

*Dist. Supt.
Slindens Pt.*

COMMISSIONERS TOUR OF INSPECTION

ORBOST TO STRATFORD
STRATFORD JUNCTION TO SALE
POWERSCOURT SIDING TO TRARALGON
MARYVALE
SALE TO TRARALGON
MIRBOC NORTH TO MORWELL
HERNE'S OAK, YALLOURN
MOE TO THORPDALE
TRAFALGAR TO WARRAGUL AND MAYOOK
DROUIN TO HALLAM

Monday 6th to Friday 10th December, 1954.

Train departs from Spencer Street (No. 8 Platform) at 5.15 p.m.
on Sunday 5th December, 1954.

TOUR PERSONNEL

Mr. R.G. Wishart	-	Chairman
Mr. E.H. Brownbill	-	Commissioner
Mr. A.P. Taylor	-	Chief Civil Engineer.
Mr. G. Rogers	-	Chief Traffic Manager.
Mr. G.F. Brown	-	Actg. Chief Mechanical Engineer.
Mr. A.C. Stockley	-	Chief Electrical Engineer. (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)
Mr. P.E. Cooper	-	Auditor of Revenue.
Mr. W. Fox	-	District Engineer.
Mr. J. Clarke	-	District Superintendent
Mr. J. Randles	-	District Rolling Stock Supt.
Mr. G.L. Rayment	-	Commissioners' Secretary.
Mr. J.B. Gwillim	-	Tour Clerk.

TRAIN STAFF

Driver	-	F. Myers.
Fireman	-	F. Eacott.
Guard	-	H. Davidson.
Conductor	-	J. Freeland.
Steward	-	A. Portwood.
Cook	-	F. Williams.
Kitchen Lad	-	R. Oke.

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GIPPSLAND LINE

1.

TELEPHONE FACILITIES:

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the Gippsland Line arrangements are being made to provide improved telephone facilities. It is anticipated the work will be put in hand during March 1955.

(47/14553)
12856

CUTTING BACK VERANDAHS:

2.

Cutting back of overhanging verandahs to allow more clearance for firemen on Diesel locomotives is in hand.

(W.W. 1748/54).

ORBOST

3.

Mr. W.J. Johnston, Stationmaster (Class 6)
Rolling Stock Branch: Driver-in-Charge C. McMaster;
Total staff 6; 1 engine.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Sheep	Cattle Pigs Horses
1952	63895	18	23036	7846	2848	208	877	
1953	77539	22	19243	8077	2799	155	676	
1954	105968	278	24788	7515	2460	116	941	

MOST IMPROVED D.R.:

4.

In connection with the 1953 Competition for the Most Improved Departmental Residences, D.R. 3655, occupied by Guard E.A. Vernon, was awarded first prize of £6.5.0 for places with piped water supply in the Sale Works Foreman's section.

ADDITIONAL SIDING ACCOMMODATION:

5.

On 7.10.54 the Chief Traffic Manager informed the Commissioners that there has been a new development at Orbost in that up to 10 trucks of pulpwood are now being loaded daily for the Australian Paper Manufacturers, Maryvale, and whilst the timber traffic has not varied to any extent and has been efficiently handled by two motorised cranes, the sleeper traffic is on the increase and the siding facilities are now inadequate for the handling of the volume of traffic offering.

Increased wool and maize traffic is now offering, and the yard is regularly congested and difficult to work because of the inadequacy of the accommodation.

The Chief Traffic Manager has recommended that a plan (No. 83/48) accepted on 20.6.50 by the Commissioners as a scheme of improved accommodation be now approved and the work put in hand early.

Continued.

ORBOST (CONT'D.)

5.

It is proposed to provide an additional siding, a 6-tons crane, a sleeper stacking area and roadways at an estimated cost of £10,000.

Bill. Funds have been provided for this work in the Loan Papers on tour.

(47/7546)
(54/12702)

OPERATION OF THIRD CRANE:

6.

On 12.2.54 Mr. J. Douthat made application to motorise the 6-tons crane at the down end of the yard and load timber with it as is done at the other two motorised cranes.

Mr. Douthat is an ex-employee of Mr. J.F.McMahon who operates one of the two motorised cranes.

Investigation disclosed that the two motorised cranes were adequate for the traffic and that the motorisation of the third crane was not warranted.

The Secretary for Railways informed Mr. Douthat accordingly and refused his request on 27.4.54.

(54/1534)

CHARGES FOR LOADING TIMBER WITH CRANES:

7.

Alstergren Pty.Ltd. and Mr. J.F.McMahon load timber with two railway 6 tons cranes on which they installed power drives some years ago. Each loader makes the following charges for loading timber into rail trucks:-

(a) 10d. per 100 super. feet of timber when loaded from road vehicle direct to railway truck.

(b) 1/2d. per 100 super. feet of timber when loaded from the ground to the railway truck.

These charges were approved by the Commissioners on 12/8/52.

A reduction of 10/- per truck on the abovementioned charges is made when the timber is wire-bound or strapped.

(54/5819)
(53/4465)

RESTORATION OF WATT'S GULCH BANK:

8.

The Snowy River Improvement Trust has long range proposals under consideration for improving the Snowy River and one of these is the sealing off of Watt's Gulch to prevent over-flow from the River during floods. The estimated cost of this work is between £4000 and £6000 and the Trust requested that this Department contribute one third of this cost because of benefits which would be derived by the railways from such sealing.

On 25/8/53 the Trust was advised that "The Commissioners do not agree that considerable benefit will be derived by this Department. It is considered that the proposed sealing work might not be effective in the event of an early major flood or of any flood which might overtop the new bank and that owing to the greater inrush of flood waters, failure of the bank would cause more damage to railway property than would occur under

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ORBOST (CONT'D.)

RESTORATION OF WATT'S GULCH BANK:(CONT'D.) 8.

present conditions. In the circumstances, my Commissioners cannot see their way to contribute towards the cost of the proposed work".

(53/2185)

COMPLETED: 9.

24.11.54 Provision of blinds on the windows of sun room at D.R.3262 to permit use as a bedroom.

- Provision of a tap in the front garden of D.R.3655. 10.

4.5.54 Reconstruction and extension of stock yards including concrete surfacing (£7769). 11.

30.1.54 Complete rewiring of electric light supply in D.R.3274. 12.

ORBOST - NOWA NOWA

TRACK TELEPHONE: 13.

Arrangements have been made for provision of a track telephone between Orbost and Nowa Nowa for use by Works Ganger Barnes. The material has been ordered.

(W.W.9849/54)

ORBOST - BAIRNSDALE 14.

STRENGTHENING OF LINE:

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:-

"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

15.

No-one-in-Charge

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle	Horses
1952	1363	15	722	60	-	-	-	-
1953	4128	30	1088	5	-	-	-	-
1954	3105	11	852	9	-	-	-	-

CRANE:

16.

Early in 1952, Messrs. Gibbs Bright and Coy. purchased on behalf of the Waygara Sawmilling Coy, the Departmental 6-tons crane at Waygara which was transferred there from Noojee. The total price paid was £505 representing £350 as the value of the crane and £155 as cost of its erection at Waygara by this Department.

On 10.11.52 Gibbs Bright and Coy, stated that the Waygara Sawmilling Coy. finds that it does not require the crane any longer as it has made more satisfactory arrangements and asks that the Department buy the crane back for the price paid, viz. £505.

On 23.12.54 the Secretary for Railways advised Gibbs Bright & Coy. that the value of the crane to this Department is £350 but, if purchased, it would require to be dismantled for use elsewhere. This work is estimated to cost £100, and the Commissioners were prepared to purchase the crane from the Company for the sum of £250.

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

(51/1693)

TOSTAREE

17.

No-one-in-Charge.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle	Horses
1952	74	5	41	49	-	-	-	-
1953	925	-	689	94	-	-	-	-
1954	393	-	62	39	-	-	-	-

NOWA NOWA

18.

Mr. J.J. O'Keefe, Asst. Stationmaster (Class 4)

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out	Trucks	
			Sheep	Cattle		Pigs	Horses	
1952	19447	20	9286	2002	1241	40	23	
1953	46252	4	14209	1714	847	16	23	
1954	77298	219	21492	2105	940	12	9	

MOST IMPROVED D.R.:

19.

In connection with the 1953 Competition for the Most Improved Departmental Residences, D.R.2256, occupied by Ganger H.R. Smith, was awarded first prize of £6.5.0 for places without piped water supply in the Sale Works Foreman's section.

GOODS PLATFORM:

20.

In September last the District Superintendent suggested that the 50 ft. timber decked goods platform be reduced by 22 feet and the 20 ft. earthen ramp be removed and replaced at the rear of the remaining 28 feet platform in order to provide additional loading frontage for pulpwood and sleeper traffic.

Papers in course.

(15/852/12)

CHARGES FOR LOADING TIMBER WITH CRANE:

21.

Mr. L. Burton who loads timber with the railway crane on which is installed a power drive owned by him, makes the following charges for loading timber into rail trucks :-

- (a) 10d. per 100 super feet of timber when loaded from road vehicle direct to railway truck.
- (b) 1/2d. per 100 super feet of timber when loaded from the ground to the railway truck.

These charges were approved by the Commissioners on 8.12.52.

A reduction of 10/- per truck on the abovementioned charges is made when the timber is wire-bound or strapped.

{54/5819}
{53/4465}

SLEEPER PROJECT:

22.

In August, 1952, arrangements were made for a Departmental sleeper project to be operated in an area at Nowa Nowa allotted by the Forests Commission to this Department. A camp consisting of twenty-nine 20' x 12" portables as living accommodation and a recreation hut, has been provided.

The work of cutting sleepers commenced in September 1952, and up to 20.11.54 - 43,879 had been cut at a price equivalent to stock rates.

At present a staff of 28 men is employed.

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NOWA NOWA (CONT'D.)

ADDITIONAL SIDING ACCOMMODATION:

23.

In consequence of the expansion of the sleeper and timber traffic, the Chief Traffic Manager has recommended the provision of an additional siding at an estimated cost of £1500.

The loading varies from 4 to 8 trucks per day which is considered to be insufficient to justify the provision of a mobile crane or the employment of a tractor and the Chief Traffic Manager desires that a suitable winch be provided to permit of the easy movement of trucks on the shed road in the crane area.

(53/12284)
(54/9755)

TANK AND PUMP:

24.

The Shell Company of Australia has installed a 1,000 gallon underground tank and manual motor-spirit pump in the station ground.

The Company has requested the Department to forward the Company's agreement.

The matter is in course.

(W.W.2281/54)

PRECUT HOUSES:

25.

A contract has been let for the erection of four precut houses.

COMPLETED:

26.

6.8.54 Painting of station buildings and three D.R's. (£874).

- Extension of the camp.

27.

- Provision of chain wire fencing on the over-line bridge at the 'up' end.

28.

- Repairs to the stock trucking yards.

29.

21.12.53 Attention to the jib of 10-tons crane.

30.

27.11.53 Provision of blinds on windows at the departmental barracks.

31.

11.8.54 Diversion of drainage at the overhead road bridge at 207 m. 76 ch. 5 lks.

32.

COLQUHOUN

33.

No-one-in-Charge.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out	Trucks	
			Sheep	Cattle		Pigs	Horses	
1952	105	1	153	36	-	-	-	-
1953	775	2	562	16	-	-	-	-
1954	1456	18	842	16	-	-	-	-

BRUTHEN

34.

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

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out	Trucks	
			Sheep	Cattle		Pigs	Horses	
1952	13265	15	4961	4132	5400	6	82	
1953	27773	1	8260	3425	5821	19	76	
1954	29683	321	8164	4266	4784	6	99	

ALTERATIONS TO STOCK YARDS:

35.

On tour at Bruthen on 11/12/51 representatives of the Shire of Tambo interviewed the Commissioners regarding these yards. The deputation stated that in wet weather it is impossible to drive a motor vehicle in to unload pigs. It is only a dirt track and request was made that a road be formed and gravelled and the fences on each side of the roadway to the yards be given attention as they are not stock proof.

The deputation was informed that it was proposed to move the unloading ramp to a more suitable position facing the end of the stock lane where transports would have no difficulty in turning. Arrangements would be made for the fences to be put in order but the Commissioners could not agree to provide a road as stock could be unloaded at the ramp and driven to the yards.

The Council anticipated that a local water supply scheme would be in operation in about 12 months' time and requested that the water supply be extended to the trucking yards.

It was explained that it is the Department's policy where there is a reticulated water supply and a reasonable amount of traffic to provide watering facilities at the trucking yards.

The fences were repaired and on 14/8/52 the Chief Civil Engineer reported that the proposed renewal of the yards had been listed for attention as soon as circumstances permit.

On 1/6/53 the Shire of Tambo wrote saying that "owing to the state of disrepair of the yards owners are forced to transport stock to Bairnsdale and unless prompt action is taken to effect urgent improvements required the position will be serious".

Continued.

BRUTHEN (CONT'D.)

ALTERATIONS TO STOCK YARDS (CONT'D.)

35.

On 2/7/53 the Chief Civil Engineer reported that "some repairs were effected to the yards recently and they are in workable order."

Recently further representations were made by the Shire of Tambo regarding the condition of the yards. The District Superintendent met representatives of the Shire and others interested at Bruthen on 30.11.54. They agreed that the yards are in a satisfactory condition but the main trouble is the driving of stock along the approach roadway to the yards.

The District Superintendent will have the papers on tour.

(53/5633)

CHARGES FOR LOADING TIMBER WITH CRANE:

35A.

Mr. Enright who loads timber with the railway crane on which he installed a power drive some years ago, makes the following charges for loading timber into rail trucks -

- (a) 10d. per 100 super feet of timber when loaded from road vehicle direct to railway truck.
- (b) 1/2d. per 100 super feet of timber when loaded from the ground to railway truck.
- (c) when the timber is wire bound or strapped a reduction of 10/- per truck on the abovementioned charges is allowed.

(53/4465)

D.R.2253:

36.

Arrangements have been made for installation of a power point in the wash house of D.R.2253.

Waiting staff.

(W & W.14513/53)

COMPLETED:

37.

6.8.54 Painting of station buildings and three D.R's. (£1110)

14.10.54 Provision of a window over the sink at D.R.2254.

38.

21.8.54 Connection of water supply to the station D.R's. and stock yards.

39.

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MOSSIFACE

40.

No-one-in-Charge.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Horses
1952	2394	-	1025	63	-	-	-	1
1953	4216	-	1309	36	-	-	-	1
1954	3110	60	748	54	-	-	-	-

STATION BUILDINGS:

41.

Arrangements have been made for replacement of the station office and van goods shed by a mallee shed with a locker.

(54/392
195)

COMPLETED:

42.

22.7.54 Renewals to facing of high loading platform.

(NOTE:- No.43 is a non-issue)

BUMBERRAH

44.

Mrs. M.R.Gale, Caretaker (Class 4)

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Horses
1952	2182	-	291	1114	49	64	-	73
1953	3638	-	1105	1272	82	57	-	55
1954	4683	130	1230	1368	105	47	-	62

TRAIN CROSSING FACILITIES:

45.

In 1951 a plan and estimate of cost were prepared for train crossing facilities at this place as well as at Munro to make provision for anticipated heavy timber traffic from the Orbost Line. The estimates for Bumberrah were on 9.8.51 -

Trackwork	£8,000
Station	300
Buildings	
Signalling	600
	<u>£8,900</u>

The proposed trackwork provides for a No.2 road of 380 yards between fouling points independent of the present loop siding. As the timber traffic has not yet developed as expected the matter has been pended for later consideration.

(W & W. 2465/50)

BUMBERRAH (CONT'D.)

D.R.2250:

46.

Following a request for electric supply to D.R.2250, the State Electricity Commission advised that low voltage reticulation is not available in the area at present.

When provided, supply could be made available under the usual conditions by means of a simple service.

The applicant was advised accordingly.

W & W. 5321/54)

NICHOLSON

47.

No-one-in-Charge.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1952	27	-	6	172	48	-	-	-
1953	270	-	152	244	50	-	-	-
1954	46	-	9	229	-	-	-	-

BAIRNSDALE

48.

Mr. A.C.Dawson, Stationmaster, (Class 3)
Rolling Stock Branch: Driver-in-Charge A.Timms; Total staff 18;
6 engines

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1952	62967	17342	9315	23081	4390	702	1618	
1953	73338	20158	6674	24007	4301	544	1203	
1954	86247	25335	6599	26201	4145	429	1352	

POSTAL TELEPHONE:

49.

Arrangements have been made with the P.M.G. Department for the provision of an additional postal telephone in the passenger office (£9).

(W & W. 5905/54)

PARCELS OFFICE:

50.

Instructions have been issued for extension and alterations to the parcels office (£360). The material has been ordered.

Continued.

BAIRNSDALE (CONT'D.)

PARCELS OFFICE (CONT'D.) 50.

An additional barrier gate is on hand and will be installed at an early date.

(54/1044
4461)

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM: 51.

A deputation from organizations in the East Gippsland Area to the Hon. the Minister requested the installation of a public address system on the passenger platform at Bairnsdale.

On 21/10/54 the Chairman replied to the Hon. the Minister:-

"The Commissioners have approved of a public address system at Bairnsdale and the work will be carried out in its priority order."

(54/9723)

PASSENGER PLATFORM: 52.

Representations were made by the Bairnsdale Chamber of Commerce to the Commissioners on tour in October 1953, that the passenger platform be lengthened.

A suggestion that the extension be made at the down end, if carried out, may interfere with the alterations to the Loco. sidings but it is considered preferable to have the extension at this end so as not to disturb the use of the short siding at the up end.

The matter is in course.

(53/11230
13950)

PARKING AREA: 53.

In connection with the stands for taxis the District Superintendent has advised that the notices recently exhibited on the station building do not fully meet the position as the areas are not clearly defined. There are so many private cars, particularly during holiday periods, that sufficient parking space is not available and these vehicles occupy positions in various parts of the passenger yard and at times obstruct the area available for taxis.

Owing to the gravelled surface of the passenger yard, it is not practicable to clearly define the parking area for taxis.

After inspection of the area with the Stationmaster and Works Foreman the District Superintendent considers that parking space for private cars should be provided at the up side of the yard entrance adjacent to the departmental residences and a separate entrance constructed in order to avoid obstruction to buses and taxis.

Papers are in course.

(W & W. 1320/54)

BAIRNSDALE (CONT'D.)

RECONSTRUCTION OF PASSENGER ROAD APPROACH: 54.

The Shire of Bairnsdale has advised that it is prepared to carry out the reconstruction of the passenger approach road, and is preparing an estimate of cost for submission to this Department.

(46/15220
14091)

GOODS SHED: 55.

Arrangements have been made for the extension of the goods shed using the spare shed available at Jumbunna.

Waiting staff.

(45/2970
7264)

SANITARY CONVENIENCES AT GOODS SHED: 56.

On 12.7.54 the Commissioners approved of provision of a sewered closet and urinal at the goods shed at estimated cost of £440. The convenience is to be located near the corner of the goods platform and adjacent to the steps at up end leading to up end of shed.

Instructions have been issued.

(54/7160)

CRANE POWER: 57.

In connection with a revision of the crane facilities throughout the State the Commissioners on 5.8.53 approved of tenders being invited for the supply of a total of 14 derrick electric cranes of 8 tons capacity and 10 post type electric cranes of 5 tons capacity delivery to be spread over a period of three years from the placing of orders.

Bairnsdale is No.4 in priority order for an 8 tons electric crane, which it is expected will be delivered about May, 1955.

(50/12222, 54/9755)

CROSSING WORK: 58.

Renewal of the crossing work at the up end has been completed.

A scheme for renewal of the down end crossings is being prepared.

(52/7349
9194)

SIDING TO POLE STORAGE DEPOT FOR S.E.C: 59.

The State Electricity Commission has been negotiating for some time with this Department for the provision of a siding to serve its pole store on the basis that the S.E.C. provides points, crossings, rails, fishplates, spikes, screws and pins from their stocks, this Department to supply all sleepers and crossing timbers, points for the main line turnouts, all welded rails for three turnouts and welded junction rails, ballast and labour for the construction of the siding.

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BAIRNSDALE (CONT'D.)

SIDING TO POLE SHORTAGE DEPOT FOR S.E.C. (CONT'D.) 59.

The estimated cost is £7775 which includes earthworks for which a contract is to be let. The siding will lead off the main line and run towards the level crossing at Niligents Road but will not cross that Road. An amended plan has been submitted for approval.

(51/1991)

CLEANING OF STOCK TRUCKS: 60.

To facilitate cleaning of stock trucks, it is proposed to construct a short platform between the loading races and the dead-end of the siding.

Awaiting staff.

(W & W. 2940/49)

DUAL PURPOSE TRANSPORT RAMP: 61.

This station is listed for provision of a dual-purpose stock transport ramp and is No.5 in order of priority in a list of 13 such ramps approved for installation at stations in the Eastern and South Eastern District.

(50/9884)

TURNTABLE: 62.

A 70 ft. girder turntable which will be released from Traralgon when a 70 feet twin span motorised turntable is installed there has been listed for installation at Bairnsdale.

(50/12100)

EXTRA ROADS AT THE LOCO. DEPOT: 63.

A scheme for the provision of two additional roads, each 80 ft. long, and two short roads opposite them (£1530) has been prepared and will be submitted for consideration at an early date.

(W & W. 12763/54)

FUEL OIL INSTALLATION: 64.

The installation of loco. fuel oil facilities is in hand. It is anticipated the work will be completed by 18.12.54.

(W.& W. 15132/54)

LIGHT IN FRONT OF S.M.'s RESIDENCE: 65.

The Stationmaster has recently made application for the provision of a light at the front door of his residence and has pointed out that all the pre-cut houses have this convenience.

The papers have been referred to the Inter-Branch Housing Committee.

D.R.290: 66.

Arrangements have been made for provision of a power point in the kitchen of D.R.290.

Waiting staff.

(W & W. 14868/52)

BAIRNSDALE (CONT'D.)

PRECUT HOUSES:

67.

A contract has been let for erection of three pre-cut houses. The work is in hand.

COST OF GAS AT PRECUT HOUSES:

68.

On tour on 14.10.53 all tenants occupying pre-cut houses at Bairnsdale complained of the high cost of gas (up to £12 per month and averaging £10) which they attributed to the high unit charge, its poor calorific value and its utilisation for water heating.

A statement was obtained from the Colonial Gas Association showing the monthly charges at each of the five pre-cut houses at Bairnsdale for the 12 months ended September 1953. This disclosed that the highest charges were in June and July, 1953, for £7 and £6.14.10d. respectively at the residence occupied by Fireman Colliver. The average monthly charge per house was slightly over £4 but, taking into consideration the high cost of gas at Bairnsdale (29/3 for the first 2,000 cubic feet) the charges were considered reasonable.

Inspection disclosed that the hot water services were set too high, thus causing large heat losses but this has been adjusted.

(53/10857)

GARDEN FILLING FOR D.R.3497:

69.

At an interview with the Staff Board on 2.4.54 representatives of the A.F.U.L.E. sought information on the supply of garden filling to D.R.3497 occupied by Fireman A.B.Colliver.

They stated that when the Commissioners visited Bairnsdale in October 1953, they agreed to the provision of 20 yards of filling at this residence, but it has not yet been supplied.

The Chief Civil Engineer reported on 26.4.54 that "Shortly after the Commissioners' visit in October 1953, Fireman Colliver was requested to tidy up the yard and level out heaps of earth preparatory to supply of filling. This has not been done.

A load of filling has been ordered for the front garden and the tenant informed that if he spreads this and tidies up the back yard the necessary additional filling will be supplied."

(54/3457)

BUILDINGS FRONTING DALMAHOY STREET:

70.

On 13.1.54 the Shire of Bairnsdale forwarded a copy of a letter from residents of Dalmahoy Street protesting against the erection of tin sheds and a lavatory opposite their homes.

On 12.4.54 the Secretary for Railways replied to the Shire Council as follows:-

"I desire to say that the buildings referred to were erected for the use of an extra gang, which when the work in hand is completed at Bairnsdale, will be moved, together with these structures, to another location.

Continued.

BAIRNSDALE (CONT'D.)

BUILDINGS FRONTING DALMAHOY STREET (CONT'D.)

70.

Serviceable material has been used in the buildings, and, to remove any objections as to their unsightliness, arrangements have been made to paint the walls and also to erect a screen between the lavatory and the street.

The conveniences are properly serviced so that complaint that they are not hygienic should not arise."

(54/500)

BUCHANAN STREET CROSSING:

71.

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 traffic of the presence of an engine or moving vehicle, 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)

COMPLETED:

		72.
28.7.54	Provision of a gas stove at the Rest House.	
11.8.54	Repairs to floor of the goods shed.	73.
6.4.54.	Provision of water supply to D.R's. 290 and 2249	74.
16.8.54	Attention to roof at the loco. shed.	75.
14.1.54	Provision of a power point in the bathroom of D.R.290.	76.
13.8.54	Erection of notice boards at the station for "Taxis Only" "Buses Only" "No Parking".	77.
27.8.54	Provision of a blank indicator board.	78.
4.6.54	Electrification of the 6-tons manually operated crane.	79.
13.10.54	Provision of an electric light in the wash room at the Rest House.	80.
-	Painting of five precut houses.	81.

HILLSIDE

82.

Mrs. A.M. Stanley, Caretaker, (Class 5)

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out	Trucks	
			Sheep	Cattle		Pigs	Horses	
1952	1973	174	1127	361	130	1	42	
1953	2405	309	1018	397	146	4	22	
1954	3204	345	1093	367	128	9	23	

GOODS PLATFORM:

83.

The 52' timber goods platform is in poor order and the Commissioners have approved of its being renewed as a standard 30 feet platform.

Instructions have been issued. Waiting staff.

(54/1158)

LINDENOW

84.

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

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out	Trucks	
			Sheep	Cattle		Pigs	Horses	
1952	11004	1660	6702	2070	1000	28	179	
1953	10675	2083	4429	1095	967	37	114	
1954	16952	2024	3819	2087	954	60	164	

STOCK TRUCKING YARDS:

85.

On 3.6.54 the local branch of the A.P.P.U. made a complaint regarding the condition of the sheep trucking yards and requested that the cattle yards be sheep proofed. Repairs were carried out to the yards and enquiries showed that the existing sheep yard accommodation (5 yards with accommodation for 10 trucks) was adequate for requirements.

The request was therefore refused.

(54/5905)

DIVERSION OF DRAINAGE:

86.

Following a request from the Shire of Bairnsdale to divert surface water into drain on south side of the railway, a licence was forwarded to the Council for execution.

Advice has been received that the Council has been endeavouring to arrange an agreement with the landholders over whose property the water will flow.

The council has been requested to advise the present position regarding the matter.

(51/12708
217752)

LINDENOW (CONT'D.)

COMPLETED:

87.

11.9.54 Repairs to the stock trucking yards.

FERNBANK

88.

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

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1952	2138	239	1802	407	464	9	-	-
1953	1643	351	588	454	405	17	-	-
1954	1930	444	703	776	452	-	1	-

COMPLETED:

89.

14.1.54 Provision of a tilley lamp.

MUNRO

90.

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

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1952	112	62	88	268	-	-	-	-
1953	261	125	103	249	-	-	-	-
1954	444	152	256	337	-	-	-	-

TRAIN CROSSING FACILITIES:

91.

In 1951 a plan and estimate of cost were prepared for train crossing facilities at this place as well as at Bumberrah to make provision for anticipated heavy timber traffic from the Orbost line.

The estimates for Munro were on 9.8.51.

(a) For an attended station with electric staff switching facilities.

Trackwork	£8400
Signalling	2175
Total	<u>£10,575</u>

(b) For an unattended station with automatic electric staff working (similar to Mysia)

Trackwork	£8400
Signalling	2350
Total	<u>£10,750</u>

Continued.

MUNRO (CONT'D.)

TRAIN CROSSING FACILITIES (CONT'D.)

91.

The proposed trackwork provides for a No.2 road of 464 yards between fouling points independent of the present loop siding. As the timber traffic has not yet developed as expected the matter has been pended for later consideration.

(W & W. 2465/50)

STRATFORD

92.

Mr. F. Byrne, Stationmaster, (Class 8)

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Sheep	Cattle Pigs
1952	4961	2064	1266	1699	1865	72	107	
1953	10330	2679	2201	1929	1956	81	68	
1954	12290	3187	2493	2239	1700	46	96	

PRIVATE SIDING:

93.

Instructions are being prepared for provision of a private siding for H.C. Sleigh Ltd. (£810).

(54/6043
8500)

PRECUT HOUSES:

94.

A contract has been let for the erection of two precut houses. The work is in hand.

EROSION AT RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER RIVER:

95.

On 9/10/53 the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission wrote the Secretary for Railways suggesting that arrangements be made for a joint inspection by an Engineer of this Department, an Engineer from the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Engineer of the Avon River Improvement Trust in order that the relation of any proposed works to the safety of the bridge should be ascertained.

On 29/4/54 the Secretary for Railways wrote the S.R. and W.S. Commission saying that following an inspection of the locality by an Officer of this Department, in company of Mr. Strom of your Commission and Mr. Paxton of the Avon River Trust, the Commissioners have been informed that, certain work (set out in the letter) is necessary and that the work which is to be carried out by the Avon River Trust is estimated to cost £4,500. Advice was sought from the Commission as to the amount of the contribution it is considered this Department should make, but to date a reply has not been received to the letter of 29/4/54.

(53/10683)

MONTGOMERY.

96.

No-one-Charge

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	84	-	55	278	139	-	-
1953	237	-	137	232	62	-	-
1954	268	-	86	300	111	-	-

SALE

97.

Mr. J. Polkinghorne. Stationmaster (class 4.)

Refreshment Room Manageress - Miss Fisk.
 Rolling Stock Branch; Driver-in-Charge W. McGrath (Acting)
 Total Staff 7, One engine

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	44523	28172	6695	29807	3207	281	504
1953	52705	28390	5620	32093	3171	278	436
1954	53394	27371	5187	31546	3059	208	371

REFRESHMENT ROOM.

98.

Arrangements have been made for repainting of the kitchen at the Refreshment Rooms.

Waiting Staff.

(W. & W. 14904/54)

FIRE PREVENTION.

99.

Arrangements have been made for a new fire service to be provided at the station buildings (£760). Connection is to be made direct to the town supply in Cunningham Street.

The work will be carried out as soon as staff can be made available.

(52/3400)
 4165)

GOODS SHED:

100.

It has been reported that the locking devices of the goods shed are insecure.

The matter is in course in regard to the general question of making the locking devices for the doors of goods shed more secure.

(W. & W. 592/54).

SALE (Contd.)

101

CRANE POWER.

In connection with a revision of the crane facilities throughout the State, The Commissioners on 5.8.53 approved of tenders being invited for the supply of 14 derrick electric cranes of 8 ton capacity and 10 post platform type electric cranes of 5 ton capacity.

Sale is No.4 priority order for a 5 ton post platform electric crane.

It is expected that the new crane will be delivered about June 1955.

(50/12222).

REQUEST FOR 15 TONS WEIGHBRIDGE.

102.

In September 1954 the City of Sale made representations to the Hon. the Minister that a 15 tons cart weighbridge be installed at Sale mainly for the use of the Gippsland Cement and Lime Co. Pty.Ltd. On 26.10.54 the Chairman replied to the Hon the Minister:-

"The Commissioners desire to say that the present 10 tons departmental cart weighbridge in the station yard at Sale fully meets requirements at this location.

Very little traffic is received at or forwarded from Sale by the Gippsland Cement Lime Co.Pty.Ltd. and, apart from the fact that it is not now the policy of the Commissioners to install cart weighbridges at stations, it is considered that there would be insufficient additional traffic to warrant the provision of the larger facility.

In the circumstances the Commissioners regret they cannot see their way to accede to the request".

(54/10401)/

SEPTIC TANK

103.

Instructions have been issued for reconstruction of the timber filter at the septic tank. (£340). The material is being assembled.

(W.&W.2875/54).

STATIONMASTER'S D.R.

104.

In August last the Stationmaster complained of the condition of his residence and requested the provision of a bath heater. The papers have been forwarded for course.

(15/969/32)

PRECUT HOUSES:

105.

Four precut houses have been erected and are occupied.

COMPLETED:

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| 25.1.54 | Improvements and extension to parcels office. | 106. |
| 5.7.54 | Raising of the barrow tracks and extension to enable coaling of "R" class loco's. | 107. |
| 26.2.54 | Attention to faulty wiring at D.R. 2468 | 108. |
| 13.1.54 | Provision of a plywood screen between the buffet and dining room at the Refreshment Rooms. | 109. |
| 14.2.54 | Provision of an additional power point at D.R.'s 3156 and 3195. | 110 |
| 24.6.54 | Improvements to and renewals at D.R. 3195. | 111. |

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 1954

FULHAM TO LOY YANG.

INSPECTION BY DODGE RAIL CAR, 7.12.54

FULHAM, KILMANY, ROSEDALE, FLYNN AND LOY YANG .

(NOTES 112 to 128)

FULHAM

No-one-in-Charge

112.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	930	2043	28	233	34	-	-
1953	607	973	48	193	42	-	-
1954	350	109	129	146	34	-	-

KILMANY.

113.

Mr. J.B.Taylor, Asst. Stationmaster (class 5.) and
Mrs. S.Taylor Caretaker. (class 5.)

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	3155	718	740	858	530	148	88
1953	3840	511	345	753	260	145	95
1954	5387	621	1094	569	358	128	38

ELECTRIC LIGHTING

114.

At Rosedale on tour on 15.10.53 representatives of the Shire of Rosedale requested that as the State Electricity Commission now has power lines in the vicinity, electric lighting be installed at Kilmany station.

It was explained that approval had been given for the installation of electric lighting at a large number of stations but Kilmany was not included on the list.

The matter would be kept in mind when additions were being made to the list of stations at which this facility is to be provided.

(53/11063)

STOCK YARDS

115.

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 £2122 on 7.6.54.

Provision will be made for dual purpose transport ramp when the work approved on the plan (No.409/50 amended 30.8.54) is being carried out.

(49/13532)
(50/5200)

KILMANY - ROSEDALE

DRAINAGE:

116.

Instructions have been issued for drainage of morass at the down end of Latrobe River Flats (£461). It is anticipated a start will be made early in 1955.

ROSEDALE

Mr. E.L. Pitts, Stationmaster (class 8)

117.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Cut Sheep Pigs	Trucks Cattle Horses	
1952	5763	4625	493	1735	1890	175	147	
1953	7126	5070	492	2016	1897	200	128	
1954	8195	4057	782	2167	1712	222	77	

TREE PLANTING COMPETITION:

118.

In connection with the 1953 Tree Planting and Station Decoration Competition, Rosedale was awarded third prize for the maintenance of existing trees, gardens, etc. at stations with piped water supply in the Eastern and South-eastern District and the prize money of £5 was paid to Mr. Pitts, Stationmaster.

MOST IMPROVED D.R.

119.

In connection with the 1953 Competition for the Most Improved Departmental Residences, D.R. 3654, occupied by Repairer G. Surinow, was awarded second prize of £3.0.0 for places with piped water supply in the Sale Works Foreman's section.

ELECTRIFICATION OF CRANE AND FREIGHT OF TIMBER:

120.

On 30.8.54 Mr. Ian McPherson, Sawmiller and Cartage Contractor of Traralgon requested that the crane at Rosedale be electrically operated to facilitate the loading of timber which he maintained he was forced to haul from Traralgon as the facilities at Traralgon station were inadequate. He also requested that the freight charges on timber be reduced.

On 29.10.54 the Secretary for Railways wrote Mr. McPherson as follows:-

"I desire to say that there is a 6-ton crane at Traralgon and although, under an arrangement between this Department and H. Beecham and Co., it is fitted with an electric drive for the latter's use, it is available for manual operation by other clients of the Department. In this connection, inquiries disclose that up to two trucks of timber could be loaded by your Company daily without interference to other loaders using the crane. It is expected that the present crane will be replaced by an 8-ton electrified crane early in the new year. There is also a 6-ton electric crane at Morwell (8½ miles from Traralgon) which could be used by your Company. It is therefore considered that

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ROSEDALE (Contd.)

ELECTRIFICATION OF CRANE AND FREIGHT OF TIMBER (Contd.)

your Company's requirements can be satisfactorily met at either of these locations and that there is no justification for electrifying the crane at Rosedale or for reducing, as requested, the freight charges on timber now being despatched from that station".

(54/9206)

STOCK TRUCKING YARDS:

121.

On tour on 15.10.53 the Shire Council requested that a dual purpose transport ramp be provided at the stock yards and the yards be renewed as soon as possible.

The Commissioners replied that approval had been given for the provision of the ramp and that it would be provided as soon as funds could be made available.

The question of the reconstruction of the yards would also be given further consideration as soon as funds are available for the purpose.

Instructions have been issued for dual purpose transport ramp, crush yard and road approach. (Estimated cost £635). 90% completed. Concreting is to be done when filling consolidates.

(51/12712.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO CAMP:

122.

A contract has been let for provision of electricity supply to the camp.

(W.W.4621/54)

D.R.266:

123.

Arrangements have been made for provision of a portable at D.R.266.

Waiting staff.

(53/11134)
(13880)

FLYNN

No-one-in-charge:

124.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Horses
1952	1228	483	23	380	-	35	110	
1953	1377	140	14	336	-	20	56	
1954	1460	72	29	300	105	20	43	

FLYNN (Contd.)

STATION BUILDING:

125.

It has been agreed by the Traffic Branch that the portable station office building can be replaced with a mallee shed and locker.

POST OFFICE AT D.R.:

126.

Mr. P.B. Curran has been leased the Railway residence as from 1.12.53 at a rental of £2.11.8 monthly for use as a residence and as a non-official Post Office and Telephone Exchange at the request of the District Inspector of the P.M.G. Department.

Recently it was noted that Mr. Curran was carrying out unauthorised additions to the residence and he has been informed by the Estate Officer that he must supply a plan showing the additions referred to and details of the materials used.

The Metro. District Engineer has the matter in hand.

(52/806)

EROSION IN FLYNN'S CREEK:

127.

Following a request from the Latrobe River Improvements Trust that this Department contribute towards the cost of scour prevention work at Flynn's Creek, the Trust was advised that as silt from the erosion area is unlikely to prejudice the railway bridge over Flynn's Creek on the embankment at approximately 106 m. 75 c. 95 l., the Commissioners regret they cannot see their way to contribute towards the cost.

(54/1258)

LOY YANG

No-one-in-charge:

128.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	5	39	-	11	-	-	-
1953	9	64	-	17	-	-	-
1954	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MAFFRA.

129.

Mr. J. Quirk, Stationmaster (class 4.)

Rolling Stock Branch: 2 rail motor drivers: Senior man - H. Dunlop

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Sheep	Cattle
1952	82074	7629	32524	65343	390	110		258
1953	108348	7821	31450	76410	421	60		323
1954	136159	8486	36979	75157	569	38		273

BEST KEPT D.R.

130.

In connection with the 1953 Competition for the Best Kept Departmental Residences, D.R. 443, occupied by Repairer E.C. Proctor, was awarded first prize of £9 in the Eastern and South Eastern district.

RELOCATION OF STATION BUILDINGS.

131.

On tour on 8.5.50 Councillor J.A. Johns asked the Commissioners that consideration be given to transferring the station buildings and platform to the other side of the line. All of the passenger business 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.

GUARDS' ROOM.

(50/4791)

132.

The Australian Railways Union has requested the provision of a wash basin in the guards' room. The matter is in course.

Instructions were issued on 24/11/54 for the installation of an electric kettle in this room.

(W. & W.12248/54)

RECONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROAD.

133.

The Shire of Maffra has prepared plans for reconstruction of the access road from the Bundalagah Road through to the Sale Road and requests that the estimated cost of the work (£2100) be shared on a 50-50 basis.

The matter was investigated and the Shire written to saying it is considered reasonable to apportion the cost of the work on the basis of the relative volume of railway and non-railway traffic, which was estimated to be, $\frac{1}{4}$ railway and $\frac{3}{4}$ non-railway.

The Shire has further contacted the Department stating that a traffic count was arranged on Monday 8th November, the result being, vehicles proceeding to Railway station 65, and Non-Railway traffic 68. In consequence of this evidence the Shire has requested that further consideration be given to meeting half the cost of reconstruction.

The matter is in course.

MAFFRA. (Contd.)

134.

LAND FOR RAILWAY PURPOSES.

The Department of Crown Land and Survey has reserved, for railway purposes, land on which the railway siding to the former dehydration factory is constructed.

(50/12057)
13045)

SALE ROAD LEVEL CROSSING:

135.

Following a request from the Shire of Maffra suggesting that certain fencing at the Sale Road level crossing be removed, the crossing was inspected by the Level Crossing Committee which recommended the provision of standard dropper fencing. Arrangements are being made for the work to be carried out.

(54/11610)
15884)

ELECTRIC BELL:

136.

Provision of an electric bell to aid the gate-keeper who operates the gates on the up side of Macallister River Bridge has been listed for attention when staff can be available.

(W.W. 454/51)
(W.W. 1614/54)

PRECUT HOUSE.

137.

A contract has been let for the erection of a precut house. The work in hand.

D.R. 2828:

138.

A plan and estimate of cost are being prepared for renovations, including provision of sewerage, and enclosing of back verandah of D.R. 2828.

A contract has been let for the provision of a gravelled roadway at this D.R.

(W.W. 12002/54)
(W.W. 5084/54)
(W.W. 16186/53)

COMPLETED:

139.

27.2.54 Provision of an additional power point at D.R. 443.

30.12.53 Electrification of the 6 tons derrick crane. 140.

2.3.54 Alterations to Maffra Co-operative Milk Products Siding. 141.

31.1.54 Provision of a power point in the wash-house at D.R. 2828 142

28.4.54 Provision of a power point in wash house of D.R. 440. 143

MAFFRA (Contd.)

- COMPLETED: 144.
- 2.4.54. Provision of a woodshed at D.R. 3666.
- 22.5.54. Provision of sewerage facilities at D.R. 443. 145.
- Provision of a table telephone in lieu of the wall telephone at the goods office. 146.

TINAMBA. 147.

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

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	5417	1534	707	1491	143	98	292
1953	5795	1397	361	1137	173	89	244
1954	7992	1339	1039	1354	248	75	234

TRANSPORT RAMP. 148.

The provision of a dual purpose transport ramp and crush yard is in hand.

(51/12721)
(3489/52)

D.R. 438 149.

Efforts are being made to obtain a contractor for provision of an additional light in the partitioned 20'X 12' portable at D.R. 438.

FLASHING LIGHT SIGNALS. 150.

Following representations for provision of flashing light signals at the crossing at up end (126M 31C), the crossing was inspected by the Level Crossing Committee which recommended the erection of a stop sign, provision of an additional crossing sign, attention to wing fences, removal of pepper trees at the station entrance gate and replacement of the non-standard advance warning sign.

The matter is in course.
Papers on tour.

(51/6748)
(9276)

TINAMBA - HEYFIELD. 151.

CROSSING AT 122m 39c 52 1,

On 27.2.52 the Engineer, Shire of Maffra, advised that the Shire proposed to reconstruct the road adjacent to the above crossing and asked that arrangements be made for the existing cattle pits to be moved back in line with the edge of the road reserve.

After investigation the Secretary for Railways replied on 3.4.52 that "having regard to the sharp angle (approximately 20 degrees) of the roadway to the railway at this location adoption of your Council's suggestion to relocate the cattle pits in line with the edge of the road reserve would be contrary to the interests of safety and as it is considered that the present width of the roadway is adequate, my Commissioners regret they cannot see their way to accede to the request".

(52/3360)

HEYFIELD.

Mr. L.V. Rogan, Stationmaster (class 7).

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1952	30189	6427	13688	5208	354	59	419	
1953	67891	6834	27668	4522	329	59	331	
1954	82653	8960	31125	4842	229	65	318	

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

153.

In October last the Stationmaster reported that the electric supply switchboard was defective and the papers were forwarded for attention to the Chief Civil Engineer.

(15/489/29)

LAND FOR BEAUTIFICATION PURPOSES.

154.

On tour on 10.12.51 the Commissioners were interviewed by Councillor F. Zacher representing the local Progress Association, who requested that the Department improve the triangular piece of land at the approach to the passenger side so as to avoid the lodgment of water which takes place in the area after heavy rain.

The Commissioners stated they were prepared to lease the area at a nominal rental for beautification purposes if the local Council is interested, but the Department could not undertake to carry out any work in the area.

(51/12718)

DUAL PURPOSE TRANSPORT RAMP.

155.

This station is listed for provision of a dual purpose stock transport ramp and is No. 10 in order of priority in a list of 13 such ramps approved for installation at stations in the Eastern and South Eastern District.

(50/9884).

SHUNTING AT LEVEL CROSSING.

156.

In June 1954 the local Progress Association made the following suggestions for additional safety at crossings:-

- (a) "That post and rail fences in vicinity of crossings be replaced with wire fences.
- (b) That all goods train engines be fitted with strong head lights.
- (c) That reflectors be fitted on the sides of railway trucks".

On 29.7.54 the Secretary for Railways wrote the Progress Association as follows:-

"I desire to say that post and rail fences at level crossings have the advantage over wire fences of more clearly defining the crossing to roadusers. Experiments are being conducted with an alternative type of fence consisting of standard concrete fence posts and white painted timber rails, and further tests will determine the extent to which this type of fence will be used.

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HEYFIELD (Contd.)

SHUNTING AT LEVEL CROSSING (Contd.)

156.

It is the Department's policy to equip all locomotives on running lines with electric headlights, and work on the few engines remaining to be fitted will be done as early as practicable.

The question of fitting reflectors to the sides of railway rolling stock has previously been considered but owing to various factors, my Commissioners cannot see their way to sanction their use. The principal disability is that in station grounds and yards where there are curved lines they could be mistaken by shunting staff and train crews for fixed and/or hand signals.

The Commissioners are satisfied that with the exercise of ordinary care and observance of traffic regulations no danger should be apprehended by roadusers at level crossings.

As indicated in the press it is proposed shortly to erect stop signs at a large number of level crossings, and as it will then be obligatory on roadusers to stop before passing over the crossing this should ensure a greater measure of safety at such crossings".

(54/7113)

VIADUCT

157.

On 13.8.53 the Shire of Maffra wrote stating that the roadway under the railway viaduct over the Heyfield - Seaton road is dangerous as the piers in the viaduct are close together giving a clearance of less than 13 feet for road traffic,

The Council desired that one pier be completely removed to reduce the danger.

On 17.9.53 the Secretary for Railways replied to the Shire that "The cost of replacing the 4-pile timber pier of the railway bridge over the Heyfield-Seaton road with steel beams and a skeleton type deck, to provide a 30 feet span is estimated at £1450.

The elimination of the pier is not necessary for railway purposes and in the circumstances my Commissioners would not be prepared to contribute to the cost of the work".

(53/8440)

PRECUT HOUSES.

158.

A contract has been let for erection of two precut houses.

D.R. 433.

159.

Efforts are being made to obtain a contractor for renewal of the switch board at D.R. 433.

(W.W.15443/54)

COMPLETED:

13.5.54 Improvements to drainage at the goods yard entrance. 160.

28.10.53 Attention to the gantry crane. 161.

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY 7th DECEMBER, 1954.

DAWSON

No-one-in-Charge. 162.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	60	14	46	83	70	-	-
1953	241	17	141	67	26	-	-
1954	99	6	40	98	-	-	-

COWWARR.

Messrs J. Hesie and F. Blackburn Asst. Stationmasters (Class 5.) 163.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	2557	1780	715	1048	141	50	63
1953	3818	1577	670	867	244	80	70
1954	4392	1518	987	944	178	35	59

RECONSTRUCTION OF CULVERT. 164.

The Shire of Rosedale has arranged for reconstruction of the culvert at the level crossing at 113m 63c 961. (£720)
The material is on the site.

(53/12159)
14677)

PRECUT HOUSES. 165.

A contract has been let for the erection of a precut house.

D.R. 430 166.

Arrangements have been made for rehabilitation of D.R. 430 (£738). It is anticipated the work will be commenced on 13/12/54.

(W.W. 14189/53)

COMPLETED: 167.

30.4.54 Provision of an additional power point at D.R. 430

COWWARR-TOONGABBIE. 168.

COMPLETED.
16.3.54 Removal of earth and silt to improve drainage at bridge at 112m 63c.

TOONGABBIE.

169.

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

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	865	1196	83	617	229	30	21
1953	1212	1400	81	617	340	26	20
1954	1221	1610	81	566	386	23	15

COMPLETED:

170.

External and internal painting of the station buildings and D.R. 1839.

TOONGABBIE-GLENGARRY.

171.

FLOODING AT EAGLEHAWK CREEK.

To alleviate damage to tracks due to the flooding of the Eaglehawk Creek at 104m 79c 23 l, a scheme for regrading of the track between 104m 66c and 105m 15c, and provision of a precast box culvert at the occupation crossing at 104m 37c 36 l has been prepared. (£2975).

Arrangements have been made for cleaning out of the silt from the up end section of Eaglehawk Creek Bridge.

The matter has been listed for attention when circumstances permit.

(W.W. 11222/54)
(W.W. 7781/54)

GLENGARRY.

172.

Mr. J.A. Ward, Asst. Stationmaster (Class 5)

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	4311	2012	662	2895	92	38	245
1953	4959	1783	645	2731	252	30	229
1954	4588	1547	485	3176	150	40	214

STOCK YARDS SIDING.

173.

On tour on 14.10.53 representations were made to the Commissioners by Cr. J.S. Lang of the Shire of Rosedale that a dead-end siding be provided beyond the trucking yards so that trucks could be moved by gravitation when loading. It was promised that the matter would be looked into.

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SECOND DAY, TUESDAY 7th DECEMBER, 1954.

GLENGARRY. (Contd.)

STOCK YARDS SIDING. (Contd.)

On 18.1.54 the Secretary for Railways replied to Cr. Lang "I desire to say that there is accommodation for four livestock trucks between the loading race and the scotch block at the down end of the station yard and this accommodation was exceeded on only five days during the past twelve months. On such occasions, however, clearances are arranged so that inconvenience will not occur. Although the siding is curved, it is level and no difficulty is experienced in moving loaded trucks on it without engine power.

In the circumstances, the provision of a dead-end extension is not warranted, and my Commissioners regret they cannot see their way to accede to the request".

(53/11267)

DUAL PURPOSE TRANSPORT RAMP.

174.

This station is listed for provision of a dual purpose stock transport ramp and is No. 12 in priority order in a list of 13 such ramps approved for installation at stations in the Eastern and South Eastern District.

(50/9884)

COMPLETED:

175.

8.10.54 Provision of concrete weir to prevent scouring of side cutting at 103m 60c (£166).

GLENGARRY-TRARALGON.

176.

FLOODING OF PROPERTY OF MR. R.E. PRATT.

On 13/11/53 Mr. E.M. Allman, Barrister and Solicitor of Sale, wrote the Commissioners on behalf of Mr. R.E. Pratt who owns property adjoining the line at 100 m 38 c 41 lks. He stated that because of the construction of a bridge by this Department after the 1935 floods, portion of Mr. Pratt's property is subject to flooding and he desired a bridge or crossing over a scoured area to permit him to work his property.

Upon investigation it was ascertained that the scouring takes place across the adjacent Shire Road on the east side of the line and that it was on this roadway that a bridge was desired by Mr. Pratt.

In the circumstances Mr. Allman was informed on 23/4/54 that the matter is one between Mr. Pratt and the local Council.

(53/12151).

TRARALGON.

177.

Mr. P.H. Gough Stationmaster (Class 2)

Rolling Stock Branch: Depot--Foreman J. Rogers vice G. Muhlan on annual leave.
17 engines; Total staff 94.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	27431	30834	1801	17253	1033	399	321
1953	31411	34211	1619	18074	926	317	174
1954	50992	38250	7887	22698	1014	254	179

WOOD YARD.

178.

Arrangements are in hand to provide a suitable yard adjacent to the lamp room to accommodate 12 tons of firewood (£41) Awaiting staff.

(W.W. 12456/54).

LAND FOR BEAUTIFICATION.

179.

When on tour in 1951, the Commissioners offered to lease to the Shire for beautification purposes an area in front of the station.

The matter has been deferred, at the Shire's request, pending completion of the new Institute building and bowling green adjoining the area.

(51/12451)
14142

CRANE POWER.

180.

The third 8 tons modern electric crane to be supplied to the Department is to be erected at Traralgon and the present crane at Traralgon is to go to Fish Creek.

It is expected that the new 8 tons crane will be delivered in February 1955.

(54/9755).

STATION YARD LIGHTING.

181.

Following a request from the A.R.U. for improved lighting in the station yard, arrangements were made for work to be carried out at an estimated cost of £48.

Waiting Staff.

(W.W. 3226/54)

PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL STORAGE SIDINGS AND REMODELLING OF YARD.

182.

In consequence of a report from the Operating Improvement Committee in 1950 a plan was prepared of 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.

(Continued)

TRARALGON (Contd.)

PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL STORAGE SIDINGS AND REMODELLING OF YARD. 182. (Ctd.)

The Operating Improvement 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, and that the yard remodelled in accordance with the plan and carried out as early as practicable.

On 16.11.54 the Commissioners approved of the provision of the two additional sidings at the up end at estimated cost of £9224. The work to be put in hand as soon as the new Loan Bill is passed. (50/2641). (54/12376).

STORAGE ROAD FOR BREAK DOWN TRAIN. 183.

The question of relocating the storage road for the breakdown train is under consideration.

(W.W.13276/52)

V.R.I. BUILDING AND BOWLING GREEN SITE 184.

Work on the new V.R.I. building (£14,674) at the rear of the passenger platform is 55% completed. A site 130' X 100' has been reserved for bowling green purposes immediately on the down side of the building site.

(53/8920)
(52/9150)

STOCK YARDS. 185.

The Shire Council has made representations on many occasions during the last 14 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 by the Council that it intended to erect municipal sale yards adjacent to this land and, in accordance with the usual practice, the railway stock yards should be situated closeby.

On tour on 12.12.51 the Shire Council again inquired as to the intentions of the Commissioners respecting the live stock yards.

The deputation was informed that if it was desired that very early improvements be made to the existing facilities, the proposal previously outlined to the Council would be retained i.e. that the Department would bear the cost of the trucking yards and the Council would be required to pay the cost of the connecting sidings.

If, however, the Council was prepared to wait until it could be seen more clearly what the future development is likely to be in connection with the handling of stock on the Morwell - Traralgon area, the matter could be reviewed then.

The deputation said that in these circumstances the Council would be quite willing to defer the matter for consideration at a later date. (51/12457)

TRARALGON (Contd.)

LEASE OF LAND.

186.

The Gippsland and Northern Co-operative Co. Ltd. is to lease land for stock sale yard purposes. An agreement has been forwarded to the Company for signing.

{53/9834}
{ 12250}

DUAL PURPOSE TRANSPORT RAMP.

187.

This station is listed for provision of a dual purpose stock transport ramp and is No. 11 in priority order in a list of 13 such ramps approved for installation at stations in the Eastern and South Eastern District.

(50/9884)

LOCO DEPOT BUILDING.

188.

Instructions are being prepared for re-arrangement of the offices and store and extension and improvements of No. 2 barracks at the loco depot.

{54/5727}
{ 8082}

COAL STAGE AND LOCO TRACKS.

189.

To overcome the difficulty of turning 'R' class engines on the turntable at the loco depot, owing to the close proximity of the coal stage road and the turntable pit, instructions have been issued for alterations to the coal stage and track work and provision of retaining walls. (£797).

(W. W.10038/54)

TURNTABLE.

190.

This station is listed for provision of a 70 feet twin span motorised turntable to replace the existing girder turntable.

(50/12100)

MISUSE OF FIRE APPLIANCES.

191.

The employe responsible for the maintenance of fire appliances and conduct of fire drills at Traralgon has reported that the canvas fire hose and two extinguishers at the new barracks on the Maffra line have been irregularly used during two week-ends in November and it has been necessary to recharge the two extinguishers on both occasions.

These huts are occupied by New Australians working in the Rolling Stock Branch and the matter has been taken up with the District Rolling Stock Superintendent with a view to preventing a recurrence of the trouble.

LEVEL CROSSING AT HAZELWOOD ROAD.

192.

On 16.2.54 the Traralgon and District Hospital Trust asked what action is proposed regarding provision of a road crossing over the line where the Hazelwood Road meets the railway at a point opposite the new Traralgon Hospital. On 2.4.54 the Secretary for Railways wrote the Hospital Trust as follows:-
"I desire to say that the question of providing a road bridge over the Gippsland railway in the vicinity of Hazelwood Road, Traralgon, was investigated in 1950, following representations by the Shire of Traralgon and the Latrobe Valley Development Advisory Committee.
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TRARALGON (Contd.)

LEVEL CROSSING AT HAZELWOOD ROAD. (Contd.) 192.

These Authorities were informed at the time 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.

It was also stated that the cost of providing the bridge, together with an amount representing the capitalised cost of this Department maintaining it, would require to be borne by some Authority other than this Department, and that any subsequent costs incurred in removing the bridge and erecting it elsewhere would require to be borne by such Authority.

There has been no subsequent change in the position".

(54/1923)

PRECUT HOUSES. 193.

A contract has been let for the erection of six precut houses.

ACCESS TO PRECUT HOUSES. 194.

The Shire of Traralgon has made arrangements for the construction of the foot paths, channels and crossings in connection with the erection of precut houses in Osborne, Clift and Breed Streets at an estimated cost of (£704).

(W. & W.5298/54)

STOVES AND HOT WATER SERVICES IN PRE-CUT HOUSES. 195.

On 20.10.53 the occupants of pre-cut D.R's at Traralgon forwarded a petition to the Commissioners and also to the Hon. the Minister requesting that electric appliances be installed in their pre-cut houses in place of the gas installations as the cost of gas was too high, averaging £5 per month.

The Chief Civil Engineer reported on 30.11.53 that the statement that gas bills averaged £5 per month was exaggerated and the average monthly cost at Traralgon does not compare unfavourably with the cost at pre-cut houses at Bairnsdale and Seymour.

The Commissioners approved on 3.12.53 of the recommendation of the Chief Civil Engineer that the gas stoves, coppers and hot water services installed in the pre-cut houses erected at Traralgon remain and not be replaced by electric units.

In March 1954 the Traralgon Sub-Branch of the A.R.U. requested per the Hon. the Minister that electric stoves, coppers and hot water services be installed in lieu of gas units in the further 6 pre-cut houses proposed for erection in Traralgon.

On 18.5.54 the Commissioners wrote the Hon. the Minister as follows:- "The Commissioners desire to say that they have approved of the installation of electric hot water services in further pre-cut houses to be erected at Traralgon because of the cheaper night tariff available for electric hot water services, and the most costly maintenance required for gas appliances of this type.

As the operating and maintenance costs of electric and gas stoves and coppers are comparable, it is not proposed, however, to alter the existing practice of installing gas units for these services."

(54/3481, 53/11489).

TRARALGON (Contd.)

COMPLETED:

2.8.54	Painting of 20 precut houses.	196.
24.5.54	Attention to crane.	197.
26.10.53	Provision of additional lighting at Loco Office and attention to yard lighting.	198.
13.12.53	Provision of rubber flooring in the corridor of the Batching Camp.	199.
16.12.53	Provision of window curtains at the barracks.	200.
24.3.54	Provision of a 20' x 12' portable for use of Electrical Fitter-in-Charge.	201.
27.7.54	Covering of signal wires between the gas tank and the point where the existing protective covering ends.	202.
16.7.54	Provision of a bicycle shelter for loco shed staff.	203.
25.2.54	New conveniences at the loco depot.	204.
20.2.54	Provision of ice chest in No.2 barracks.	205.
29.3.54	Relocation of 60 feet of fencing and provision of gate in outer stock receiving yard to improve access to stock yards.	206.
-	Provision of a 12' x 10' portable at D.R. 3406.	207.
-	Paving of the oil road.	208.

TRARALGON TO DANDENONG
MOE - YALLOURN

209.

ELECTRIFICATION OF LINES.

A substantial portion of this work has been carried out and the operation of electric trains from Warragul to Melbourne commenced on 21/7/54.

(48/7600)

TRARALGON-MELBOURNE

210.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPERVISING SERVICES:

On 2.4.54 the Signal and Telegraph Engineer reported that equipment being obtained would provide the following:-

"Telephone (3 channels)

- | | | |
|-----|-----------|----------------------|
| (a) | Trunkline | Melbourne - Warragul |
| (b) | " | " - Morwell |
| (c) | " | " - Traralgon |

Teleprinter (4 channels)

- | | |
|-----|----------------------|
| (a) | Melbourne - Warragul |
| (b) | " - Moe |
| (c) | " - Morwell |
| (d) | " - Traralgon |

with an additional Teleprinter channel to Warragul and one to Morwell when required.

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TRARALGON - MELBOURNE

210
(Ctd.)

In addition, trunk telephone circuits would be provided

- (a) Warragul - Moe - Yallourn
- (b) Traralgon - Sale

to give telephone communication to Melbourne via the switchboards at Warragul and Traralgon".

On 29.10.54 the Telephone and Telegraph Committee recommended

- " (a) that the trunk line telephone circuit be extended from Traralgon to Bairnsdale with a branch from Stratford to Sale in lieu of the proposal to extend the circuit direct from Traralgon to Sale;
- (b) that teleprinters be provided at Warragul, Traralgon and Bairnsdale and the proposed installations at Moe and Morwell be deferred until there is a substantial increase in telegraph business at these stations".

On 12.11.54 the Commissioners approved of recommendation (b) of the Telephone and Telegraph Committee and directed that the question of the extension of the trunk line telephone circuit from Traralgon to Bairnsdale with a branch from Stratford to Sale be resubmitted - with an estimate of the cost of the work - for consideration when the 1955 Loan Bill is being prepared.

(50/10646)

MARYVALE

211.

No-one-in-Charge.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	<u>Total Tonnage</u>		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u>		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs
1952	134821	-	55801	146520	-	-	-	-
1953	138361	-	55468	129910	-	-	-	-
1954	196644	-	91021	156934	-	-	-	-

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

212.

In May last the A.R.U. requested the provision of electric lighting for night shunting operations at the Maryvale Paper Mill Sidings where an average of 13 trains weekly perform shunting work.

The Chief Civil Engineer has advised that in addition to an S.E.C. Sub-station which would require to be installed in connection with the proposal, railway lighting could be provided at an estimated cost of £450. He also advised that under the terms of the Siding Agreement the A.P.M. Coy. could be requested to provide lighting for shunting operations.

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MARYVALE (Contd.)

ELECTRIC LIGHTING. (Contd.)

212.

However, the electrification and duplication of the line to Traralgon and the provision of siding accommodation near Morwell for the Lurgi Gasification Works may affect the existing siding arrangements and the District Superintendent has recommended that the request be pended until these works are more clearly defined.

Papers in course. (W.W. 7438/54)

EXTENSIONS TO TRACK WORK.

213.

The Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd. is carrying out extensions to track work at its Maryvale mill. The material has been purchased from the Department and the work is being supervised by a Departmental ganger.

{53/7847}
{ 9694}

MIRBOO NORTH

214.

Mr. C. O'Connell, Stationmaster (Class 8)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	<u>Total Tonnage</u>		Wool Bales	Livestock <u>Out Trucks</u>		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1952	13993	1711	8051	5722	195	70	164	
1953	18975	2450	7142	6540	319	115	99	
1954	18634	5445	5345	6980	310	65	124	

PRECUT HOUSE:

215.

A contract has been let for erection of a precut house.

COMPLETED:

216.

6.8.54 Painting of station buildings and one D.R. (£791)

DARLIMURLA

No-one-in-Charge.

217.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	<u>Total Tonnage</u>		Wool Bales	Livestock <u>Out Trucks</u>		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1952	253	24	535	5	-	-	-	
1953	131	2	298	2	-	-	-	
1954	52	59	60	1	-	-	-	

BOOLARRA

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

218.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	<u>Total Tonnage</u>		Wool Bales	Livestock <u>Out Trucks</u>		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1952	1483	1258	551	1366	87	23	27	
1953	1232	1010	109	1538	60	20	18	
1954	999	1390	58	1669	110	4	5	

BOOLARRA (Contd.)

LEVEL CROSSING:

219.

The Shire Council has requested the provision of a level crossing near 105 M. 30 C. to serve the occupants of one allotment on the North side of the Little Morwell River and the up side of the line.

The occupants of this allotment at present use the bridge at 102 M. 46 C. 60 L. as an undercrossing to gain access to the Morwell-Mirboo North Road.

The legal obligation in regard to the under-crossing is at present under investigation and it is expected that the Level Crossing Committee will have its report available in a few days.

54 / $\frac{9573}{13350}$

COMPLETED:

220.

6.8.54. Painting of station buildings and one D.R. (£402).

8.7.54. Relocation of the lounge room door at D.R. 419. 221.

1.11.54. Provision of two additional power points at D.R. 419. 222.

YINNAR

Mrs. L.V. Harrington, Caretaker (Class 3)

223.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	<u>Total Tonnage</u>		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Sheep Cattle	Pigs Horses
1952	2330	489	139	3648	120	36	237	
1953	1165	570	91	4059	71	19	45	
1954	935	652	58	4183	124	1	16	

PASSENGER PLATFORM:

224.

Arrangements have been made for reduction in length of the 265' passenger platform by 65'. The material is being assembled.

54 / $\frac{4926}{6346}$

GOODS SHED:

225.

The Commissioners inspected the goods shed on tour on 13.10.53 and found that the lessee of a portion of the shed was occupying all but the area near the doorways. They directed that the matter be checked up with a view to ensuring that the lessee keeps his portion of the shed in proper order.

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YINNAR (Contd.)

GOODS SHED: (Contd.)

225.
(Ctd.)

Mr Vinning leases two sections 10' x 10' at the down end of the 30' x 20' goods shed. He was contacted and undertook to keep his goods to the sections of the shed leased by him.

(53/10814)

COMPLETED:

226.

- Alteration to fencing at the crossing.

HAZELWOOD

No-one-in-Charge

227.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	<u>Total Tonnage</u>		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u>	
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle Pigs Horses
1952	-	-	-	187	-	-	-
1953	-	-	-	248	-	-	-
1954	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

HAZELWOOD - YINNAR

FLOODING:

228.

In January, 1954, Mr. J. Bennett who has property adjacent to the railway and creek at 95 M. 44 C. 39 L. wrote the Hon. Sir H. Hyland M.L.A. regarding flooding of his land which had taken place because of the creek having broken through a levee bank.

On 10.3.54 the Chairman replied to Sir H. Hyland that "There will be no objection to Mr. Bennett repairing and strengthening the bank of the stream at the two low points in question with dense clay filling provided that:-

- (1) the general level of the down bank of the stream is not raised, and
- (2) the necessary filling is not obtained from railway land".

On 12.4.54 the District Engineer reported that the work had been satisfactorily completed by Mr. Bennett. Subsequently Mr. Bennett was given permission to remove from his property some metal filling which had been washed from a scour at the bridge on to his land.

The scour was refilled with stiff clay.

(54/541)
(54/3542)

MORWELL

Mr. H.G. Williams Rel. Stationmaster (Class 3)

229.

Rolling Stock Branch: Rail Motor Driver C. Brody.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	32264	33993	1249	28921	400	77	228
1953	39038	33827	2767	28604	415	42	176
1954	33551	40239	1487	14208	382	32	192

NEW STATION BUILDINGS:

230.

On 12.12.51 on tour representatives of the Morwell Shire Council asked that improved accommodation be provided at the station.

It was explained that due to the shortage of staff and materials many urgent jobs were awaiting attention throughout the State and that until the leeway was overtaken other desirable improvements could not be undertaken.

In any case it was intended to erect new station buildings at Morwell in connection with the duplication and electrification works and when those were completed Morwell would have a station of which local residents could be proud.

(51/12707)

ELECTRIC LIGHT EXTENSION.

231.

Papers are in course in connection with a recent recommendation by the Stationmaster that a 60 feet lead and electric lamp be provided to facilitate the unloading of van goods from No.35 news goods. A power point is available in the office.

It is said that about four trolley loads of van goods are received daily.

(15/765/43)

LIGHTING OF TAXI RANK:

232.

Arrangements have been made for provision of additional lighting at the area adjacent to the taxi rank (£30).

Waiting staff.

(W.W. 5254/54)

CRANE POWER:

233.

The second 8 tons modern electric crane to be supplied to the Department is to be erected at Morwell and the present crane at Morwell is to go to Stawell.

It is expected that the new 8 tons crane will be delivered in February 1955.

(54/9755)

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MORWELL (Contd.)

GOODS OFFICE TELEPHONE:

234.

Arrangements are in hand with the P.M.G. Department for the wall type telephone in the goods office to be replaced by a table set.

(15/765/41)

REARRANGEMENT OF YARD AND PASSENGER AND GOODS FACILITIES:

235.

In consequence of the development of the traffic a scheme has been prepared to completely rearrange the station and yard. The plan of the rearrangement of the station has been approved and the work is to be done progressively as the town develops.

A much larger station is to be provided on the present site and the goods yard and stock trucking facilities are to be removed to a site adjacent to the Maryvale railway siding and situated east of the new Jerralang West road deviation approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Morwell and 6 miles from Traralgon.

Because of urgent need for additional loading space in the present goods yard approval has been given for the relocation of the water tank at the down end and the extension and straightening of the long dead-end siding with metalling of the frontage to it.

Included in the proposals is 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 and gantry crane etc. the cost of which in 1949 was estimated at £350,000. The pedestrian subway under the line at the main station will be extended across beneath the Princes Highway to the opposite side of the road and a request from residents that the level crossing at the down end be retained when the overhead bridge has been constructed at McDonald Street has been refused. The work on the subway and bridges is well in hand.

Re-arrangement of the station yard is proceeding. The principal works being carried out at this stage are:-

- (a) construction of pedestrian subway (to join with Council subway under Prince's Highway)
- (b) Reconstruction of bridge at Jane Street; and
- (c) Construction of bridge at McDonald Street.

The PCR crossing at Church Street is to be closed.

(45/5207, 49/3356, 50/12145, 51/8256)

YARD LIGHTING:

236.

Arrangements have been made for improvements to yard lighting (£15)

Waiting staff.

(W.W. 3206/54)

MORWELL (Contd.)

SITE FOR COMFORT STATION AND AREA FOR BEAUTIFICATION.

237.

On tour on 13.10.53 representations were made to the Commissioners by the President and Councillors of the Shire of Narracan that:-

- (1) when the proposed pedestrian subway is constructed at the Church Street crossing, a site be made available for a comfort station.

The deputation was informed that it was not the policy of the Commissioners to make railway land in the vicinity of station yards available for such purposes, but following further representations that the site in question is most suitably situated for a comfort station being close to the centre of the town and that there is no other area available in the vicinity of the Church Street crossing, the matter would be given further consideration.

- (2) the area on the down side of the Stationmaster's residence be made available to the Council for beautification purposes.

The area was inspected in company with the Council representatives who pointed out the dilapidated appearance of the building on the leased site and requested that the lease be terminated, the building removed and the whole area made available to the Council.

The Commissioners pointed out that the area may have considerable value as business sites; that it was their duty to obtain the best return from land that may not be immediately required for railway purposes and that the Council would be advised as soon as possible of the Department's intentions in the matter.

The unsightly building referred to in item (2) was removed off the land in question some time ago.

The Chief Civil Engineer reported on 30.8.54 that several inquiries have been received for leasing railway land at Morwell for business purposes. The railway land with frontages to the Main Street and the Princes Highway is highly valuable for business purposes and, until a decision as to the final layout for duplication and other departmental requirements has been reached, it will not be possible to decide what further land is available for leasing.

The papers have been pended until 1.7.55.

(53/10811)

SHOP SITES:

238.

The Honorable Sir Herbert Hyland, M.L.A. requested to be advised regarding the possibility of shop sites becoming available at Morwell when the level crossing at the down end of the station is closed.

A reply stating that, until finality is reached regarding the layout of tracks under duplication proposals at Morwell, it is not practicable to determine what land can be made available for lease, has been forwarded.

The matter has been pended accordingly.

54/ $\frac{4799}{6598}$

MORWELL (Contd.)

LEASE OF BUSINESS SITE:

239.

Mr. D.J. Hinkley has applied to lease the triangular area of land bounded by the road approach to the crossing, the subway and the dead end siding on the Commercial Street side of the station yard. The applicant proposes to erect a modern brick shop thereon.

The matter is in course.

LEASE OF LAND FOR CAR PARKING.

240.

The Shire of Morwell has made application for the lease of additional land for car parking purposes.

The matter is in course.

(W.W. 6178/50)

DRAINAGE OF ROADWAY AND LEASED SITES.

241.

The drainage of roadway and leased sites has been listed for attention when circumstances permit (£303)

(52/4059)

APPROACHES TO BRIDGES.

242.

The Country Roads Board has been requested to arrange construction of the roadway and approaches at the McDonald and Jane Street bridges.

Awaiting reply from the Board.

(W.W. 4753/53)

BRIDGE.

243.

The construction of a bridge to carry the 90 C.M. interconnecting railway over the main Gippsland railway west of Morwell for the State Electricity Commission is 30% completed.

50/ $\frac{1573}{9164/49}$

ABATTOIRS SITE.

244.

The Latrobe Valley Development Advisory Committee informed the Commissioners in 1950 of the intention to construct central abattoirs to serve all towns in Morwell area.

At discussions between the abovementioned Committee and railway officers it was arranged that a site in allotments 16 and 17 to the east of Tramway Road and adjacent to the railway on the south side should be set aside for abattoirs, sale-yards and railway stock trucking yards, and it was so arranged in the Latrobe Valley Sub-Regional Planning Scheme 1949.

The Victorian Inland Meat Authority has recommended the acceptance of a site for abattoirs in allotment 84 which is about two miles north of the main Gippsland railway and east of the siding loading to the A.P.M. works. The A.P.M. are reluctant to allow their busy line to be used for serving other industrial areas and it is considered that an additional siding leaving the main line near Maryvale sidings and parallel with the existing A.P.M. line would be necessary to serve the abattoirs if they were established in allotment 84.

(Continued)

MORWELL (Contd.)

ABATTOIRS SITE (Contd.)

244.
(Ctd.)

An additional expenditure of about £70,000 would be required for such a line. The cost of this line and any sidings at the works, together with a charge for maintenance, would require to be met by the authority operating the abattoirs. In addition, placing charges for railway trucks used in the service would be imposed. The cost of operating rail sidings for stock traffic will be much less if the abattoirs site be on allotments 16 and 17 than if on allotment 84.

It is desirable that facilities for rail stock trucking, sale yards and abattoirs should be in close proximity to each other and the approved site on allotments 16 and 17 is preferable from a railway point of view.

The matter was discussed in 1952 with Messrs. Oakley and Parkes, Architects for the Inland Meat Authority and advice from them is awaited.

(50/6137)

LEVEL CROSSING AT CHURCH STREET.

245.

On several occasions requests have been made for a flashing light warning signal to be provided at the level crossing at Church Street at down end of Morwell station but all have been refused.

In reply to representations made by the Morwell Shire to the Hon. the Minister, the latter was advised on 1.5.53 that "the location is not suitable for the installation of the standard type of flashing light signals because of the shunting movements carried out in the adjacent yard.

It is proposed to close the crossing following the construction of an overhead bridge at McDonald Street and the provision of a pedestrian subway.

Conditions at the crossing are considered by the Level Crossing Committee to be satisfactory provided road users exercise ordinary care, and the Commissioners regret they cannot see their way to authorise the installation of flashing light warning signals."

(52/8700)

PAINTING PRE-CUT HOUSES.

246.

A contract has been let for the painting of 15 pre-cut houses (£923). The work is in hand and 40% completed.

COMPLETED:

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| 6.3.54 | Up home signal from Mirboo North line 8' further out from the track. | 247. |
| 21.1.54 | Provision of staff locked connection from the main line to the State Electricity Commission's sidings at 89 M 55 C. | 248. |
| 1.10.54 | Provision of a portable at D.R. 3458 | 249. |
| 16.9.54 | Provision of a 6' x 6' wire cage for tobacco consignments. | 250. |
| 16.10.53 | Electrification of the 6 tons crane. | 251. |

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MORWELL (Contd.)

COMPLETED:

16.8.54	Repairs to surface of passenger platform.	252.
12.11.54	Provision of a heavy duty transport ramp at stock yards.	253.

MORWELL - DANDENONG

POWER SIGNALLING 254.

The provision of automatic signalling is in hand and the section between Nar Nar Goon and Tynong is in operation.

(49/13371)

HERNE'S OAK

Signal Porters E.V. Clohesy and J.T. Morgan 255.

AUTOMATIC STAFF EXCHANGE APPARATUS. 256.

The question of installing an automatic staff exchanging apparatus for both "up" and "down" trains (£230) is under consideration.

(53/4841)
942

COMPLETED: 257.

- Painting of 3 prefabricated houses.

15.3.54 Provision of power point in the wash house at D.R. 3126. 258.

HERNE'S OAK - YALLOURN.

SIDING FOR S.E.C. 259.

A revised scheme was 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.

No advice has been received from the S.E.C. as to whether it desires the work to proceed and no further action is proposed pending such advice.

48/ $\frac{11476}{10659}$

HERNE'S OAK - YALLOURN (Contd.)

RETENTION OF LINE AND SIGNAL BOX.

260.

On 25.9.53 the Commissioners desired an early report as to the justification for the retention of the Yallourn - Herne's Oak line and the signal box at Herne's Oak after the completion of the signal box at Yallourn.

On 26.11.53 the Chief Traffic Manager submitted a report which showed that via Herne's Oak the goods train mileage per week was 72 miles as compared with 320 miles per week via Moe and deviation. The net increase in the approximate cost of operating via Moe was set down as £10,650 per annum.

The Yallourn signal box was brought into use on 1.12.53.

The papers are pending for review on 1.12.54 and will be available on tour.

(53/10117)

YALLOURN

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

261.

Rolling Stock Branch: 3 engines.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1952	1,161,583	4	1,548,023	31,862	-	-	-	-
1953	2,107,064	1,261	1,698,355	22,516	-	-	-	-
1954	2,667,942	1,579	1,826,178	22,183	-	-	-	5

LOCATION OF PARCELS OFFICE.

262.

On 27.10.54 the Yallourn and District Chamber of Commerce requested that consideration be given to the conducting of the parcels traffic at the original parcels office as inconvenience is being occasioned because of the parcels office having been moved from the centre of the town to a position about one mile therefrom.

The former parcels office was more convenient to the business portion of the town but a local carrier and a taxi truck operator conduct deliveries from the combined goods shed and parcels office to Yallourn and Yallourn North.

When the parcels business was moved, the interior fittings of the old station office and parcels office were dismantled and removed. With the existing combined goods shed and parcels office, the parcels porter is able to give some assistance to the goods clerk with the delivery of goods etc. and it is a most economical arrangement.

The Traffic Branch has recommended that the existing arrangement be not disturbed.

(54/11613)

YALLOURN (Contd.)

ELECTRIFICATION OF LINES & SIDINGS. 263.

A scheme for the proposed electrification of the lines and sidings has been prepared, and the State Electricity Commission is to be requested to bear the actual cost and annual maintenance charges of various sections of the work.

(W.W. 4493/51)

SIDING FOR S.E.C. OIL STORAGE. 264.

Instructions have been issued for construction of a siding to provide access for rail delivery to the S.E.C. bulk oil storage (£2840).

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4408

CATCH POINT PROTECTION. 265.

A scheme for the provision of a catch protection on the exit of the marshalling yard for the State Electricity Commission has been prepared.

The special derail turnout necessary is being designed.

(W.W. 12038/53)

OVERHEAD BRIDGE. 266.

It has been recommended that the timber bridge in bad order over the eastern road in the vicinity of the old passenger station may be abolished.

15/1226/65)

WEIGHBRIDGES. 267.

Arrangements have been made for inspection and overhaul of weighbridges at the Briquetting Works and North Yallourn Open Cut during 21.12.54 to 6.1.55.

(W.W. 14096/54)

SIDINGS SERVING THE POWER STATION. 268.

Instructions have been issued for re-arrangement of the sidings serving the Yallourn Power Station, at an estimated cost of £7,618, chargeable to the State Electricity Commission.

54/~~3203~~
4399

SHUNTERS' MESS ROOM STOVE. 269.

Request has been made for a "Backwoodsman" stove in the Shunters' Mess Room in the old station yard. The matter is being referred for consideration by the Amenities Committee.

(W.W. 12422/54)

SANITARY FACILITIES. 270.

Request has been made that Traffic Branch staff be permitted to continue using the sanitary facilities at the old station buildings. Transfer of the buildings to the State Electricity Commission will not take place for some time and it is proposed to take up with the Commission the question of availability of the conveniences after transfer is effected.

(W.W.12442/54)

YALLOURN (Contd.)

RUN-AROUND ROAD FOR LOCOMOTIVES: 271.

A plan and estimate of cost are being prepared for provision of a loop at the Coal Stage for provision of a run-around road for electric locomotives.

51/4578
(112214/50)

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR TRAIN EXAMINERS: 272.

Instructions are to be prepared for additional facilities for Train Examiners. The scheme includes extension of the siding by 255 ft., inspection pit 30 ft. long, shelter 40' x 22' over the pit and a 20' x 12' Train Examiners' cabin (£4250).

(53/11064
14107)

SAND HOUSE: 273.

Arrangements have been made for construction of a sand-house at the coal stage. The material has been ordered.

LIGHTING: 274.

Request has been made by the A.F.U.L.E. that electric lights be provided under the coal stage and between the station office and goods shed. The matter is being investigated.

(14007/54)

ADDITIONAL RAILWAY HOUSES: 275.

In connection with representations made by Mr. H.G. Stoddart M.L.A. to the Hon. the Minister, the Chairman informed the Hon. the Minister on 9.7.54 as follows :-

"The Commissioners desire to say that it is their policy to provide houses for married employes only at locations where other housing accommodation is not available. When it was decided in 1946 to increase production at Yallourn, arrangements were made with the Housing Commission to provide houses at Warragul, Moe and Traralgon for the additional staff required to handle the traffic. In addition 32 houses have been erected by the department for staff working at Moe and Yallourn, and a survey has shown that all married employes at Moe and Yallourn are accommodated. Apart from the fact that the Commissioners would not be justified in erecting additional residences for staff at Moe and Yallourn while there is a more pressing need for houses at other locations, it is understood that there are a number of Housing Commission homes vacant in the Moe area".

The 32 houses abovementioned are located as follows :-
18 at Moe, 5 at Herne's Oak and 9 at Yallourn.

(54/5666)

YALLOURN (Contd.)

COMPLETED :

1.12.53	Removal of the up home signal and plunger locking at the down end.	276.
-	Construction of a spur siding for the S.E.C. to accommodate trucks for local repairs.	277.
-	Alterations to the switches at the amplifier cabinets.	278.
3. 8.54	Re-arrangement and extension of sidings within the Open Cut for the S.E.C.	279.
27.11.53	Installation of flashing light signals at level crossing at Eastern Road by the S.E.C.	280.
19.11.53	Provision of a "W.S.a" lever in lieu of "C.C.W" lever on the points at the Herne's Oak end of the reversing triangle.	281.
23.11.53	Attention to the 3" ball valve controlling the water supply to the loco. tank.	282.
10. 3.54	Erection of signal box.	283.
10. 5.54	Installation of a train control selectorphone in the new station buildings and signal box.	284.
31. 5.54	Installation of electric bathheater in D.R. 2736.	285.

MOE

Mr. G.H. Gullick, Stationmaster (Class 4). 286.
 Rolling Stock Branch: Driver-in-Charge C. Mangan;
 Total Staff 22; 3 engines.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs
1952	29441	47322	2214	12188	-	6	25	
1953	39651	55732	1809	13208	-	6	5	
1954	48056	66063	3619	15466	-	5	-	

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM:

287.

This station has been listed for the installation of a public address system.

MOE (Contd.)

STAFF EXCHANGE PLATFORM:

288.

Arrangements have been made for provision of a staff exchange platform for Yallourn line trains when routed through No.2 road. (£20) The material is being assembled.

(W.W. 8540/54)

CONDITION OF RAILWAY YARDS:

289.

On 14.4.54 the Moe Chamber of Commerce wrote the Commissioners and complained of the condition of the station yard with untidy stacks of firewood, rubbish, high grass, dilapidated sheds and blackberries.

On 26.5.54 the Chairman replied :-

"I desire to say that the congested and somewhat untidy appearance of the railway yard at Moe is due largely to the presence of portable buildings for railway employes who are engaged on extensive works in the area. Instructions are being issued with a view to ensuring that the yard is maintained in as clean and tidy a condition as the present emergency circumstances permit. The grass in the yard is regularly burned off in season and arrangements have been made with the Lands Department for the eradication of the blackberries."

On 16.6.54 the Chamber of Commerce again wrote saying "We feel that even though the yards may be clear of rubbish, etc. they will always be an eyesore. It would appear that the only solution is to hide the yards altogether with, perhaps, a hedge. The members feel that although the appearance of the goods shed has improved recently it could be improved quite a lot more with a coat of paint. It is also considered that pig-face, or something similar would improve the appearance of the stark cuttings on the east side of the main overhead bridge".

On 5.8.54 the Chairman wrote the Chamber of Commerce as follows:- "I desire to say that plans for the re-arrangement of this yard include the replacement of the existing goods shed by a new structure on another site. In the circumstances we would not be justified in repainting the existing shed, but, as previously stated instructions have been issued with a view to ensuring that the yard is maintained in a clean and tidy condition"

(54/3963)

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF YARD AND EXTENSION OF GOODS SHED:

290.

A complete re-arrangement of the yard is necessary in connection with the duplication and regrading of the line and the handling of the Yallourn traffic.

All narrow gauge facilities are to be abolished. A plan for the complete re-arrangement including provision of island passenger platform, additional siding accommodation between platform and goods shed, passing loops at the up end, standing room for passenger train service to Yallourn and relocation of stock yards was prepared. It was recently reported that a goods shed 100' x 20' will be required and the platform on the up side of the shed should be 75 feet in length and an office should be provided beyond the down end of the shed, and, in addition certain lines and sidings will require to be wired for electric traction.

Continued

MOE (Contd.)

CROSSINGS:

293.

In connection with the regrading, duplication and electrification of the line it is intended to close the P.C.R. crossing now situated at 79M 55C 721ks. and construct a new one in lieu thereof at about 79M 33C.

On 15.11.54 the Shire of Narracan was advised accordingly and invited to forward the Council's comments regarding the proposal.

(54/12231)

PRIVATE SIDING:

294.

The W.A. Purvis Stores Pty., Ltd., requested a lease of the first section of the Walhalla Railway Line, where it crosses George Street, with a view to converting it to a broad gauge siding to its store at Moe.

After investigation the company was advised that in the light of the expansion which is likely to occur in railway business at this location, a broad gauge private siding could only be provided to the detriment of local railway users and create interference with the efficient operation of the yard.

(54/6775
9303)

ADDITIONAL RAILWAY HOUSES:

295.

In connection with representations made to Mr. H.G. Stoddart, M.L.A. by the Moe Sub-Branch of the A.R.U. for the erection of more houses for railway staff, the Chairman informed the Hon. the Minister on 17.9.54 that the Commissioners could only reiterate the views expressed previously that as all married employes at Moe and Yallourn are housed, there is no justification for erecting additional residences for the staff at those locations.

(See also Note No.275 under Yallourn).

(54/5666)

D.R. 3302:

296.

An application for provision of a larger electric stove at D.R. 3302 was refused as it is not the policy of the Department to provide a three plate electric stove in lieu of a two plate stove in a three bedroom unit.

(W.W. 7236/54)

COMPLETED:

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| 27.10.54 | Provision of an electric light on the rear porch of D.R.'s 3302, 3311, 3342 and 3431. | 297. |
| 15. 6.54 | Relocation of a power point from the Guards' room to the station office. | 298. |
| 5. 7.54 | Provision of a power point in the Departmental barracks. | 299. |
| 6.10.54 | Provision of a 40 ft. lead and portable lamp at station. | 300. |

MOE (Contd.)

COMPLETED (Contd.)

15. 6.54	Replacement of the electric urn in the Guards' room.	301.
27.10.53	Provision of an additional entrance gate in the gantry crane area.	302.
9. 3.54	Chain wire wing fences erected at bridge at down end.	303.
20. 5.54	Internal painting of the kitchen and ablution block at the Rolling Stock Hostel.	304.
7. 4.54	Provision of a power point in the kitchen of D.R. 2508.	305.
-	Painting of 12 precut houses.	306.

THORPDALE LINE.

MAINTENANCE OF LINE:

307.

On 14.10.53 the Commissioners directed that, pending a decision as to whether the Thorpdale line is to remain in commission, only the minimum amount of maintenance necessary to ensure safety should be undertaken.

(53/10789)

BOUNDARY FENCES. NOXIOUS WEEDS AND RABBITS:

308.

On tour on 12.10.53 representations were made to the Commissioners by Mr. B. Smith regarding the condition of the boundary fences on the up side of Thorpdale.

It was also stated that the railway property was a breeding ground for rabbits blackberries and ragwort.

The Commissioners stated that they were under no obligation to maintain fences on the Thorpdale line, and the fences were no longer being maintained. Adjoining land holders were at liberty to use any materials in the fences to maintain their fences along the railway boundary.

Mr. Smith enquired whether the Department would supply fencing materials if he undertook the erection of the fences, and was informed that the Commissioners could not see their way to do this, but they would be prepared to sell old sleepers at the usual rates if any were available.

The Department was responsible for the eradication of noxious weeds and rabbits on its property and any necessary action would be taken in the matter.

On 26.5.54 the Chief Civil Engineer reported that necessary attention has been given to the eradication of noxious weeds and rabbits on the Thorpdale line by the track force with the assistance of the Lands Department.

(53/10718).

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COALVILLE

Miss I. Ashton, Vol. Caretaker. 309.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	5	-	2	69	-	-	-
1953	1	-	-	55	-	-	-
1954	3	-	-	23	-	-	-

NARRACAN

No-one-in-Charge. 310.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	529	-	241	197	-	33	-
1953	365	-	125	182	30	15	-
1954	433	-	103	272	20	18	1

NARRACAN - THORPDALE

OCCUPATION CROSSING 89M 20C. 311.

Mrs. N. Matthews of Thorpdale has made application for an occupation crossing at 89M 20C. On 1.7.54 she was advised by the Secretary for Railways the conditions under which such a crossing would be provided but nothing further has been heard from her.

(54/6729)

THORPDALE

W.H. Gunn, Vol. Caretaker. 312.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1952	7548	-	7509	2582	348	39	5
1953	11746	-	6453	2594	362	91	12
1954	9679	-	3122	2711	700	129	13

THORPDALE (Contd.)

REDUCTION IN LENGTH OF GOODS PLATFORM:

313.

Instructions have been issued for reduction in length of the goods platform. Staff is not available at present.

(49/12286)

D.R. 417:

314.

The occupant of D.R.417, Mr. W.H. Gunn, voluntary caretaker, applied for provision of a new copper stand.

The conditions under which the house is let provide that no repairs will be carried out by the Department, and the applicant was informed accordingly.

(W.W.14237/54)

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TRAFALGAR

Mr. G.C. Ryan, Stationmaster (class 6) 315.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock	
			Out	In		Out Sheep Pigs	Trucks Cattle Horses
1952	14167	9985	3356	11086	223	84	644
1953	13983	10413	2489	11563	114	64	453
1954	18998	10080	3573	11506	141	48	581

PARCELS OFFICE 316.

Plan 444/54 for alterations and improvements to the parcels office has recently been approved by the Traffic Branch and returned to the Chief Civil Engineer for further course in connection with the work.

(W.W.6317/54)

PASSENGER PLATFORM 317.

Instructions have been issued for renewal of the timber portion of the passenger platform. (£800). It is anticipated the work will be commenced on 13.12.54.

(W.W.7277/53)

RE-ARRANGEMENT 318.

The re-arrangement of the station yard on account of duplication of the main line involves the resumption of land leased to Trafalgar Timber Pty.Ltd., realignment of the private siding to Purvis Bros.' grain mill, and relocation of Permewan Wright and Coy's building on leased land.

The matter is in course.

SIGNALLING APPARATUS 319.

The question of providing accommodation for the necessary signalling apparatus for duplication and electrification purposes is under consideration.

(W.W.6317/54)

STOCK YARDS 320.

A contract has been let to Messrs. R. Loader and A.C. Treeby for labor in construction of new stock yards at Trafalgar. The amount involved is £1,230.

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DUAL PURPOSE TRANSPORT RAMP 321.

This station is listed for provision of a dual purpose stock transport ramp and is No.8 in order of priority in a list of 13 such ramps approved for installation at stations in the Eastern and South Eastern District.

(50/9884)

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TRAFALGAR (Contd.)

WIG WAG SIGNAL AT CROSSING IN SHIRE

322.

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)

OVERHEAD BRIDGE

323.

Having regard to the substantially higher expenditure that would be involved (£19,400) and to the comparatively small volume of foot traffic at this location, the Commissioners were not prepared to agree to the provision of a subway.

Instructions are being prepared for provision of an overhead bridge with ramps at an estimated cost of £7,100.

(52/7036)
(8658)

LEVEL CROSSING

324.

On 15.11.54 the Secretary for Railways informed the Shire of Narracan "In connection with regrading, duplication and electrification works being undertaken on the East Gippsland line, it is intended to close the P.C.R. crossing at 74 m. 17 c. near Trafalgar and construct a new one in lieu of it at about 74 m. 27 c.

My Commissioners will be glad of any comments your Council may desire to make regarding the relocation of the crossing."

(54/12229)

COMPLETED

6.9.54 Provision of a power point in the kitchen and wash house and also a light in the bath room of D.R.1870. 325.

- Painting of a precut house. 326.

TRAFALGAR - YARRAGON

DRAIN UNDER LINE

327.

On 24.4.54 Mr. H.G. Stoddart, M.L.A. enquired of the Hon. the Minister if it was the intention of the railways to put in an underground culvert opposite the property of Mr. V. Roach on the Princes Highway about 2½ miles west from Trafalgar railway station. Mr. Stoddart stated that he was positive that a drain at this point was necessary and it did not appear that it was to be provided.

On 7.7.54 the Chairman informed the Hon. the Minister:-
"The Commissioners desire to say that there is a 2'3" diameter pipe drain under the Princes Highway at 71 m. 5 ch. near Trafalgar (in front of Mr. Roach's property) and the request is for the provision of a pipe under the railway track at this location.

A stream passes under the roadway and railway tracks approximately 10 chains on the 'down' side of the pipe drain and in the normal course water from this drain should flow along the roadway side drain to the stream. The latter drain at present requires to be cleaned out.

In the course of earthworks being carried out in connection with the duplication of the line the railway side drain to the stream will be excavated sufficiently to take all water passing through the pipe drain under normal conditions. Mr. Roach's property is situated in the lowest part of the surrounding area and although flooding has occurred due to the limited waterway under the road, the waterway under the railway track has proved adequate and, in the circumstances, the Commissioners cannot see their way to install a pipe under the railway track at the point desired".

(54/4273)

YARRAGON

Mr. T. McMahon, Stationmaster (class 8)

328.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out	Trucks	
						Sheep	Cattle	Horses
1952	3578	3617	1099	5383	18	42		43
1953	4267	4521	947	6621	20	8		33
1954	4758	5209	1058	6670	34	12		41

FOOT CROSSING

329.

On tour on 12.10.53 Mr. S.W. McIntyre, President of the local Progress Association enquired of the Commissioners what is going to be done in regard to the provision of a foot crossing. He was informed that as soon as finality is reached in connection with the station planning, the Progress Association will be advised what the pedestrian access will be.

On 30.3.54 the Secretary for Railways wrote Mr. McIntyre as follows:-

YARRAGON (Contd.)

FOOT CROSSING (Contd.)

"I desire to say that it is proposed, in connection with the duplication of tracks at Yarragon, to provide pedestrian access across the the station yard by means of a footbridge with ramps leading to the adjacent roadways and to the passenger platforms. The footbridge will be located at the Melbourne end of the existing platform."

(53/10719)

STOCK TRUCKING YARDS

330.

A contract has been let to K. Sidebottom for labor in construction of new stock yards at Yarragon. The amount involved is £1000.

{54/10807}
{ 14293}

COST OF DIVIDING FENCE

331.

In November 1953, Messrs. Courtney and Dunne, Barristers and Solicitors of Warragul, wrote on behalf of Mr. I.R. Sim the owner of land adjoining D.R.3285 fronting Bowden Street, requesting that the Department pay its proportion towards the cost of a dividing fence between the D.R. and Mr. Sim's land.

On 4.3.54 the Secretary for Railways wrote Messrs. Courtney and Dunn as follows:-

"I desire to say that my Commissioners are agreeable to bear half the cost of erecting a paling fence on the boundary between your client's property and certain railway land at Yarragon provided the fence is constructed substantially in accordance with details shown on the attached plan, and that you first forward for the approval of this Department a firm quote for the erection."

On 5.1.54 the Metro. District Engineer reported -

"Inspection was made and it was found that a paling fence 104'2" in length would be necessary. This fence would consist of 5' paling, 6" plinth, 5 x 3 R.G. post strutted 2 ways, 4" x 2" hardwood top and bottom rails, 3 x 1½ hardwood intermediate rail. The estimated cost would be £61.5.0."

(53/12023)

COMPLETED

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| 26. 5.54 | Installation of an additional power point in D.R.2397. | 332. |
| 26. 1.54 | Painting roof of station buildings. | 333. |

DARNUM

Messrs. T.J.Hansen and T.Moran, Asst.Stationmasters (Class 5) 334.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock	
			Out	In		Out Sheep Pigs	Trucks Cattle Horses
1952	479	1256	100	874	29	-	1
1953	974	1614	233	854	31	8	27
1954	916	1441	183	791	32	-	18

CROSSING OF LINE

335.

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)

COMPLETED

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|----------|--|------|
| 12. 2.54 | Provision of a power point in the front room and kitchen at D.R.246. | 336. |
| 5.10.53 | Abolition of occupation crossing at 64 m. 32 c. | 337. |
| 6. 5.54 | Relocation of the electric meter at D.R.414. | 338. |

DARNUM - WARRAGUL

P.C.R. CROSSING AT 63 m. 22 c.

339.

The Australian Primary Producers Union has asked to be advised what action is being taken in regard to the above P.C.R. crossing.

In the past, there have been various requests made for provision of flashing lights at this crossing but the Level Crossing Committee is of the opinion that the installation is not warranted.

(54/12159)
(16430)

WARRAGUL

Mr. T.A. James, Stationmaster (class 2)

340.

Refreshment Rooms Manager - Mr. Dart.

Rolling Stock Branch: Depot Sub-Foreman V. Bartels; Total Staff 76:
12 engines.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock	
			Out	In		Out Sheep Pigs	Trucks Cattle Horses
1952	44691	72067	4055	35495	459	254	1266
1953	39795	51708	4492	33337	630	115	629
1954	42003	54606	3888	33328	505	104	757

FIRE PREVENTION

341.

A scheme has been prepared for new fire services, connected direct to town mains, to cover the station buildings, goods shed, etc. The main portion of the work has been deferred pending finalisation of yard alterations, but it is proposed to install a new service at the goods shed as soon as staff can be made available.

(52/3400)
(4165)

LIGHTING AT REFRESHMENT ROOMS

342.

Arrangements have been made for provision of a light on the path leading to the staff toilets, a light in both lavatory compartments and relocation of the light in the buffet pantry.

(W.W.4485/54)

LIGHTING AT V.R.I.

343.

Request has been made by the V.R.I. that fluorescent lighting be installed at the Warragul Sub-Centre with a view to reduction of lighting costs. The matter is under discussion with the General Secretary, V.R.I.

(W.W.13720/53)

SUBLETTING OF LAND BY COUNCIL

344.

The Shire of Warragul has leased for some time for beautification purposes, an area of railway land fronting Howitt Street and recently it became known that the Shire Council had allowed a Mr. R.L. Bennett to use part of the area as a depot for storing scrap metal, bottles, etc. The Estate Officer on 21.12.53 notified Messrs. Gray, Friend, Moonie and Long, Solicitors, who applied on behalf of the Council, to sublet to Bennett that the conditions of the lease to the Council were that possession of the land or any part thereof shall not be assigned without first obtaining the written consent of the Commissioners and that he was not prepared to recommend that the Commissioners consent to a portion of this land being sublet to Bennett.

The Estate Officer has therefore requested the Council to take immediate steps to terminate Bennett's occupancy of the land and has stated that if the Council be willing to surrender its interest in the portion of the land referred to, a recommendation will be made to the Commissioners that public tenders be invited for leasing the land for business purposes.

WARRAGUL (Contd.)

SUBLETTING OF LAND BY COUNCIL (Contd.)

344.
(Ctd.)

The reply of the Council is awaited.

(E.O.48/791)

SEWERAGE

345.

A contract for sewerage of 43 departmental residences is in hand (£2174).

(53/8135)
(9990)

PAINTING

346.

A contract has been let for painting of 40 precut houses. (£2690).

GOODS SHED WATER SUPPLY

347.

Arrangements have been made for provision of a new 3" water service to the goods shed (£233).

Waiting staff.

(W.W.4165/552)

ELECTRIFICATION AND RELOCATION OF CRANE

348.

A request for electrification of the crane is under consideration.

Warragul is No.10 on the priority list of 14 stations approved for new 8-tons modern electric cranes and if the new crane is likely to be provided within a reasonable time, it is not desirable that considerable expense be incurred in fitting an electric drive to the existing crane. The matter is in course.

Operation of the crane in its present location is considered to be unsafe despite modifications that have already been made to the crane jib. It is stated that contact with the 1,500 volt overhead is possible during loading and unloading.

The question of relocation of the crane in a more suitable position where contact with the overhead is impossible is under consideration.

(W.W.10850/54)
(W.W.16744/54)

TURNTABLE REPAIRS

349.

The reconstruction of the abutment wall at the turntable has been pended for review, because of dieselization of the Gippsland line.

(W.W.7977/51)

WARRAGUL (Contd.)

CART WEIGHBRIDGE

350.

On 10.12.52 the Warragul Shire advised that its weighbridge was very old, unsuitable for weighing modern vehicles and had been condemned. It suggested that this Department install a weighbridge in the goods yard.

On 13.1.53 the Secretary for Railways replied that the railway truck weighbridge installed in Warragul station yard meets this Department's requirements and it is not proposed to provide a cart weighbridge.

(52/12543)

EXTENSION OF THE ASHPIT

351.

A scheme for the extension of the ashpit by 27 feet has been prepared but the matter has been pended for review on 1.3.55 until the position becomes more clearly defined under electrification conditions.

(W.W.11021/53)

LOCO. DEPOT WATERING FACILITIES

352.

The provision of improved locomotive watering facilities at the locomotive depot has been completed except for dismantling of the old tank.

(54/8856)
(10647)

LOCO. DEPOT BARRACKS

353.

Arrangements have been made for provision of screw type sockets to electrical fittings in all buildings except the bedroom at the Loco. Depot Barracks.

(W.W.15320/54)

ELECTRICAL DEPOT

354.

Instructions were issued on 22.11.54 for provision of a petrol storage tank and pump at the Electrical Depot.

(W.W.15271/54)

SIGNAL AND TELEGRAPH DEPOT

355.

The erection of a Signal and Telegraph Depot is 25% completed.

(53/6355
12569/51)

D.R. 241

356.

The condition of D.R. 241 is such that any considerable expenditure on maintenance would be uneconomical and a precut house is to be provided on a more suitable site. The old house is to be sold for removal.

A contract for erection of additional houses at Warragul will be arranged in due course.

(53/11496)
(14221)

WARRAGUL (Contd.)

D.R. 3414

357.

On tour on 16.10.53 the Commissioners noted that D.R. 3414 allotted to the Traffic Branch was vacant and they desired an assurance that it would soon be occupied or action taken to allot it to another branch. A shunter was transferred to Warragul to occupy this residence as from 7.12.53.

(53/11495)

ROLLING STOCK HOSTEL

358.

On tour on 12.10.53 the Commissioners found the Rolling Stock Hostel unsatisfactory in the following respects:-

"(a) All V.I.A. double occupancy huts were not weatherproof.

In view of the diminishing requirement for accommodation, these should be vacated and removed and the staff relocated in existing timber portables.

(b) The ablution and latrine and kitchen blocks are not of the required standard of cleanliness. These facilities are to be painted internally and then maintained properly.

(c) The food lockers were untidy and dirty. Close individual supervision is to be exercised."

On 19.11.53 the Acting Mechanical Engineer reported that the "existing accommodation (25 beds) at Warragul barracks is required to meet present needs and if the V.I.A. huts are to be removed it will be necessary to replace them with other portables.

Action has been taken to ensure that the required standard of cleanliness of food lockers and ablution, latrine and kitchen blocks is maintained."

The Acting Chief Mechanical Engineer subsequently submitted requests from the occupants of the barracks that a recreation hall be provided and it was suggested that four V.I.A. huts be used for that purpose.

The Chief Civil Engineer reported on 1.3.54 that the four V.I.A. huts were not suitable for conversion to one large recreation hut but they could be repaired and made suitable for sleeping quarters and instructions had been issued accordingly.

On 12.4.54 the Commissioners approved of provision of a recreational hut 24' x 14' at an estimated cost of £800; a "Sun Glow" sawdust burning stove to be installed at one end.

(53/10795)

BRIDGE AT 61 m. 14 chs. 66 lks.

359.

Arrangements have been made for provision of a double close picket fence in lieu of the existing chain wire fence at the bridge at 61 m. 14 chs. 66 lks. (£118). The material has been ordered.

(W.W.5190/54)

WARRAGUL (Contd.)

CROSSINGS AND ROADWAYS

360.

On tour on 12.10.53 the Shire of Warragul made representations to the Commissioners as follows:-

- (1) Two level crossings on the down side which have been reconstructed in connection with the duplication of the line be sealed as soon as possible.

It was promised that the matter would be investigated.

- (2) The road on the northern side of the line on the down side of the station which was closed in connection with the duplication be re-opened. It was claimed that there is urgent need for this road to be restored to traffic.

The deputation was informed that the matter would be looked into.

- (3) Stock crossings which formerly existed over the line on the down side of the station be re-opened.

The deputation was informed that it was understood that the matter had previously been investigated, and that in connection with the final plans the crossings had been abolished. The matter would, however, be investigated and the Council advised of the decision.

- (4) An oak tree on railway land at the up end of the station be removed. It was stated that the tree sheds its leaves over the croquet lawns which it also shades.

It was promised the matter would be looked into.

On 23.12.53 the Shire Council was advised:-

- (1) The crossings in question are at Nilma and Yarragon. Both have been sealed, but it was necessary to open the former crossing due to settling of the track. This will be resealed at an early date.
- (2) It is understood that the road has never been used as such. It was an unmade Government Road leased to the adjoining owners for grazing purposes, and certain portions were closed by this Department under the powers conferred by the Gippsland Railway (Duplication and Regrading) Act 1948 and included in the railway boundaries. There is no obligation on the Commissioners to make available for road traffic any part of the road included in the railway boundaries or to provide a road diversion in lieu thereof.
- (3) We have no record of the existence of these crossings and aerial photographs taken prior to duplication shown that no such crossings existed between Warragul and Nilma. During the early stages of the duplication work, the architects who were acting as town planners to your Shire enquired as to the possibility of providing a crossing near the locomotive depot but the matter was not pursued. There are no bridges on this section which could be used for stock crossings.
- (4) The oak tree on railway land at the west end of the station has been removed."

(53/10787).

WARRAGUL (Contd.)

COMPLETED:

9.12.53	Provision of electricity to portable at D.R.3324.	361.
9. 9.54	Provision of additional office space at the Locomotive Depot.	362.
8. 9.54	Re-arrangement of tracks and surfacing of roadway.	363.
10.11.54	Provision of a new flue pipe on the boiler in the Refreshment Rooms.	364.
17. 8.54	Necessary repairs to D.R.3207.	365.
29.11.54	Provision of a food warmer at the Loco. Depot.	366.
-	Provision of an electric repeater for three signals in the signal box.	367.
22. 2.54	Provision of an additional clothes line at the barracks.	368.
23. 3.54	Alterations to water pipes and pantry for installation of a refrigerator at the Refreshment Rooms.	369.
26.10.53	Attention to range at the Refreshment Rooms.	370.
17. 8.54	Internal renovations at the buffet at the Refreshment Rooms.	371.
21. 9.54	Additional telephone facilities at the Electrical Depot.	372.
17. 9.54	Relocation of the telephone from the passenger platform to the goods office.	373.
17. 8.54	Painting of dining room, Manager's sitting room and minor repairs to other rooms at the Refreshment Rooms.	374.
14. 7.54	Replacement of lavatory pan in Manager's quarters and repairs to buffet floor.	375.
2. 7.54	Alterations to Supervisory Control Indicator panels.	376.
18. 8.54	Provision of linoleum on floor of Supervisory Equipment Room.	377.

BULN BULN

Mr. E. Freckleton, Vol. Caretaker. 378.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1952	218	-	180	737	-	-	-	
1953	282	-	141	706	-	-	-	
1954	42	138	6	715	-	-	-	

ROKEBY

Mrs. M.R. Coulson, Caretaker (Class 5) 379.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1952	1666	-	1647	731	-	-	-	
1953	1493	-	866	842	-	-	-	
1954	1023	160	409	962	-	-	-	

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CROSSOVER

No-one-in-Charge

380.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Sheep	Cattle Horses
1952	823	-	320	44	-	-	-	-
1953	1865	-	442	53	-	-	-	-
1954	1718	60	389	35	-	-	-	-

NEERIM SOUTH

Mrs. P.M. Newby, Caretaker (class 4)

381.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Sheep	Cattle Horses
1952	962	-	185	2101	-	1	108	-
1953	1158	-	125	2178	-	-	113	-
1954	1160	244	45	2222	14	2	94	-

COMPLETED:

382.

28.5.54 Relocation of P.C.R. crossing at 78 m. 14 ch. for Buln Buln Shire Council.

NEERIM

No-one-in-Charge

383.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Sheep	Cattle Horses
1952	1428	-	1047	476	-	-	-	-
1953	799	-	462	412	-	-	-	-
1954	343	178	136	480	-	-	-	-

COMPLETED:

384.

2.7.54 Replacement of station buildings with mallee shed.

19.3.54 Disconnection of postal telephones from station office and Caretaker's residence. 385.

NAYOOK

Mrs. H.K. Thrnholm, Caretaker (class 4) 386.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outwards Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out	Trucks	
			Sheep	Cattle		Pigs	Horses	
1952	1580	-	1268	994	-	-	-	
1953	1126	-	614	1102	-	-	-	
1954	1002	208	362	1210	-	-	-	

CRANE POWER : 387.

Three motorised cranes have been removed from Noojee on account of the closing of that end of the line.

Two good cranes only can be obtained out of these three for installation at Nayook, leaving a single phase A.C. motor and control gear to be used on the crane from Collins Siding which is to go to Birregurra.

One crane is now in operation at Nayook and a Mr.G.Williams recently made application to lease it but was informed by the Chief Traffic Manager that it is for public use and is not available for leasing to a particular individual. He was told that should the business increase to the point when a contract loader becomes necessary arrangements may be made to appoint one.

(54/3)
(54/6221)

COMPLETED:

2.9.54	Provision of an additional power point at D.R.2316	388.
22.4.54	Provision of a 12' x 10' portable at D.R.2315	389.

NOOJEE (CLOSED)

POSTAL TELEPHONE. 390.

Arrangements have been made with the P.M.G. Department for the withdrawal of the postal telephone in the station office with an extension to Caretaker's residence.

(W. & W.9426/54)

PRIVATE SIDING: 391.

Smith Bros (South Yarra) Pty.Ltd. has given notice of termination of the agreement in respect of the Company's private siding.

The Company is to remove the siding with the exception of the turnout which has been surrendered to the Department, thus freeing the Company from any obligation to pay for its removal and for making good the main line, should it be removed at a later date.

(54/5764)

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DROUIN

392.

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

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock	
			Out	In		Out	Trucks
						Sheep	Cattle
						Pigs	Horses
1952	8547	12851	2484	15539	-	9	32
1953	11627	13085	2982	18791	-	31	42
1954	14573	16604	4125	16156	50	5	32

NO. 3 LOOP TO DEAD END EXTENSION:

393.

The Traffic Branch has recommended that the temporary connection provided between the Up end of No. 3 road and the up end extension of No. 2 road should be retained and wired for electric traction.

The matter is in course.

(W & W. 14316/54)

CATTLE SALES IN RAILWAY STOCK YARDS:

394.

The Shire of Buln Buln enquired in September last as to the possibilities of using the railway cattle yards for the purpose of conducting cattle sales therein. Sales of live stock may at the option of the Commissioners be conducted in railway yards at places where there are no municipal sale yards subject to payment of the amount laid down on page 13 of Tariff 4 of the Goods Rates Book, viz. £2.18.1d. per day or part thereof. There are no municipal sale yards at Drouin.

The instructions to the staff are set out in General Order 28 of the General Orders Book 1942. The Shire Council could be granted the use of two holding yards for cattle and one for sheep, the holding yard adjacent to the crush yard to be reserved by the Department for any inwards stock requiring to be unloaded. Stock sales are held on first Monday in each month and our yards would be required from midday to 5 p.m. No interference would be caused to outwards stock to be railed as it would be loaded for No. 58 or No. 113 which trains would have departed prior to commencement of sale.

(54/9728)

COMPLETED:

- 28.1.54 Provision of an additional power unit in the kitchen of D.R. 2209. 395.
- 22.6.54 Provision of a siding and relocation of the crane. 396.

DROUIN - LONGWARRY

TRACK TELEPHONE:

397.

Instructions were issued on 10.11.54 for provision of a special telephone for the use of the track force at 54 m.

(W.W. 14688/54)

LONGWARRY

398.

Mr. H.L. Gaylard, Stationmaster, (Class 8)

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Horses
1952	6722	6094	1984	11410	5	12	3	
1953	4709	5270	1281	10776	3	3	8	
1954	4622	6083	1430	15147	51	-	4	

STATION FACILITIES:

399.

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".

The provision of the footbridge is in hand.

(51/1083)

FLASHING LIGHT SIGNALS:

400.

Instructions have been issued for the provision of flashing light signals at P.C.R crossing at 51 m. 12 ch. 53 lks. The work is listed for attention when circumstances permit.

(49/8006)

REPEATING DISTANT LIGHT SIGNAL:

401.

Drivers are unable to obtain a good view of the 'up' distant signal during daylight hours and it has been recommended that a repeating distant light signal be installed.

The presence of electrification standards along the length of the Gippsland line will always prevent unimpeded sighting of lower quadrant signals and the Distant Signal Committee is of the opinion that under these circumstances the trainmen's view of this signal is quite satisfactory and it does not recommend any alteration to its position.

(W & W.10859/54)

D.R.442:

402.

An application for provision of a portable at D.R.442 is under consideration.

(W & W. 14814/54)

COMPLETED:

4.6.54	Provision of two additional power points at D.R.238.	403.
1.2.54	Attention to the station water tank.	404.
19.5.54	Provision of a power point in the kitchen of D.R.2410.	405.

BUNYIP

406.

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

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock	
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Cattle Sheep Pigs
1952	6064	7566	3037	2537	85	2	67
1953	5617	7274	1803	2959	43	12	38
1954	5011	10006	1140	3282	42	5	41

NEW STATION BUILDINGS:

407.

A plan of proposed new station buildings at Berwick, Beaconsfield, Pakenham, Nar Nar Goon, Tynong and Bunyip has been submitted to the Traffic Branch for consideration. The plan makes provision for the buildings on an island platform at each of these places.

A van goods shed is provided for but the District Superintendent considers that such a shed is not required at Bunyip and van goods should be dealt with at the goods shed.

The papers will be available on tour.

(W & W. 9528/54)

FLASHING LIGHT SIGNALS AT CROSSING:

408.

The Berwick Shire made representations per the Hon. the Minister in July, 1952, that flashing light signals should be installed at the level crossing at the up end of this station or a bridge provided in lieu of the crossing.

The Level Crossing Committee discussed this request with representatives of the Shire to whom they explained that the crossing is clearly defined, with crossing boards prominently located and that excellent views are obtainable from all directions of trains approaching the crossing and that it was considered that the crossing is safe provided roadusers exercise ordinary care. The Commissioners informed the Hon. the Minister as above and regretted they would not be justified in acceding to the request for flashing light signals or an overhead bridge in lieu of the crossing.

(52/7591, 51/2695)

COMPLETED:

409.

23.7.53 Provision of an additional power point at D.R.2368.

GOODS SIDING, CROSSING AND CRANE:

410.

On tour on 16.10.53 representations were made to the Commissioners by Mr. K. Line and other members of the local Chamber of Commerce that the goods siding be retained in its present position on the passenger side when the line is duplicated.

It was stated that the present siding is most conveniently placed in relation to the business section of the town, and the high bank facilitated loading and unloading operations. If the siding were moved to the other side of the line it would involve carters travelling an extra half mile because of the location of the nearest crossing. In a normal season 40,000 to 50,000 bags of potatoes were loaded at Bunyip and Longwarry and a high loading platform at Bunyip was essential.

Continued.

BUNYIP (CONT'D.)

410.

GOODS SIDING, CROSSING AND CRANE (CONT'D.)

It was explained that duplication of the line would prevent the siding being retained in its present position. The layout decided upon was determined after careful consideration, and the best facilities commensurate with the volume of traffic likely to be handled would be provided. The Commissioners appreciated that traders would have to cart their goods an extra distance and the question of moving the crossing closer to the station would be looked into. The deputation also requested that a two-tons crane be provided at the station to facilitate the unloading of heavy packages such as crates of masonite and galvanized iron.

On 4.6.54 the Secretary for Railways replied to Mr. K. Line as follows:- "As promised the question of relocating the crossing at the up end of the station yard on a site closer to the station has been investigated, but it is regretted that this is not practicable.

In order to facilitate the loading of potatoes arrangements have been made to provide an earth filled platform with a ramp at each end on the Melbourne side of the goods shed.

In the meantime, the platform at the down end of the shed will be retained for this purpose. With regard to the request that a two-ton crane be provided to facilitate the handling of heavy consignments, investigation discloses that the traffic does not warrant the provision of a crane, and the Commissioners regret they cannot see their way to accede to the request. However, three steel rollers have been supplied to facilitate the unloading of crates containing masonite, iron, etc".

(53/11245)

GARFIELD

411.

Mr. A.J. Williamson, Rel. Stationmaster, (Now Caretaker Station)

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Sheep	Cattle Horses
1952	7176	10999	4058	1606	53	10	18	
1953	5449	8854	1836	1807	47	2	7	
1954	5104	11492	1193	1752	29	2	3	

The classification of Garfield station has been reduced to Caretaker status and will be effective when a suitable female employe has been selected by the Way and Works Branch.

OVERHEAD BRIDGE AND FLOODING:

412.

The Shire of Berwick wrote to this department regarding the possibility of flooding of properties as a result of proposed road regrading work due to construction of an overline bridge.

A plan showing the proposed grading of driveways and an interceptor drain to prevent surface water from entering private property has been forwarded to the Shire Council.

(54/841
1332)

TYNONG

Messrs. F.G.Tighe, C.J.Williams and S.M.Andrewartha, 413.
Asst.Stationmasters (class 5).

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock	
			Out	In		Out Sheep Pigs	Trucks Cattle Horses
1952	5464	7623	3762	1416	36	4	1
1953	4683	7053	2059	1446	93	5	4
1954	3466	8074	1023	1595	68	2	1

NEW STATION BUILDINGS:

414.

A plan of proposed new station buildings at Berwick, Beaconsfield, Pakenham, Nar Nar Goon, Tynong and Bunyip has been submitted to the Traffic Branch for consideration.

The plan makes provision for the buildings on an island platform at each of these places.

A van goods shed is provided for but the District Superintendent considers that such a shed is not required at Tynong and all van goods should be dealt with at the goods shed which will need to be extended from 39' x 13' to 40' x 13'.

The papers will be available on tour.

(W.W. 9528/54)

STOCK YARDS ETC:

415.

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 stock yards are to be relocated 150' on the up side of the goods platform on the shed road.

(51/1083)

PROVISION OF P.C.R. CROSSING ON DOWN SIDE AND WARNING SIGNAL AT UP SIDE CROSSING.

416.

On 11/5/50 on tour at Tynong the Commissioners were interviewed by members of the local Progress Association who urged that a crossing be provided at the down end of the station and a warning signal installed at the level crossing at the up end.

The Commissioners said they could not agree to the provision of a crossing at the down end as it would be dangerous because of the extremely limited view of approaching trains, and they would have the crossing at the up end inspected to ascertain whether there was any change since the matter was previously reviewed. On 15/8/50 the Secretary for Railways advised the Progress Association,—"Our Level Crossing Committee has inspected the crossing and advises that the provision of flashing light signals is not warranted. The Committee states, however, that the roaduser's view of down trains on the station side of the crossing would be improved by cutting back to ground level for the full width of the roadway from the crossing to a point approximately 200 feet on the Melbourne side of it, the ti-tree scrub growing on an unused roadway on that side of the line".

Continued.

TYNONG (CONT'D.)

PROVISION OF P.C.R. CROSSING ON DOWN SIDE AND WARNING SIGNAL AT UP SIDE CROSSING (CONT'D.) 416.

The Shire of Berwick was requested to have this scrub cut back and this was done.

On 9/5/53 the Progress Association asked if the Department would consider installing warning light signals at the up end crossing now that the line has been duplicated. The matter was reviewed by the Level Crossing Committee who reported on 26/5/53 that with adequate views of trains from both approaches the provision of flashing light signals is not warranted.

The Committee pointed out, however, that the view of the down trains from the down approach is dependent on the unused roadway at the down side of up end of the P.C.R. being maintained clear of ti-tree and other scrub which had regrown and should be again cut by the Shire. This has since been done and the Progress Association suitably advised.

(53/4708)

D.R. 3253: 417.

Efforts are being made to obtain a contractor for provision of a power point in the wash house of D.R. 3253.

(W.W.14909/54)

COMPLETED: 418.

30.6.54 Provision of a power point and a 3½ pint electric kettle at the station.

TYNONG - NAR NAR GOON

FLOODING: 419.

On 18.1.54 Mr. L. Martin of Tynong forwarded to the Secretary for Railways a protest by several owners whose properties had been subjected to excess flooding since alterations had been effected to the drainage system on the railway immediately west of the Tynong crossing and opposite the Tynong South road.

On 26.3.54 the Secretary for Railways advised Mr. Martin:- "I desire to say that the new bridge and culvert at 42 m. 68 ch. near Tynong was rebuilt and extended to provide the same waterway as existed prior to duplication of the track and the new drain constructed replaced the old one which was filled in by earthworks of the duplicated track. While the work carried out resulted in a quicker concentration of water at the bridge and culvert under the line than has been the case for some time, it is no greater than it would have been if the original drain had been cleaned out and restored to the condition it was in at the time of its construction.

In the circumstances, my Commissioners consider that any flooding at this location is not the responsibility of this Department".

(54/686)

FIFTH DAY, FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER, 1954

NAR NAR GOON

Mr. R.S.Gillespie, Stationmaster, (Class 8) 420.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out	Trucks	Cattle
						Sheep	Pigs	Horses
1952	2179	10722	256	1436	130	9		27
1953	1956	8773	110	1744	121	10		3
1954	2013	10491	44	1940	101	-		-

NEW STATION BUILDINGS: 421.

A plan of proposed new station buildings at Berwick, Beaconsfield, Pakenham, Nar Nar Goon, Tynong and Bunyip has been submitted to the Traffic Branch for consideration.

The plan makes provision for the buildings on an island platform at each of these places.

A van goods shed is provided for, but the Distr. Sup't. considers that such a shed is not required at Nar Nar Goon and van goods should be dealt with at the goods shed.

Provision has not been made on the plan for accommodation for bicycles and it is stated that shelter is required for 15 machines.

The papers will be available on tour.

(W & W. 9528/54)

STOCK YARDS ETC: 422.

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". They are to be placed on the down side of goods platform shed road.

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

(51/1083)

WATER HEATING FACILITY: 423.

Papers are in course in connection with a request by the Assistant Stationmasters for a power point and electric water heating facility.

(15/803/12)

D.R. 161: 424.

Approval has been granted for the removal of D.R. 161 and it will be disposed of by sale for removal. This house is on land required for duplication of the line.

The Engineer of Special Works has requested that the house be not moved at present as it will be required for temporary accommodation for the Station Master while his residence, D.R. 233, is being moved.

{ 54/6435 }
(8664)

COMPLETED: 425.
30.11.54 Provision of a power point in the wash house of D.R. 233.

FIFTH DAY, FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER, 1954

PAKENHAM

Mr. W.D.Duncombe, Stationmaster, (Class 7) 426.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Balos	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out	Trucks	
						Sheep	Cattle	Horses
1952	5265	19557	840	3290	31	20	19	
1953	5002	17437	465	3882	123	16	9	
1954	5486	22734	442	4204	71	6	10	

NEW STATION BUILDINGS: 427.

A plan of proposed new station buildings at Borwick, Beaconsfield, Pakenham, Nar Nar Goon, Tynong and Bunyip has been submitted to the Traffic Branch for consideration.

The plan makes provision for the buildings on an island platform at each of these places.

A van goods shed is provided for, but the District Superintendent considers that such a shed is not required at Pakenham and van goods should be dealt with at the goods shed. Provision has not been made on the plan for accommodation for bicycles and it is stated that shelter is required for 30 machines.

The papers will be available on tour.

(W & W. 9528/54)

SUBWAY: 428.

The Berwick Shire made representations per the Hon. the Minister in July 1952 that a subway be provided to the proposed island platform at this station.

The Level Crossing Committee visited Pakenham and discussed the request with representatives of the Shire.

The Committee explained that the footcrossing to the proposed island platform would only cross the "down" track, that by reason of the design of the crib, the persons using the crossing were obliged to face in the direction of approaching trains prior to crossing the line, that the crossing would be similar to many others in use in the suburban area and that, in the circumstances, the provision of a subway was not necessary.

(52/7591)

STATION YARD ALTERATIONS: 429.

Deputations were received from the Country Roads Board and the Shire of Berwick in connection with the station yard alterations involving relocation of the P.C.R. crossing at Main Street (35m.23c.). Following investigations, the Board considered the deviation of the road is not warranted so far as it is concerned, as the all-round benefits which would be derived by the deviation of the roadway do not appear to be great.

The matter is at present in course to determine whether additional safeguards are necessary at the crossing.

(54/532)
(15259/53)

PAKENHAM (CONT'D.)

LEVEL CROSSING:

430.

On tour on 12/12/51 the Secretary of the local Progress Association stated that conditions at the two level crossings would be accentuated when the line is duplicated and it was urged that an overhead bridge or subway be provided.

On 31/3/52 the Secretary for Railways replied to the Progress Association:

"With regard to the level crossings at both ends of the station yard, the matter has been investigated by our Level Crossing Committee which advises that the flashing light signal protection at the Main Street crossing will be retained under the duplication proposals, i.e. two pairs of flashing lenses on each standard, on both sides of the crossing, will be retained and focused to give adequate warning indication of trains to road-users approaching from either direction from Main Street and/or along the roads paralleling the railway enclosure.

Proposals as regards the crossing at the opposite end of the yard provide for the removal and re-erection elsewhere of the departmental residence now located at the southeast corner of the crossing, the erection of an additional crossing sign at the north east corner and the acquisition of triangular areas of land at the north east, south east and southwest corners of the crossing in order to ensure that adequate views of trains will be obtained by roadusers when approaching the crossing from any direction. It is considered that these safeguards will afford adequate protection for roadusers and that the provision of subways or overhead bridges is not warranted".

On 10/4/52 the Progress Association informed the Berwick Shire Council that, in connection with the reply from the Railways (as set out above), it was of the opinion that the Main Street crossing fully warrants gates because of the restricted vision and asked that "the Council give serious consideration to asking the Victorian Railways for gates to be installed at this dangerous crossing". The Council accordingly referred the matter to this Department for consideration.

The Level Crossing Committee recommended that the Council be given a reply similar to that given the Progress Association on 31/3/52 and informed that the provision of gates at Main Street crossing is declined.

The Secretary replied accordingly to the Shire of Berwick on 16/5/52.

(51/12696)

FLOOD LIGHTS AT CROSSING:

431.

On tour on 16/10/53 representations were made to the Commissioners by the Shire Secretary and Mr. F. Brown of the local Progress Association that flood lights be erected at the Main Street crossing, as it was considered such lighting would assist to minimise possible accidents.

The Commissioners pointed out that the crossing was already protected by flashing light signals which give adequate warning of approaching trains and the Level Crossing Committee had inspected the location and considered the conditions did not warrant the provision of flood lighting. In the circumstances, the request could not be acceded to.

(53/11231)

PAKENHAM (CONT'D.)

FIRE PRECAUTIONS:

432.

The question of installation of a fire plug near the three departmental residences (£41) is under review due to re-arrangement of the yard and tracks at this location.

{53/7178}
{8792}

COMPLETED:

30.10.54 Installation of a light on the roadway between the station and Main Street. 433.

OFFICER

Mr. J.A.O'Donnell, Stationmaster, (Class 8)							434.
Year	Total	Outward	Total Tonnage		Wool	Livostock	
Ended	Revenue	Passenger	Out	In	Bales	Out	Trucks
30th	£	Journeys				Sheep	Cattle
June						Pigs	Horses
1952	1088	9006	84	691	6	6	2
1953	1343	7154	182	503	68	2	-
1954	968	5733	57	375	86	2	-

TREE PLANTING COMPETITION:

435.

In connection with the 1953 Tree Planting and Station Decoration Competition, Officer was awarded second prize for the maintenance of existing trees, gardens etc., at stations without piped water supply in the Eastern and South-Eastern District and the prize money of £8 was equally divided between Mr. O'Donnell, Stationmaster, and Mr. Campbell, Asst. Stationmaster.

NEW STATION BUILDINGS:

436.

A plan of proposed new station buildings at Officer has been submitted to the Traffic Branch for consideration.

The plan makes provision for station buildings on the 'up' side platform.

There is no mention of a 'down' side platform or facilities on that side.

Provision has not yet been made for a van goods shed on the 'up' platform and the District Superintendent considers that a van goods shed 15' x 10' is necessary on both 'up' and 'down' platforms.

Shelter accommodation for about 12 bicycles is also considered necessary on the 'up' platform.

The papers will be available on tour.

(W.W.9528/54)

OFFICER (CONT'D.)

ABOLITION OF STOCK TRUCKING FACILITIES:

437.

On tour in October 1953 the Commissioners desired that further consideration be given to the question of whether the retention of stock trucking facilities at Officer was warranted.

In view of the fact that stock trucking facilities are available at Berwick and Pakonham distant 4 and 4½ miles from Officer, the Chief Traffic Manager recommended that such facilities be no longer provided.

On 14.1.54 the Commissioners approved of their removal.

(53/11133)

D.R. 3237:

438.

Efforts are being made to obtain a contractor for provision of a light in the laundry and on the porch of D.R.3237.

(W.W.4815/54)

COMPLETED:

439.

Provision of a repeater on the 'up' distant signal.

BEACONSFIELD

440.

Mrs. A.J.Dolaney, Carotaker (Class 3) and Miss P.J.Dolaney, Carotaker, (Class 4).

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock	
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Sheep Cattle Pigs Horses
1952	1449	10935	388	523	10	-	1
1953	1782	7530	569	508	6	-	1
1954	2211	6564	826	431	30	-	2

NEW STATION BUILDINGS:

441.

A plan of proposed new station buildings at Berwick, Beaconsfield, Pakonham, Nar Nar Goon, Tynong and Bunyip has been submitted to the Traffic Branch for consideration.

The plan makes provision for the buildings on an island platform at each of these places.

A van goods shed is provided for but the District Superintendent considers that such a shed is not required at Beaconsfield and van goods should be dealt with at the goods shed.

The papers will be available on tour.

(W.W. 9528/54)

BEACONSFIELD (CONT'D.)

RAIL SLAB DECK BRIDGE:

442.

Construction of a rail slab deck bridge over the 24" and 42" diameter water mains at 28m 77c for the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission will be put in hand as soon as staff can be made available. (£2537).

{ 54/3309
4870 }

BERWICK

Mr. A. Hammond, Stationmaster, (Class 8)

443.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out	Trucks	
			Sheep	Cattle		Pigs	Horses	
1952	1809	14165	38	1308	51	23	25	
1953	1993	16063	26	1071	62	17	4	
1954	2193	17429	26	1049	32	4	8	

NEW STATION BUILDINGS:

444.

A plan of proposed new station buildings at Berwick, Beaconsfield, Pakonham, Nar Nar Goon, Tynong and Bunyip has been submitted to the Traffic Branch for consideration.

The plan makes provision for the buildings on an island platform at each of these places.

A van goods shed is provided for but the Dist. Sup't. considers that such a shed is not required at Berwick and van goods should be dealt with at the goods shed.

Provision has not been made on the plan for accommodation for bicycles and it is stated that shelter is required for 20 machines.

The papers will be available on tour.

(W & W. 9528/54)

COMPLETED:

445.

20.4.54 Reduction in length of the goods platform.

NARRE WARREN

Mr. W.J.Richards, Relvg.Stationmaster, (Class 8) 446.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out	Trucks	
			Sheep	Cattle		Pigs	Horses	
1952	1157	7737	120	1032	41	2	18	
1953	992	5540	55	1234	47	1	3	
1954	959	3699	27	1313	15	-	12	

D.R's. 3534 and 3492: 447.

Arrangements have been made for provision of 9" R.C. pipes at the entrance to D.R's. 3534 and 3492. The material has been ordered.

(W.W. 5980/54)

NARRE WARREN - HALLAM

448.

EXTENSION OF CULVERT:

Representations were made by the Shire of Berwick to the Commissioners on tour on 16/10/53 requesting that the culvert about three quarters of a mile on the up side of the station be extended under the new line.

The Shire has been advised that a gap has been left in the rail embankment for extension of the culvert under the new line.

{ 53/11065 }
{ 13753 }

HALLAM

Mrs. R.E.Canny, Caretaker, (Class 3) 449.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out	Trucks	
			Sheep	Cattle		Pigs	Horses	
1952	111	2004	-	40	-	-	-	
1953	100	1500	-	94	-	-	-	
1954	155	2215	-	36	-	-	-	

STATION FACILITIES:

450.

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

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HALLAM (CONT'D.)

STATION FACILITIES (CONT'D.)

450.

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.

(51/1083)

OPERATION OF STATION:

451.

In response to inquiries by the Hampton Park District Progress Association, the Secretary for Railways replied on 22/1/53 that "the passenger facilities will be retained at Hallam station, but when electric traction is introduced on the Gippsland line the station will be closed for the receipt and despatch of goods.

In reaching this decision my Commissioners were influenced by the high cost that would be involved in the electrification of the goods facilities, the paucity of the goods traffic at Hallam and the fact that Narre Warren station is only 2 miles distant".

(53/572)

COMPLETED:

452.

22.7.54 Installation of power point in D.R.2823.