shed road.

(51/1083)

PROPOSED PROVISION OF A P.C.R. CROSSING ON "DOWN" SIDE.

386

A request in September, 1948 by the Progress Association for the provision of a new P.C.R. crossing on down side of Tynong was investigated and the Association informed on 15.11.48 that the site is totally unsuitable for use as a public thoroughfare because of extremely limited views of trains approaching it. In addition, the slight inconvenience occasioned to a few local residents by having to use crossing at up end, does not warrant provision of a crossing at a more suitable location at down end.

A further letter was received from the Association in January, 1949 and also one from Mrs. N. Ritson in November, 1949 but both requests were refused for the reasons abovementioned.

(48/10313)

WATER SUPPLY

387

On tour in May 1950 the Commissioners were interviewed by Messrs W.G. Berry and K. Archibald of the local Progress Association who asked if the Department would support a move being made to obtain a water supply for the town.

The Commissioners replied that if a reticulated supply were available the Department would be prepared to use it for the station premises, etc.

(50/5338)

(CONTINUED)

TYNONG (Contd.)

COMPLETED.

22.12.50 Erection of a prefabricated house 388  
(£2125)

NAR NAR GOON 389

Mr. R. S. Gillespie, Stationmaster (Class 8)

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses.
1938	6084	1690	1501	2248	100	25	64
1950	12205	1925	1918	236	181	8	20
1951	11079	1777	1283	120	66	4	17

STOCK YARDS ETC. 390

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line, the Commissioners minuted the papers on 26.1.51 as follows:-

"It was agreed to relocate the stock yards"

The track plan has been examined and approved by the Traffic Branch. Up and down main lines and all sidings are to be wired for electric traction.

The stock yards are to be relocated on the down side of the existing goods platform shed road.

(51/1083)

D.R. 232 391

In August last year the occupier of D.R. 232, Mr. Cruickshank, A.S.M. applied for the provision of a sleepout at his residence, but the request was refused as it was considered that the existing 3-bedroom unit was sufficient for the requirements of the regular occupants and that provision for Mr. Cruickshank's adult daughter at weekends was a domestic matter.

COMPLETED. 392

17.7.50 Purchase of residence in Mulcare Street  
for £1850.

PAKENHAM

393

Mr. A.W. Ilton, Stationmaster (Class 7)

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	15604	3344	3897	3603	137	44	105
1950	21704	4849	3822	808	81	36	19
1951	19069	4673	2655	1223	35	17	17

STATION FACILITIES.

394

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line, the Commissioners minuted the papers on 26.1.51 as follows:-

"The existing facilities will remain as at present".

The track plan has been examined and approved by the Traffic Branch. Up and down main lines and crossovers at each end of yard, also all sidings, except crane and private sidings are to be wired for electric traction; entrance only to crane and private sidings to be wired for electric traction.

(51/1083)

PRIVATE SIDING

395

The Raleigh Preserving Company has submitted a sketch plan of siding facilities required.

The matter will be investigated when the Company forwards £30 towards the cost of preliminary expenses.

(W & W 12331/51)

CULVERT FOR RALEIGH PRESERVING COY.

396

The Raleigh Preserving Coy. has requested that a culvert be provided under line between Pakenham and Nar Nar Goon to take drainage from its new factory (£488). Sectional staff are not available to carry out this work which will have to be done by company labour under Departmental supervision or by Departmental staff working at weekends.

Instructions are being prepared. (51/2364)

PURCHASE OF RESIDENCE.

397

A residence has been purchased for £1,450 at Pakenham East. A closet and rear fence have been provided and repairs will be carried out when staff is available.

(50/624)

PATHWAY

398

Provision of pathway along roadway leading from station to Main Street has been approved. Rail posts have been supplied. The Shire has commenced the work on the roadway but has not yet erected the rail posts or formed the footpath.

(50/1970)

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PAKENHAM (Cont.)

WATERING FACILITIES.

399.

Engines working between Melbourne and Warragul after electrification has been completed will run light and as they will have sufficient tank capacity to enable them to complete the Dandenong-Warragul section without taking water, watering facilities will not be required at Pakenham.

(W & W. 12203/51)

PAKENHAM - NARRE WARREN

400.

RECONDITIONING.

Resleepering and reballasting of track between 32M, 20c and 26M (£8019) is in hand.

(51/9330)

OFFICER

Mr. J.A. O'Donnell, Stationmaster (Class 8)

401.

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses.
1938	6522	2811	1212	2141	172	47	128
1950	5730	893	1235	220	175	2	16
1951	6661	812	827	136	34	3	9

STATION FACILITIES.

402.

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line, the Commissioners minuted the papers on 26.1.51 as follows in regard to this station -

"The livestock business is not heavy and duplication will necessitate relocating the stock yards about 500 feet from the existing site. It was proposed to relocate the station also in order to obviate having gates at an adjoining crossing which would be converted to P.C.R.

The Commissioners approved of the proposed relocation of the station, of the conversion of the level crossing and of the provision of livestock trucking facilities on the proposed new site. These are to be as small as possible having regard to the limited volume of livestock traffic at this station."

The track plan has been examined and approved by the Traffic Branch.

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OFFICER (Cont.)

STATION FACILITIES (Cont.)

402.  
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Up and down main lines and siding are to be wired for electric traction. Both passenger platforms are to be on the immediate down side of the level crossing.

(51/1083)

SLEEPOUT

403.

Mr. D. Bruce, Asst. Station master has requested the provision of a sleepout at his D.R. 3237 in order to afford a separate room for his wife who has suffered a serious illness and requires, on medical advice, the use of a separate room.

The papers are in course with the Inter-branch Housing Committee.

COMPLETED.

14.12.50.	Purchase of residence in Station Street (£1357).	404.
1.11.51	Removal of surplus 20' x 12' portable from D.R. 229.	405.

BEACONSFIELD

406.

Mrs. P. I. Excell, Booking Porter and Miss B. G. Excell, Caretaker, (Class 3)

Year	Outward Passgr. Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock	
			In	Out		Out Trucks	Horses-Sheep
1938	21128	1649	885	1270	-	3	-
1950	10938	1176	606	69	73	7	-
1951	10388	1717	486	674	45	1	-

STATION FACILITIES.

407.

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line, the Commissioners minuted the papers on 26.1.51 as follows in regard to this station:-

"Expenditure on alterations to the goods sidings, etc., could be obviated if they were abolished on the ground that goods facilities exist at Berwick only 1½ miles distant. The Commissioners decided, however, that the goods siding should be retained but worked only in the 'down' direction. This will be a much cheaper proposition than working on the up side as it would involve crossovers, etc."

The track plan has been examined and approved by the Traffic Branch subject to removal of deadend extension at down end

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BEACONSFIELD (Cont.)

STATION FACILITIES (Cont.)

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of siding, catch points to be retained in goods siding, and down main lines and goods siding to be wired for electric traction.

(51/1083)

COMPLETED.

14.8.51 Installation of two additional power points and light on enclosed verandah at D.R. 227. 408

BERWICK

Mr. A. Hammond, Station Master (Class 8)

409.

Year	Outward passgr. journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	19621	1532	1727	253	123	28	95
1950	12388	1365	1586	39	83	39	34
1951	10750	1191	1312	33	10	27	10

STATION RESIDENCE.

410.

In April last the Station Master, Mr. Hammond, requested the provision of a back verandah at his residence which is a standard class 3 D.R. to which back verandahs are not normally attached.

The request was refused, but the Station Master pointed out that the residence in question (D.R. 2417) was not on level ground, that it faces the westerly direction from which bad weather comes and that there are six steps leading up to the back door which opens outwards.

The matter is at present being investigated by the District Engineer with a view to a landing being provided.

(W & W. 5389/51)

HIGH LOADING PLATFORM FOR BAYVIEW QUARRIES.

411

Bayview Quarries Pty. Ltd. have made application for facilities to be provided for the loading at Berwick of stone for this Department from the Berwick Blue Stone Quarries.

A scheme has been prepared which provides for the deviation of the metalled approach road into the yard and the construction of a high loading platform with 20 feet wide chute. Accommodation will be provided for ten vehicles between the buffer stops and the chute which will allow of a normal loading of about 200 tons.

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BERWICK (Contd)

HIGH LOADING PLATFORM FOR BAYVIEW QUARRIES (Contd.)

411  
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The Engineer of Track and Drainage has recommended that the necessary sheeting and chute to the high loading platform, together with the new entrance gate and 3' x 2' concrete box culvert, be constructed by the Department at an estimated cost to the Company of £320, all other work to be carried out by, and at the cost of the Company, to the satisfaction of the Metro. District Engineer. The work to be done by the Company will include:-

- (1) Relocation of fence line.
- (2) Earthworks for surfacing high loading ramp.
- (3) Deviation of metalled approach road.
- (4) Alterations to drainage.

The scheme has been discussed with the Manager of the Bayview Quarries at Narre Warren who considers it satisfactory for his requirements and the Company has carried out the earthworks.

(W & W 12220/49)

NARRE WARREN

Mr. W.A. Grant, Station Master (Class 8)

412

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle-Sheep	Horses
1938	4617	670	1444	772	-	9	25
1950	6398	1071	1349	160	64	39	24
1951	7070	796	1141	76	121	39	24

LIVE STOCK FACILITIES, ETC.

413

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line, the Commissioners decided on 26.1.51 that as no alteration is involved to the live stock facilities and as conditions justify it they are to be retained.

The track plan has been examined and approved by the Traffic Branch. Up and Down main lines and all sidings are to be wired for electric traction. (51/1083)

SIGNALLING ARRANGEMENTS.

414

The question of connecting the points leading from the main line to No. 2 road at the down end has been pended for review on 1.7.52 because of the line duplication.

(W & W 8082/49)

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NARRE WARREN (Contd.)

WATER SUPPLY

415

The provision of a reticulated water service at Narre Warren has been deferred for some years because of the shortage of water piping.

(W & W 3013/44)

ASSISTANT STATION MASTER'S PORTABLE

416

Instructions have recently been issued for installation of electric lighting at portable occupied by Mr. Spruhan, A.S.M.

(W & W 13324/51)

HALLAM

Mrs. R. E. Canny, Caretaker (Class 2)

417

Year	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Revenue £	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			In	Out		Cattle	Sheep
1938	1342	169	184	305	-	-	-
1950	2743	117	97	9	4	-	-
1951	1965	105	19	-	-	-	-

STATION FACILITIES.

418

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line the Commissioners have approved of the abolition of the goods facilities.

Although the passenger business is not heavy it is larger than at many other stations and for that reason the Commissioners were not prepared to agree to the withdrawal of the passenger facilities.

The track plan has been examined by the Traffic Branch and approved, up and down lines to be wired for electric traction.

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COMPLETED.

28. 9.51 Installation of electric lighting at D.R. 2833. 419.