

COMMISSIONERS' TOUR OF INSPECTION.

KOOLONONG	TO	BENDIGO
BENDIGO WORKSHOPS		
GOLDEN SQUARE	TO	CASTLEMAINE
MUCKLEFORD	TO	MALDON (ROAD CAR)
CHEWTON	TO	SYDENHAM

Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th October 1959, inclusive - Train  
departs from Spencer Street No.10 Platform at 4.0p.m. Monday  
26th October, 1959.

TOUR PERSONNEL.

Mr. E.H. Brownbill	Chairman.
Mr. N. Quail	Deputy Chairman.
Mr. J.R. Rewell	Chief Traffic Manager.
Mr. W. Fox	Actg. Asst. Chief Civil Engineer.
Mr. A.L. Clearson	Superintendent Loco. Running.
Mr. J. Ross	Asst. to Claims Agent.
Mr. A. Daley	Audit Inspector.
Mr. J. McG. Seddon	District Superintendent.
Mr. J. F. Smyth	District Rolling Stock Superintendent.
Mr. D.W. Todd	District Engineer.
Mr. C.W. Miller	Commissioners' Secretary.
Mr. P. White	Tour Clerk.

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Mr. H. Glowrey	Chairman & General Manager Grain Elevators Board.
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TRAIN STAFF.

Driver	C.W. Kettle.
Fireman	R.J. Smith.
Guard	A.W. Burton.
Conductor	J. Freeland.
Steward	W. Hallett.
Cook	M. Dunkley-Smith.
Kitchen Hand	N. Simatovic.

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KOOLOONONG - YUNGERA.

1.

COMPLETED.

16/9/59

Removal of all facilities consequent upon closure of this section of line.

Negotiations are at present in course with the Postmaster General's Department in regard to sale of telephone pole line.

KOOLOONONG.

2.

Mrs. B.L. Neuman - Caretaker Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock				
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards		
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1956	17353	-	5900	227	78	13	-	-	-	
1957	20139	1	6925	293	144	29	6	4	1	
1958	5837	-	2551	749	135	18	-	-	1	
1959	19070	-	4662	417	92	19	1	-	-	
Wheat on hand 14/10/59 - 19,000 bushels in Silo.										

PASSENGER SERVICE.

3.

At Kooloonong on tour in April 1956 representations were made to the Commissioners by Messrs. J.J. Larkin and P.A. Gill that the Diesel Rail Car service to Kooloonong be restored.

It was stated that even if the passenger revenue failed to meet the cost of providing the service the goods revenue derived from this station would be sufficient to justify the service economically.

In reply the Commissioners pointed out that this was not the normal procedure for justifying a passenger service and as the patronage during the trial period (2) years previously had been poor they could not see their way to accede to the trial requested.

(56/3901)

CRANE.

4.

The (3) ton derrick crane has been out of use for some time and on 9/10/58 the Commissioners approved of its withdrawal. However, following representations by the local residents, and having regard to the efforts now being made to get red gum traffic in this area. The Commissioners' agreed to the Department bearing cost of putting the crane in working order (estimated at £175) provided the local Branch of the Victorian Wheat&Woolgrowers Association assist in the work, which the latter have undertaken to do.

(58/10058)

(Papers on tour)

KOOLOONONG. (contd.)

STACKING OF SLEEPERS.

5.

A request for permission to stack sleepers for loading to rail, between the main line and siding is under consideration.

(16/483/3)

COMPLETED.

6.

28/11/58 Provision of an additional portable at D.R.2366.

4/ 6/ 58 Trucking yards reduced. Light at transport ramp relocated.

KOOLOONONG - NATYA.

OCCUPATION CROSSING AT 256M 550.

7.

Mr. J.J. Larkin who owns property each side of the line made application on 22/6/55 for an occupation crossing at 256M 550.

The Secretary for Railways advised him on 8/11/55 the conditions (including advance payment of £49) under which such a crossing would be provided.

Nothing further has been heard regarding this matter.

(55/11731)

NATYA.

8.

Mrs. V.G. Coote - Caretaker Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	8879	-	3052	181	22	10	-	-	-
1957	14559	-	5157	192	40	11	-	2	-
1958	2651	-	1569	147	99	17	-	-	-
1959	12554	-	1607	295	36	7	-	-	-

SPARE PORTABLE.

9.

The C.C.E. has been informed that the 20' x 12' portable combined office & general waiting room may be regarded as spare and available for removal. The telephone is to be transferred from the portable to mallee shed.

(14040/59)

NATYA. (contd.)

MEN'S CONVENIENCE.

10.

On 15th October, 1958 the Commissioners directed that the men's convenience at this station be removed and since then approval has been given to a site for the erection of a convenience for the Grain Elevators Board.

(57/1706)

TRUCKING YARDS.

11.

The Commissioners were met at Natya on tour by Messrs. V.J. Wilkins, W. Pratt and M. Raven who requested that further repairs be effected to the trucking yards. It was stated that some work had been done already but minor work requires to be done on the race.

The Commissioners pointed out that only 10 or 11 trucks of sheep are sent away each year and they were not prepared to incur the expense of sending a carpenter to do a few minutes work. It was suggested to the deputation that one of their members carry out the repairs and this was agreed to.

(58/8496)

COMPLETED.

12.

23/7/58 Renewal of 100' of passenger platform and abolition of the rest.

MOST IMPROVED RESIDENCES.

12a.

In the 1958 Competition for the Best Kept and Most Improved Residences, D.R.2544 at Natya occupied by Repairer C.I. Coote was awarded second prize of £3.7.6 for the most improved residence, without piped water supply in the Bendigo No.2 Works Foreman's section.

PIANGIL.

13.

Mr. C.P. Robertson - S.M. Class 8.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock				
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards		
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle	
1956	25263	665	8280	576	559	67	10	-	13	
1957	31535	600	10533	588	702	43	10	8	23	
1958	13360	667	4247	1113	614	90	6	-	2	
1959	30499	967	9979	1689	542	51	4	2	2	
Wheat on hand 14/10/59 -			53,000 bushels in Silo.							

SEWERED CLOSETS.

14.

The Shire of Swan Hill proposes to install sewered closets and has been advised that the Department will co-operate if the scheme is carried out.

It is understood no action is to be taken at present.

(54/7677)

PIANGIL. (contd.)

CONDITION OF ROADS IN YARD.

15.

On 6th October, 1958, letter was received from Mr. R.G. Wright, Hon. Secretary of the Local Branch of the A.P.P.U. relative to the condition of the roads leading to the Goods Shed and wheat silo.

The Secretary for Railways, on 27th February, 1958 replied that repairs had been effected to the main approaches to the elevator and goods shed but that the road to the weighbridge was the responsibility of the Piangil Weighbridge Co., which was requested to have the necessary repairs carried out as early as possible.

(57/10507)

COMPLETED.

16.

30/6/59 Provision of three additional power points in D.R.2220.

12/2/59 Removal of ladies convenience.

MIRALIE.

17.

No-one-in-Charge.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	6930	-	2273	136	21	-	-	-	-
1957	6580	5	2491	165	22	-	-	-	-
1958	2470	1	1943	158	27	-	-	-	-
1959	7708	2	2748	178	18	-	-	-	-

ABOLITION OF PLATFORMS.

18.

Instructions have been issued for the abolition of the passenger and goods platforms.

The work is in hand, it is anticipated that it will be completed by 31/10/59

(W.W.13400/58)

NYAH WEST.

19.

Mr. A.R. Smart - S.M. Class 8.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	37681	1284	12362	2687	186	9	5	-	3
1957	43275	1088	14688	2482	588	16	4	-	2
1958	30799	1183	11909	4674	316	16	3	-	1
1959	47199	1212	16265	3550	285	8	4	-	1
Wheat on hand 14/10/59 - 67,000 bushels in Silo.									

PASSENGER & GOODS PLATFORMS.

20.

Instructions have been issued for the reduction in length of the goods and passenger platforms at this station by the abolition of a 40' section at the Up end of the goods platform, and 90' at the Up end and 50' at the Down end of the passenger platform.

It is anticipated work will commence during November 1959.

(59/5143)

SEWERED CLOSETS.

21.

The Shire of Swan Hill proposes to install sewerred closets at Nyah West and has been advised that the Department will co-operate if the scheme is carried out. It is understood no action is to be taken for time being.

(54/7677)

WHEELING STRIP AT VAN GOODS SHED.

22.

It is proposed to provide a 7ft wide wheeling strip from the van goods shed to the edge of the platform at an estimated cost of approximately £10.

Work to commence during November, 1959.

(W.W.11442/5)

COMPLETED.

23.

9/9/58                      Improvement of the office lighting.

11/9/59                     Repair to Grain Elevator Siding.

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PIRA.

24.

Mrs. M.M.A. Morgan - Caretaker Class 4.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	28166	20	10656	264	40	-	-	-	-
1957	28609	40	10507	267	69	4	-	-	-
1958	15102	13	7709	263	103	2	-	-	-
1959	24958	13	9435	275	78	-	-	-	-
Wheat on hand 14/10/59 -			63,000 bushels in Silo.						

MEN'S CONVENIENCE.

25.

On 15th October, 1958 the Commissioners directed that the men's convenience at this station be removed and since then approval has been given to a site for the erection of a convenience for the Grain Elevators Board.

(57/1706)

PASSENGER PLATFORM.

26.

Instructions have been issued for replacement of 300 ft. passenger platform by a low level platform, 120 ft. in length.

It is anticipated that the work will commence during December, 1959.

(W.W.14603/58)

GOODS PLATFORM.

27.

Instructions have been issued for the abolition of the goods platform at this station.

(59/4831)

COMPLETED.

28.

25/8/59 Provision of canopy and small cupboard in kitchen of D.R.2545.

--- Attention to the siding serving the elevator.

MOST IMPROVED RESIDENCES.

28a.

In the 1958 Competition for the Best Kept and Most Improved Residences, D.R.2545 at Pira, occupied by Repairer E.G.W. Morgan was awarded first prize of £7,0.0 for the most improved residence, without piped water supply in the Bendigo No.2 Works Foreman's section.

WOORINEN.

29.

Mr. E.C. Davey - A.S.M. Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	5975	415	1972	851	12	-	-	-	-
1957	4642	644	1406	724	38	-	-	-	-
1958	6371	515	2010	1086	100	-	-	-	-
1959	6840	586	2221	953	36	-	-	-	-



SWAN HILL.

30.

Mr. A.H. Cochrane - S.M. Class 4.

Rolling Stock Branch, Dvr. in-Charge A.R. Rank.

Total Staff 8. No. of Engines 2.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock				
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards		
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1956	59007	8353	8062	23593	2743	837	186	169	43	
1957	72256	7009	12298	27383	2634	1227	314	101	35	
1958	43832	5636	12728	32653	2530	1215	404	23	18	
1959	59371	7242	18238	29967	1900	1280	270	50	30	
Wheat on hand 14/10/59 - 34,000 bushels in Bulkhead.										

LINO IN STATION OFFICE.

31.

A request from the Stationmaster for provision of lino on the station office floor has been referred to the Chief Civil Engineer.

(16/879/11)

LINO IN GOODS OFFICE.

32.

It is proposed to provide lino in the goods office.

The lino is on hand but before it can be laid repair of the floor is necessary. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by 31/10/59.

(W.W.12162/58)

CABIN FOR SHEDMAN.

33.

Instructions have been issued for provision of a cabin for the shedman and the work will be carried out when staff is available.

(W.W.14966/57)

BRIQUETTE UNLOADING FACILITIES.

34.

In June 1956 the Swan Hill District Hospital requested the provision of a conveyor for the discharging of briquettes at the local goods siding.

The Secretary for Railways replied on 10th July 1956 as follows:-

"It is not the practice of this Department to provide facilities, such as suggested by you, for the discharge from rail trucks of briquettes, brown coal or similar commodities, and, in the circumstances, the Commissioners regret they are unable to accede to your request."

(56/6750)

LEASE OF LAND.

35.

In February, 1957 tenders were invited for the leasing of railway land in Curlewis Street. The land adjoins other railway land already leased to O'Connell Motors Pty.Ltd. This company submitted the highest tender for the land which it desires for the extension of its business premises.

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SWAN HILL. (contd.)

LEASE OF LAND. (contd.)

However, before the tender was accepted, objections were raised by Mr. H.V. Stirling, M.L.A. and the Hon. P.T. Byrnes, M.L.C. on behalf of the Borough of Swan Hill which desires the land for civic and recreational purposes at a nominal rental. It was intimated that the Council was preparing a planning scheme which would prevent the proposed tenant using the premises for the desired purpose.

In replying to Mr. Byrnes on 1/4/57, the Minister of Transport pointed out, 'inter alia', that due to the past liberality of the Department, over 20 acres of railway land in the vicinity of Swan Hill station had been leased to the Borough at nominal rental. Gardens, swimming pool, tennis courts and other public amenities had been established on this land and it could not be denied that the Department had contributed greatly to the civic development of the town by making the land available.

In addition, the Department had leased to the Council for beautification purposes an area having a frontage of 485 ft. to Curlewis Street. A peppercorn rental is charged for this land but on the basis of the tender submitted for the land in question, the rental value would be £1,261 per annum.

Also, in 1954 the Commissioners agreed to legislation transferring to the Council land having a frontage of 297 ft. in Curlewis Street in return for land away from the centre of the town on which pre-cut houses were subsequently erected. The express purpose of the exchange of land was to enable that in Curlewis St. to be used as a civic centre.

In view of the foregoing, it is considered reasonable that the Council should review its attitude to the matter.

To test its attitude in the matter, the Council was offered on 6/6/57 a lease of the land at the same rental as that offered by O'Connell Motors (£104 per annum). The offer was refused.

Mr. O'Connell was written to on 13/10/59 and requested to advise whether he is still interested in leasing the land in question.

If so, it is proposed to lodge appeal against the Council's zoning plan to the Minister of Public Works.

(57/1915)

LAND FOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

36.

Agreement has been reached with the Education Department for transfer to that Department of an area of land between the highway and railway as a site for a technical school for an amount of £2,166.

The Education Department is at present arranging a survey of the area.

(contd.)

SWAN HILL. (contd.)

LAND FOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL. (contd.)

Erosion caused by the Little Murray River may, at some future time necessitate relocation of the railway on portion of the land in question and for this reason, a strip on the railway side of the land has been retained by the Department and will be leased to the Education Department for a term of 50 years, terminable only if required for railway purposes.

No further advise has been received from the Education Department in regard to the survey.

(57/11853)

LEASE OF LAND. (CROQUET CLUB).

37.

In July 1956 the Swan Hill Croquet Club made application for the lease of additional land. The land applied for is in line of view at the P.C.R. crossing at Pritchard Street which is to be replaced by a pedestrian crossing. The Honorary Secretary of the Croquet Club was informed accordingly and advised to renew the application when it is seen that the work of closing the crossing had been commenced. See Note (41)

(56/7040)

LAND FOR ROADWAY.

38.

The Borough of Swan Hill leases a strip of railway land along the western boundary between Chapman and King Streets for use as a roadway.

On 5/6/58 the Borough wrote requesting that the land be transferred to the Borough for dedication as a public highway so that it may be sealed by the Country Roads Board.

The matter is being investigated.

(58/6143)

CROSSING AT PYE STREET.

39.

The Borough of Swan Hill complained on 28/9/59 of the condition of the approach fences to the crossing at Pye Street and arrangements have been made for the necessary repairs to be effected.

(59/10603)

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT PARNEE STREET.

40.

On 6/3/58 the Borough of Swan Hill requested the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Parnee Street (215m. 22 ch.)

The Level Crossing Committee investigated the matter and recommended that the crossing be approved. The estimated cost of the work is £195 which would require to be borne by the Borough.

On 12/9/58 the Secretary for Railways wrote to the Council setting out conditions under which the crossing would be provided, but there has been no reply.

(58/2794)

SWAN HILL. (contd.)

CLOSING OF CROSSING.

41.

When portion of Pritchard Street east of Curlewis Street was legally closed as a roadway last year to enable the Grain Elevators Board to erect a silo thereon a pedestrian crossing was provided at the site of the level crossing at the request of the Borough of Swan Hill and the Council provided pathways leading to it.

On 19th June, 1959 the Secretary for Lands wrote to the Department advising that the Grain Elevators Board had requested approval for the closing of a walk-way serving the pedestrian crossing and on 21st September, 1959 the Secretary for Railways wrote to the Swan Hill Borough Council pointing out that if the walk-way referred to is closed, the crossing would serve no useful purpose and would be abolished by the Commissioners.

(56/1807)

(Papers on tour)

D.R.4039.

42.

To provide additional accommodation for the occupant of D.R.4039, it is proposed to erect a 12'x 10' V.I.A. hut.

The portable is on hand and the work will commence as early as practicable.

(W.W.9477/59)

D.R.4050.

43.

To provide additional accommodation for the occupant at D.R.4050 it is proposed to erect a 12'x 10' V.I.A. hut.

The portable is on hand and work will commence as early as practicable.

(W.W.1634/59)

COMPLETED.

44.

13/ 2/59 Conversion of P.C.R. at Pritchard Street into foot crossing.

27/12/58 Provision of an additional room at D.R.2213.

1/ 7/59 Provision of a power point in detached washhouse at D.R.1933.

MOST IMPROVED RESIDENCES.

44a.

In the 1958 Competition for the Most Improved Residences DR.4074 occupied by Shedman G.H. Bayles, was awarded first prize of £7.0.0 for places with piped water supply in the Bendigo No.2 Works Foreman's Section.

SWAN HILL - KERANG.

45.

RELAYING.

No.2 Mechanical Relaying Gang is at present relaying the track between Kerang and Swan Hill with 80 lb. welded rail.

It is proposed to relay approximately 32½ miles in three sections - Kerang - Mystic Park; Lake Charm and Tresco; and Tresco - Swan Hill.

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PENTAL.

46.

COMPLETED.

- 27/ 2/59 Provision of occupation crossing at 211m 20ch.  
to serve Mr. Scutley's property.
- 16/ 9/58 Removal passenger platform and yard gates.
- 20/11/58 Points and crossings removed and main line made  
good.

LAKE BOGA.

47.

Mr. F.A. Taig - S.M. Class 8.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	28453	1007	10352	1189	404	50	5	17	7
1957	24995	1010	8242	2066	439	73	5	4	-
1958	22521	865	7285	1421	531	68	12	-	2
1959	21904	913	7129	1163	293	61	10	-	4

Wheat on hand 14/10/59 - 70,000 bushels in Silo.

SEWERED CLOSETS.

48.

The Shire of Swan Hill proposes to install sewered closets and has been advised that the Department will co-operate if the scheme is carried out. It is understood no action is to be taken for time being.

(54/7677)

TRUCKING YARDS.

49.

The Live Stock trucking facilities at Lake Boga are in poor condition and the question of renewing them to present day requirements is under consideration.

(W.W.8697/59)

COMPLETED.

50.

- Renewal of main line turn out at Up and Down end.
- 14/4/59 Erection of a Grain Elevator by Grain Elevator's Board.

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TRESCO.

51.

Mrs. M.B. Walsh - Caretaker Class 4.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	1499	377	395	179	28	-	-	-	-
1957	1216	423	230	119	48	-	-	-	-
1958	1614	405	330	233	45	-	-	-	1
1959	1613	440	447	164	9	-	-	-	-

COMPLETED.

52.

30/5/58

Abolition of the mens convenience.

MYSTIC PARK.

53.

Mrs. H.M. Colling - Caretaker Class 4.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	14693	307	5502	282	18	23	-	9	-
1957	15076	458	5936	348	182	15	-	-	-
1958	13486	256	4984	582	219	27	2	-	-
1959	17868	332	6073	367	50	11	-	-	-

LEASE PORTION OF THE GOODS SHED.

54.

Estate Officer was informed in April last, that there was no objection to a Mr. Scriven being leased portion of the goods shed for the storage of seed, grain etc., with the stipulation that, because of the condition of the platform on which the goods shed, stands not more than 50% maximum permissible load, as defined in the General Appendix instructions, be placed on the floor.

(16/679/3)

LOADING PLATFORM.

55.

The erection of a grain elevator near the goods shed has involved the dismantling of a 50 ft. loading platform, a 20 ft. section of which is to be re-erected at the expense of the Grain Elevator's Board.

(58/3664)

COMPLETED.

56.

30/4/59

Provision portable transport ramp at stock yards.

18/7/59

Renewal of main line turn outs at 196m. 48ch. 7 lks. and 196 m. 66ch. 16 lks.

LAKE CHARM.

57.

Mrs. Y.M. Muir - Caretaker Class 4.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	5397	224	1645	284	173	12	4	14	10
1957	3584	336	860	320	327	17	14	10	6
1958	2723	291	400	351	322	29	26	9	8
1959	3989	290	807	408	288	41	27	14	11

FAIRLEY.

58.

No-one-in-Charge.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	158	27	-	15	-	7	-	4	1
1957	205	1	1	13	5	9	-	1	-
1958	666	4	7	17	-	34	-	1	-
1959	719	-	8	32	49	31	-	8	-

MALLEE SHED.

59.

Consideration is being given to a suggestion that the mallee shed from Fairley be removed to replace the shed wrecked by storm at Nyarrin.

(16/313/2)

REMOVAL OF MAIN LINE CONNECTION AT "DOWN" END.

60.

The points, staff locks and rodded connection between the main line and the siding at the "Down" end have been removed.

There is now 350 feet standing room in the loop between the safety points at the "Up" end, and the baulk.

(59/9651)

COMPLETED.

61.

3/7/59

Renewal of main line turn out at the "Up" end.

KERANG.

62.

Mr. F.A. Searl - S.M. Class 4.

Rolling Stock Dvr. I/C R.V. Blackmore.

Total Staff 6. No. of Engines 2.

Refreshment Rooms. Leased to Mrs. L. Wilkinson.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	47730	5981	10413	19692	1387	488	211	246	87
1957	54538	6915	13421	19018	2071	510	242	258	90
1958	50985	6045	10841	22449	1748	610	254	228	46
1959	56265	8097	11800	18906	1721	632	301	238	62

Wheat on hand 14/10/59 - 42,000 bushels in Silo, 42,000 bushels in Bulkhead.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

63.

In August last the Lessee of the Refreshment Rooms advised that he proposed to relinquish his lease after 29th September, 1958 because of poor patronage but he later withdrew his notification to relinquishment and the service will continue.

(58/10230)

WATER TANK.

64.

The capacity of the 6000 gallon tank at the Loco Depot. has been reduced to 4000 gallons, which is adequate for present day requirements. Its condition is under periodical review.

(54/5043)

PRIVATE SIDING WEBB INDUSTRIES LTD.

65.

Webb Industries Ltd. ceased operations at Kerang some time ago and subsequently sold its property to the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. The Commission did not require the siding and accordingly it was removed by the Department at the cost of the Company £93.13.9d. The materials in the siding were the property of Webb Industries Ltd. but as the released rails and fastenings were of value to the Department for local use they were taken over at a cost of £50.

(56/407)

FOOTPATHS.

66.

The occupiers of the Departmental Residences situated in Boundary Street, between Scorsbury and Wellington Streets, complained to the Kerang Shire Council in connection with the condition of the street footpaths and entrance approaches.

It appears that, as the Shire receives ex gratia payments in lieu of rates in respect to the properties referred to, it is its responsibility to provide footpaths in this area to the same standard as provided elsewhere in the Town.

Arrangements are being made to write an appropriate letter to the Shire.

(W.W.14051/59)



KERANG. (contd.)

VICTORIA STREET CROSSING.

67.

Several times between April, 1955 and September 1956 representations were made by the Shire of Kerang; Hon. D.J. Walters, M.L.C. and Mr. H.V. Stirling, M.L.A., for the provision of flashing light warning signals at the Victoria Street level crossing mileage 180m. 7ch., but the requests have been declined following repeated inspections and recommendations by the Level Crossing Committee.

(56/9833)

FENCING.

68.

On 27th February, 1958 letter was received from the Hon. Secretary of the Alexandra Reserve Committee regarding the bad state of the fence adjoining the Reserve and requesting financial assistance towards the cost of effecting repairs.

On the 1st May, 1958 the Secretary for Railways replied as follows:-

"I desire to say that this Department is not under any obligation to erect, maintain or contribute towards the cost of erection or maintenance of fencing at Kerang.

However, a recent inspection indicates that 840feet of the fencing on the railway side of the Alexandra Reserve at Kerang is in need of complete renewal.

A standard post and wire fence would meet this Department's requirements at the location mentioned, but should your Committee desire to erect a different type of fence, this Department would, subject to certain conditions, be prepared to contribute the sum of £63 towards the cost of erection, this amount being the estimated cost of 840 feet of standard post and wire fencing."

(58/4711)

ROADWAY SURFACE. WELLINGTON STREET CROSSING & GOODS YARD.

69.

At Kerang on tour on 6th August the Commissioners were met by Councillor H.L. Smith of the Shire of Kerang and Mr. I. Adams of the local Chamber of Commerce who requested that the surface of the roadway across Wellington Street crossing be improved.

The surface of the goods yard also required attention as there were many bad patches and potholes.

Necessary repairs have since been effected.

(58/8494)

MOST IMPROVED RESIDENCES.

69a.

In the 1958 Competition for the Most Improved Residences D.R.2119 occupied by Repairer J. Ashton was awarded second prize of £3.7.6 for places, with piped water supply, in the Bendigo No.2 Works Foreman's section.

COMPLETED.

70.

2/ 4/59

Provision of line in goods office.

23/1/59

Provision of a power point in washhouse of D.R.943.

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KERANG - MURRABIT LINE.

MAINTENANCE OF LINE.

71.

On 26/10/54 the Commissioners directed that in view of the very limited volume of traffic on the Murrabit line and the possibility of the line being closed at some not distant date, only the minimum expenditure should be incurred on track and bridge maintenance for the time being.

The question of closing the line has since been a subject of periodic reviewed and is due to be review again on 30/6/60.

(54/11500)

KOONDROOK.

72.

(No inspection)

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	19612	13428	6673	2910	109	-	-	-	-
1957	12223	14633	3399	2700	115	6	-	-	1
1958	12042	15963	2858	2816	215	-	-	-	-
1959	17772	16332	5067	2906	65	27	-	8	-

KERANG - PYRAMID.

73.

TELEPHONE SERVICE.

A proposal to link stations between Pyramid and Kerang with the station to station telephone service is under consideration.

(W.W.10388/59)

TRAGOWEL.

74.

Mrs. J.E. Gannaway - Caretaker Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	379	272	10	206	37	17	-	41	-
1957	375	253	24	115	18	11	2	4	-
1958	369	124	27	138	10	10	-	5	1
1959	521	155	23	209	94	14	1	3	-

TRAGOWEL. (contd.)

OCCUPATION CROSSING.

75.

In August 1955, representations were made by Mr. H.V. Stirling, M.L.A. on behalf of Mr. Niel Faulkner for an occupation crossing near Tragowel, and discussion with Mr. Faulkner disclosed that his purpose would be met by the abolition of an existing occupation crossing at 169m. 71ch. and the construction of a new one at 169m. 20ch. On 14th June, 1956, the Secretary for Railways replied to Mr. Stirling setting out conditions under which the new crossing would be provided but there has so far been no reply.

(56/5956)

MACORNA.

76.

Mr. F. Kupke - A.S.M. Class 5 A/L McDoneld J. Relg. Stn. Asst.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage			Livestock			
			Out	In	Wool Bales	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	3361	413	653	1025	1119	45	7	6	1
1957	2491	509	236	737	1341	41	3	1	2
1958	2768	287	355	1203	1067	47	7	5	2
1959	2544	332	335	1157	655	53	3	5	2

STAFF EXCHANGE OPERATION.

77.

Special ballast trains are running daily between Bendigo and Kerang and will continue to do so for possibly a year.

To enable Macorna Station to be economically manned by one employe, arrangements are being made for the provision of pilot lever control of the Up and Down home signal levers and the removal of the existing duplicate Annett locks.

This will permit the operation of special trains Up and Down by staff exchange box at Macorna.

(W.W.14326/58)

CRANE.

78.

The 2 ton derrick crane is in need of repair and as the present traffic does not justify its retention its removal has been recommended.

(16/554/2)

COMPLETED.

79.

8/11/58

Provision of electric lighting at station and  
D.R.'s.

MINCHA.

80.

Mr. Findlay - Vol. Caretaker.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	393	136	11	159	19	25	2	4	4
1957	385	166	10	161	30	26	1	2	-
1958	415	182	12	90	16	22	-	4	-
1959	385	197	17	80	91	18	-	4	-

PASSENGER PLATFORM.

81.

It is proposed to repair the passenger platform at its existing length (200 ft.) when staff is available.

(W.W.12425/57)

PYRAMID.

82.

Mr. K.S. Doyle - S.M. Class 7.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	21354	1467	5973	2493	2722	156	20	85	26
1957	15278	1649	4016	2459	3126	164	25	42	21
1958	17305	1216	4558	2892	2584	186	32	53	25
1959	19575	1271	5294	2863	2185	206	29	60	26

LINO IN STATION OFFICE.

83.

A request from the Stationmaster for repairs to the lino in the station office has been referred to the Chief Civil Engineer.

(16/783/3)

D.R.947.

84.

It is proposed to transfer D.R.947 from Mologa and re-erect it at Pyramid. A contract has been let for the re-location of the house and some material is on hand.

SHEEP LOADING RACE.

85.

An amended plan and estimate are being prepared for the renewal of the existing sheep races with a double bulk type race. It has been the practice to provide double bulk sheep loading races only at locations which despatch 250 trucks or more per annum. At Pyramid, this number has not been exceeded since 1953/54 but as traffic is still fairly heavy (1957/58, 157 trucks) and the necessity for making two moves to load each truck creates a good deal of public resentment, particularly at a location which has had double loading facilities for years, it is proposed to recommend that double bulk races be provided.

(contd.)

PYRAMID. (contd.)

SHEEP LOADING RACE. (contd.)

A similar precedent was encountered at Foster where the Commissioners recently offered to provide a double loading race if the truckings totalled 150 trucks per annum.

(W.W.15589/58)

COMPLETED.

86.

6/2/59

Provision of additional power points in D.R.'s 950, 951 and 2098.

MOLOGA.

87.

Mrs. E.M. Collings - Caretaker Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	795	98	185	134	173	8	-	17	1
1957	761	188	139	143	267	15	-	12	-
1958	712	130	109	161	287	13	-	10	-
1959	956	99	248	167	181	18	-	9	2

PASSENGER PLATFORM.

88.

It is proposed to repair the passenger platform at its existing length (200 ft.) when staff are available.

(W.W.12425/57)

D.R.947.

89.

A contract has been let for the relocation of D.R.947 to Pyramid.

(58/5731)

D.R.2330.

90.

Arrangements are being made for the installation of a power point in the detached washhouse at D.R.2330.

(W.W.17115/58)

MITIAMO.

91.

Mr. H.F. Critchley - S.M. Class 8.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	11908	374	4430	681	1456	33	3	58	37
1957	3001	486	869	606	1624	12	6	36	-
1958	3429	362	925	799	1513	35	5	38	2
1959	13470	200	4878	901	1249	43	1	37	9

Wheat on hand 14/10/59 - 15,000 bushels in Silo.

STOCK YARDS.

92.

In October 1954 the District Engineer reported that the stock yards at Mitiamo were nearing the stage that extensive renewals would be necessary and raised the question of some reduction in the facilities. Subsequently a plan (58/55) was prepared for the renewal of the yards to meet requirements, at a cost of £1,342 and the work listed for attention when circumstances permitted.

At Mitiamo on tour on 7/8/58 the Commissioners were met by Messrs. J.M. & H.L. Leech & A.T. Kennedy who stated great difficulty was experienced in loading sheep by means of a gangboard in the absence of a walkway where men could keep the sheep moving. After inspecting the yards in company with the members of the deputation, the Commissioners agreed to the provision of a sheep race which has since been provided.

(58/8498)

FOOTPATH AT P.C.R.

93.

Representations were made to the Commissioners at Mitiamo on tour on 7th August by Messrs. J.M., D.I. and H.L. Leech and A.T. Kennedy in regard to the following matters.

- (a) footpath at P.C.R. crossing at "Up" end.

It was stated that it is necessary for pedestrians to use the roadway when crossing the line. There is an element of danger as the wing fences made the road very narrow at this point.

- (b) the road approach to the passenger side.

This was stated to be in poor condition.

The Commissioners explained that if a footpath is required at the level crossing it would be the responsibility of the local Council to meet the cost.

Inspection of the approach road showed it to be in reasonably good order and the deputation was informed the Commissioners were not prepared to spend anything on it at present.

(58/8497)

SALE OF LAND.

94.

The Shire of East Loddon applied to purchase a small triangular shaped area of land, which has been leased to it at a peppercorn rental since 1920 as a site for a Soldiers Memorial.

The Shire was informed that although the land is vested in the Commissioners under the Railways act, they do not have a transferable title to it and therefore cannot sell it.

(58/12992)

MITIAMO (contd.)

LAND FOR BEAUTIFICATION.

95.

In February last, the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. (Mitiamo Sub-Branch) wrote to the Department regarding an area of railway land leased to the Shire of East Loddon, being transferred to the Sub-Branch.

The Secretary for Railways replied on 24/3/59 as follows:-

"I desire to say that the Shire of East Loddon recently applied to purchase the railway land at Mitiamo leased by it for memorial purposes, but the Commissioners do not have a transferable title to the land and accordingly could not accede to the request.

There would be no objection to the lease of the area being transferred to your Sub-Branch provided you obtain and forward to me the Shire's written agreement to the transfer."

(59/1701)

COMPLETED.

96.

- 30/9/58 Re-erection of sheep race and crush ex Tandarra.
- 23/1/59 Provision of power point in kitchen of D.R.943.
- 8/9/59 A street light was provided near the Departmental Residences.
- Transfer of D.R.941 to Rochester.

97 NON ISSUE.

PRAIRIE.

98.

Mrs. M.A. Brown - Caretaker Class 4.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	3687	132	1147	645	1107	25	1	31	1
1957	2588	103	599	756	1472	16	-	21	-
1958	2228	75	430	1008	1359	21	-	24	2
1959	3555	122	1008	874	1310	24	-	27	-

LAMP ROOM.

99.

The C.C.E. has been informed that the lamp room at his station may be regarded as spare and available for removal if replaced by a lamp box.

(16/796 /3)

GOODS PLATFORM.

100.

A proposal to reduce the goods platform in length from 50ft. to 30 ft. has been referred to the C.C.E.

(16/796/3)

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DINGEE.

101.

Mr. A.G.P. Palmer - A.S.M. Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	4178	356	1485	914	757	59	7	50	19
1957	2270	293	380	831	827	56	5	49	4
1958	2355	255	549	1042	791	45	7	18	12
1959	3879	236	1207	1204	1066	40	14	16	21

SALE OF LAND TO COUNCIL.

102.

In response to its application in 1957 to purchase a piece of railway land for the erection of a residence, the Shire of East Loddon was offered a block having 110ft. frontage between the Station approach and the Post Office for £170.

On 2/6/59 the Council was advised that as no communication had been received it was assumed it was not interested and the offer was withdrawn.

(57/754)

COMPLETED.

103.

6/8/59

Provision of power points in the kitchen and washhouse of D.R.2757.

1/8/58

Installation of electric lighting at the stockyards.

TANDARRA.

104.

Mrs. E.A. Stokes - Caretaker Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock				
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards		
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1956	5313	126	2477	419	2	-	-	30	1	
1957	1315	85	780	257	32	-	1	14	3	
1958	315	64	212	497	-	6	-	22	6	
1959	7775	57	3352	483	42	-	-	19	-	
Wheat on hand 14/10/59 - 20,000 bushels in Silo.										

PASSENGER PLATFORM.

105.

Repairs to the passenger platform are 50% complete. The work is temporarily held up pending supply of rail posts.

(W.W.12425/57)



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TANDARRA. (contd.)

MEN'S CONVENIENCE.

106.

On 15th October, 1958 the Commissioners directed that the men's convenience at this station be removed and since then approval has been given to a site for the erection of a convenience for the Grain Elevators Board.

(57/1706)

GRAIN ELEVATOR SIDING.

107.

On 30th January 1959 the Grain Elevators Board wrote regarding reported difficulty in moving trucks for the siding serving the Board's elevator at Tandarra. Necessary attention was given to the line and top of the siding and the Board was advised on 18/3/59 that the position was satisfactory.

(59/1067)

COMPLETED.

108.

20/5/59

Lux lamp and stand dismantled and returned to stock.

RAYWOOD.

109.

Mr. A.C. Stuart - S.M. Class 8.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	3551	423	992	706	1307	13	4	32	11
1957	3000	299	829	482	1393	3	1	5	2
1958	2505	240	530	707	1295	19	-	8	-
1959	8736	263	3247	806	1581	25	2	25	5
Wheat on hand 14/10/59 - 19,000 bushels in Silo.									

COMPLETED.

110.

18/9/59                      Removal of water tank at down end.  
 ---                              Removal of ladies conveniences.

SEBASTIAN.

111

No-one-in-Charge.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	765	116	350	84	-	-	-	2	-
1957	161	117	66	123	-	-	-	2	1
1958	76	63	20	75	-	1	-	-	-
1959	68	43	24	62	-	2	-	1	-

STATION BUILDINGS.

112.

This station is worked under no-one-in-Charge conditions and the station buildings have been listed as available for use elsewhere when required.

The ladies' and gents' conveniences have been removed.

(56/5295)

PASSENGER PLATFORM.

113.

The passenger platform is to be repaired and the work will be done as soon as staff is available.

The Chief Traffic Manager desires that the existing length of 200 ft. be retained.

(W.W.12425/57)

EAGLEHAWK.

114.

Mr. A.R. Hamilton - S.M. Class 7.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
1956	2527	777	493	1932	96	-	-	-	-
1957	4360	1054	1303	1903	2	-	-	-	-
1958	2924	875	846	2135	103	-	-	-	-
1959	2184	999	366	1949	144	-	-	-	-

WATER HEATING FACILITY.

115.

In December 1956, representations were made by the A.R.U. that a power-point and electric kettle be provided at this station for the convenience of guards' ex Swan Hill and Bendigo, but inquiries disclosed that there was no justification for such a provision and the request was declined.

(16/283/1)

COMPLETED.

116.

--- Provision of Down Home signal at Holdsworth Road crossing.

CALIFORNIA GULLY.

117.

Supervised by Eaglehawk.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	138	-	38	5988	-	-	-	-	-
1957	221	-	71	5996	-	-	-	-	-
1958	193	990	28	6097	-	-	-	-	-
1959	239	994	40	6654	-	-	-	-	-

SANDHURST.

118.

Supervised by Bendigo.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
1956	2551	-	360	4107	-	-	-	-	-
1957	945	-	219	3226	-	-	-	-	-
1958	1209	-	198	2371	-	-	-	-	-
1959	886	-	185	2364	-	-	-	-	-

BENDIGO NORTH.

CATTLE DISCHARGING PLATFORM.

119.

Instructions have been issued for the renewal of the cattle discharging platform on the Victorian Inland Meat Authorities Siding.

The work cannot be carried out during the busy season (between September and March) but will commence during April, 1960.

(W.W.3589/59)

BENDIGO.

120.

Mr. R.V. Morton - S.M. Class 1.

District R.S. Supt. Mr. J. Smythe.

Depot Foreman. Mr. L. Hogan.

Total Staff 187. No. of Engines 13.

Refreshment Rooms Manager Mr. J. Wyatt.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	207863	107169	28306	82373	8877	2549	608	1957	377
1957	203244	104824	27421	91439	9877	2062	877	1496	302
1958	224967	102566	29277	91717	8273	2643	1052	1533	480
1959	210983	102218	28892	86432	11095	2274	744	1466	416

HEATING IN STATION OFFICE.

121.

Arising out of a Betterment Board Suggestion (56758), instructions have been issued for the installation of a "wonderheat" stove in the fireplace at the front of the general office at an estimated cost of £90.

(58/3550)

LINO ON PARCELS OFFICE FLOOR.

122.

A request for the provision of lino on the floor of the parcels office has been referred to the C.C.E.

(16/86/26)

PARCELS TROLLIES.

123.

A request made by the A.R.U. in September 1957 for the provision of rubber tyred wheels on the parcels trollies was declined. It was considered that as the noise made by the iron wheels was not excessive, and the trollies were in good order, the expenditure, involved in the provision of rubber tyred wheels was not warranted.

(16/86/14)

BENDIGO. (contd.)

REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

124.

Alterations to the Up side Refreshment Rooms are 75% completed.

Painting is yet to be carried out.

(W.W.741/58)

HEATING IN CONTROL ROOM.

125.

A request from the Senior Train Controller for the installation of a "Wonderheat" or similar heating appliance in the train control room has been referred to the Amenities Committee for consideration.

(16/86/18)

TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

126.

The provision of a telephone connection between the station and residence of the Investigation Officer which had been under consideration for sometime has been deferred indefinitely as the advantages to be gained would not justify the expenditure involved (Estimated cost £129).

POSTAL TELEPHONE.

127.

The Chief Civil Engineer has been advised that the postal telephone at the North Bendigo goods siding is no longer required at that location.

(16/86/19)

FAN AT GOODS SHED.

128.

A request for the provision of an electric fan in the delivery checkers office at the goods shed was declined on the grounds that such a facility was not warranted.

(16/86/25)

CRANE POWER.

129.

When the 20 ton sheer legs manual crane was damaged in April, 1957 consideration was given to the question of its withdrawal in view of the limited use made of it, the bulk of the traffic being dealt with at the 8 tons and 4 tons electric cranes, the proposal being that any heavy lifts could be done at the 20 tons crane at the Bendigo Workshops but this arrangement was not favoured by the Rolling Stock Branch and with Commissioners approval repairs to the (20) tons station crane were carried out at an estimated cost of £45.

(57/7116)

LEASE OF LAND.

130.

Mr. R.J. Bradley, in April, 1957, made application for the lease of land for use as a wood yard. No suitable site was available but in any case Mr. Bradley had stated that he would not use rail transport.

(16/85/7)

BENDIGO. (contd.)

WATER SUPPLY AT V.R.I.

131.

On 30th April 1958 the General Secretary of the V.R.I. wrote to the Department regarding the very poor water pressure at the local Institute Centre.

The service pipe between the main and the meter was renewed, the position is now regarded as satisfactory and the Secretary of the Institute advised accordingly.

(58/4720)

CROSSING WORK.

132.

It is proposed to renew the diamond crossover and turnout at 100m 48ch.

The work is programmed to commence on 14/3/60.

(W.W.17578/58)

LOCO DEPOT CARRIAGE SHED.

133.

It is anticipated that repairs to the roof and spouting of the Carriage Shed will be commenced in December, 1959.

(W.W.15174/56)

LOCO DEPOT TURNERY.

134.

On 14/8/57, instructions were issued for the renewal of the roof of the Loco. Turnery.

Due to the effect of increased dieselisation the work was subsequently revived.

The Chief Mechanical Engineer considered the future of the building as a machine shop and tarpaulin repair centre justified the re-roofing of the seven bays at the 'Up' end of the building but recommended that the remainder be left in its present condition until major repairs are required when the question of demolition will be considered.

Arrangements are being made accordingly.

(75/7377)

LOCOMOTIVE DEPOT TRUCK SHOP.

135.

The Truck Shop at the Locomotive Depot was demolished some time ago on account of its poor condition.

Funds for a new building (approximately £15,000) are not available at present.

(W.W.15906/54)

ALLEGED DAMAGE TO PAINTWORK.

136.

In December last Mr. M. Hanrahan, of 93 Brougham Street, Bendigo wrote to the Department complaining of damage to the paintwork of his home by oil from diesel electric locomotives.

(contd.)

BENDIGO (Contd.)

ALLEGED DAMAGE TO PAINTWORK (Contd.)

Investigation by the Rolling Stock Superintendent and a Railway Investigation Officer, and inspection of the property did not disclose any evidence of damage by railway locomotives and Mr. Hanrahan was informed accordingly.

(59/13)

LEVEL CROSSING

137

Between Nolan St. gates at North Bendigo and Eaglehawk a distance of  $3\frac{3}{4}$  miles, there are eight level crossings, one foot-bridge, one pedestrian subway and five foot crossings.

On 8.10.59 the Commissioners approved that the following work be carried out:-

1. Installation of boom barriers at Mundy St., (£14,500)
2. Installation of flashing light signals at:-
  - (a) McCrae St. (£3,900)
  - (b) Bridge St. (£3,900)
  - (c) Holdsworth Road (£4,400)
  - (d) Nelson St. (£5,200)

It is also proposed to instal flashing light signals at Victoria Street and close the crossing at Market Street.

The Departmental residences at Mundy, Bridge, and Nelson Streets and Holdsworth Road, are in poor condition and will be sold for removal.

Three track force employes at present occupy these houses but by the transfer of the headquarters of the Bendigo No.4, section to Korong Vale and the transfer of a gatekeeper from McCrae St., two of such staff can be found alternative, accommodation.

The remaining one will be instructed to find his own accommodation.

Arrangements are in course to enable these works to proceed.

(59/7742)

BRIDGE OVER RAILWAY AT MYRTLE STREET

138.

At Bendigo on tour in October, 1955 representations were made on behalf of the City of Bendigo that the bridge over the railway tracks at Myrtle Street be straightened and widened.

It was stated that the alignment of the bridge to the road on either side caused two extremely bad angles making it a danger to road traffic, and contended that the unsatisfactory conditions at the bridge had been accentuated when it was extended some years ago. On 4th November, 1955 the Commissioners advised the Council they were satisfied that the conditions at the bridge referred to had not been worsened by the provision of the additional span at the Russell Street end of the Bridge where the approach was considered to be on a reasonable curve and level. (Contd.)

BENDIGO (Contd.)

BRIDGE OVER RAILWAY AT MYRTLE STREET (Contd.)

138

Subsequently the Council proposed an alteration to the alignment of the parapet on the Bendigo side of the bridge and the provision of a pedestrian footbridge on the North side of the existing bridge. The Commissioners were not however prepared to undertake the provision of the footbridge but indicated their willingness to contribute 50% of the cost of widening the Russell St. approach which was estimated to involve an expenditure of £1,830.

The Commissioners again discussed the matter with representatives of the Council at Bendigo on 12th April, 1956, and at their suggestion it was agreed by the Council representatives that conditions would be improved if the Department removed the brick parapet at the North Western end and erected a chain wire fence thereby enabling the roadway to be widened by about 18" and the curve eased. This would at the same time improve the view of the drivers of cars coming from the west. It was promised that this would be done quickly and that, if after the altered conditions had been in operation for some time the Council considered further improvements were necessary, the Commissioners would be prepared to again discuss the matter. The parapet has since been removed and the wire fence erected.

This matter was again referred to by representatives of the City of Bendigo on tour on 14.2.57, when the bridge was inspected in company with members of the deputation and it was agreed that an estimate of cost of providing a separate footway from the southern end of the original bridge towards Russell Street would be prepared and the Council advised. The suggestion was made that an improvement would be effected if the parapet on the Western side of the bridge at the North end were replaced by a chain wire fence.

On 9.10.57 the Secretary for Railways advised the Council as follows:-

"I attach a plan showing the location of the proposed footbridge adjacent to the road bridge over Myrtle Street, Bendigo and the proposed widening of the roadway at the southern end of the bridge.

The estimated cost of the work is as follows:-

- (1) Footbridge - £4,500 excluding approach earthworks, fencing and paving, and
- (2) Widening of roadway at the southern end - £740.

The cost of providing chain wire fencing in lieu of the parapet at the North Western corner of the bridge is £100.

As these works are not required for railway purposes, my Commissioners regret they are unable to bear any portion of the cost involved.

In reply to representations by Hon C.P. Stoneham M.L.A. the Hon. the Minister for Transport replied on 14.11.58, setting out the policy of the Government in regard to the use of Railway and other loan funds for capital works and indicating that the footbridge requested was certainly not required by the Railway Department and in the circumstances it would appear that the matter is one for the City of Bendigo to either finance itself or take up with the Country Roads Board, but it was certainly not a matter for the Railway Department.

(55/11333)



BENDIGO (Contd.)

COMPLETED

139.

- 25.5.59 Line in Yard Foreman's office. Floor resurfaced with "Master Pave" floor covering and provision of line on the goods shed floor.
- 30.9.59 Re-location of wing fences at P.C.R. Mundy St.
- 22.2.59 Extension of fruit stall by 6' at the 'down' end and removal of bookstall.
- 13.10.58 Installation of light in bicycle shed.
- 25.5.59 Replacement of floor covering on yard office floor.
- 14.10.58 Installation of an electric clothes drying locker in shunters cabin.
- 3.12.58 Replacement of blinds in dance hall at V.R.I.
- 15.9.59 Provision of telephone in Storeman l/C's office
- 16.1.59 Renewal of fencing on the eastern boundary of the Works Depot.
- 12.9.59 Repairs to Goods Office.
- Alterations to sewerage at up side Refreshment Rooms.
- 19.1.59 Installation of 'W.S.A.' levers on the points leading towards "X" and 'Y' roads.
- 20.8.59 Installation of two power points in Refreshment Rooms.

BENDIGO NORTH WORKSHOPS

140.

ARC WELDING SETS

To cope with the increasing volume of arc-welding work, Commissioners approval has been given for the purchase of (4) additional arc-welding sets for the Bendigo Workshops.

(58/8688)

141.

ABLUTION FACILITIES

The question of providing ablution units at the Workshops is being investigated.

(W.W.6236/59)

BENDIGO NORTH WORKSHOPS

COMPLETED

142.

- 22.6.59 Sealing of approach roadway.
- 16.1.59 Repairs to roofing and windows of the truckshop.
- 3.2.59 Extension of Workshops Storehouse.
- 18.8.59 Extension of a timber storage rack.
- 16.3.59 Repairs to roof and windows at main Workshops building.
- 9. 9.58 Replacement and re-arrangement of water pipes at Workshops.
- 31.7.59 Ventilation of truck shop. Extension of annexe on north side of truck lift shop.
- 10.6.58 Installation of two electric lights at Car Park.

GOLDEN SQUARE

143.

Mr. L. B. Kelynack, S.M. Class 8

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
						Pigs	Horses	Pigs	Horses
1956	2633	2057	262	14274	-	-	-	-	1
1957	3112	1820	475	14828	-	-	-	-	-
1958	2624	2269	174	14057	-	-	-	-	-
1959	2334	1960	236	14407	-	-	-	-	-

LAUREL ST. UNDERPASS

144.

In August, 1958 representations were made to the Minister by Mr. Arthur Smith M.L.C. on behalf of the Head Master and School Committee of Golden Square State School for improvement in connection with the safety of children using the Laurel Street underpass and on 23rd October the Chairman advised the Minister as follows:-

"The Commissioners have to report that the railway bridge over the roadway at Laurel Street, Golden Square, is of single brick arch type with a span of 25 feet. The roadway under the bridge has been sealed but footpaths have not been provided, as the relatively small span of the bridge apparently prevented the provision of suitable pedestrian access after sealing for road traffic.

It has been ascertained that the Committee and the Head Teacher of the Local State School are seeking the provision of a pedestrian subway on the "up" side of the bridge to protect school children now using the underpass.

This Department is under no obligation to provide a subway or otherwise to improve conditions for traffic through the bridge especially where the altered conditions which exist viz., the increased speed and volume of road traffic, has been brought about by circumstances beyond the control of the Commissioners. (Contd.)

GOLDEN SQUARE (CONTD.)

LAUREL STREET UNDERPASS (Contd.)

In any case, the provision of such a subway would be so costly that it is considered unlikely that anybody would be prepared to incur the heavy expenditure involved.

A pedestrian subway exists at Maple Street about 9 chs. in the "up" direction from the underpass in question about 2 chs. from the rear of the school property. At present any children using this subway to gain access to the school would require to follow a somewhat circuitous route by way of Laurel, Panton and Maple Streets, and this no doubt accounts for the use made by the children of the Laurel Street facility.

A possible solution to the problem would be the construction of an adequately fenced pathway on railway land between the "up" end of the school grounds and the Maple Street subway subject of course to the children being required to use such pathway instead of the underpass.

If this proposal is brought to the notice of the parties concerned the Commissioners desire that it be on the distinct understanding that:-

1. such footpath is to be constructed and maintained without cost to this Department and to its satisfaction by some responsible body such as the local Council or the Education Department.
2. the responsible body will at its cost construct and maintain an effective fence between footpath and the balance of railway property.
3. such responsible body will be required to execute an agreement covering the existence, maintenance and user of the footpath and fence on railway land.

(58/9855)

(Papers on Tour)

MOST IMPROVED RESIDENCES.

144A.

In the 1958 competition for the Most Improved Residences D.R. 2907 occupied by Mr. L.B. Kelynack Stationmaster was awarded 2nd prize of £3:7:6 for places in the Bendigo No.2 Works Foreman's Section.

COMPLETED

145.

17.7.59 Provision of one additional double bracket pillar light brown down platform.

KANGAROO FLAT

Mr. L. R. Holland, A.S.M. Class 5. 146.

Mr. A. G. Caddy, A.S.M. Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage			Livestock			
			Out	In	Wool Bales	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	1390	1469	25	597	2	-	2	-	1
1957	1757	1488	69	552	27	-	-	-	-
1958	1502	1851	17	626	22	-	-	1	-
1959	1737	1913	51	647	14	-	-	-	-

TREE PLANTING COMPETITION

146A.

In the 1958 Competition, Kangaroo Flat and Harcourt stations were awarded equal first prize in the Maintenance of Existing Trees, Gardens, etc. with piped water supply section of the Bendigo District, and the Kangaroo Flat prize money of £11. 0. 0 is to be shared by Mr. A. G. Caddy and Mr. L. R. Holland A.S.M's.

SEPTIC SEWERAGE

147.

Instructions have been issued for the installation of septic sewerage at the two station conveniences and two residences (£1473).

Material is on order and it is anticipated that the work will commence during November, 1959.

(58/13260)

PRIVATE SIDING

147A

Mr. Sutherland of the Bradford Cotton Mills Ltd., was interviewed on 21.9.59 in regard to provision of private siding accommodation at Kangaroo Flat.

He stated that the matter would be further discussed with Company Executives and if they are still interested, the Department will be advised in due course.

(W.W.15977/58)

COMPLETED

148.

8.7.59 Provision of a power point in the kitchen at D.R.847.

RAVENSWOOD

149.

Mr. R. K. Orvad, A.S.M. Class 5

Mr. J. E. Shiels A.S.M. Class 5

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage			Livestock			
			Out	In	Wool Bales	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	505	402	84	223	320	7	1	18	2
1957	268	225	41	327	189	4	-	11	-
1958	409	187	30	87	195	15	-	-	-
1959	336	235	121	93	188	3	-	-	-

HARCOURT

150.

Mr. C. H. Lilford, S.M. Class 8

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
						Pigs	Horses	Pigs	Horses
1956	11818	3113	3896	863	225	-	1	-	-
1957	9010	2726	2525	1692	265	-	-	-	-
1958	9740	2786	3190	1169	255	-	-	1	-
1959	6741	2713	1801	1257	240	-	-	-	-

TREE PLANTING COMPETITION

150A

In the 1958 Competition, Harcourt and Kangaroo Flat stations were awarded, equal first prize in the Maintenance of Existing Trees, Gardens etc., (with piped water supply) in the Bendigo District and the Harcourt prize money of £11.0.0 is to be shared by Mr. C. Hynes, now at Bridgewater, S.V. Mr. F.W. Duane, A.S.M. and Mr. B.G. Groves, A.S.M.

SEPTIC TANKS AT STATION & D.R's.

151.

Provision of septic sewerage at station and D.R's is being investigated.

(W.W.13928/59)

SIGNALLING ARRANGEMENTS

152.

Some years ago a scheme to provide a signal bay in the station office, instal an interlocking frame and relocate the distant signal was approved.

The Signal bay was constructed but the remainder of the work has been pended due to lack of funds and staff.

(47/5664)

APPLICATION TO LEASE LAND

153.

An application from Mr. C. Lilford Stationmaster to lease land for the purpose of erecting a garage and fowl run is in course with the Estate Officer.

(16/392/2)

VEHICULAR CROSSING

154.

On the recommendation of the Level Crossing Committee the crossing at the Down end of the Harcourt station has been closed to vehicular traffic and a pedestrian wicket gate provided in the Down side boundary fence.

(59/500)

CASTLEMAINE

155.

Mr. H. G. Sefton, S.M. Class 3.  
Rolling Stock Branch, Dyr. I/C, W. Pascoe  
Total Staff 5. No. of Engines 1  
Refreshment Rooms Leased to Misses H. & I. Seymour

Year Total Ended Revenue 30th June	£	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	34682	38033	2783	12730	780	-	1	96	17
1957	33294	26576	2677	15588	1066	-	1	120	8
1958	30990	32506	2590	14914	1133	-	3	122	3
1959	31055	35880	2616	15416	1002	1	4	142	17

WATERING FACILITIES & ASHPIT

156.

Arrangements have been made for the 6,000 gallon tanks at the down end of the coal stage and adjacent to the weighbridge to be removed and for a 4" standpipe to be erected at the down end of the coal stage.

In addition, the ashpit is to be filled.

(57/13440)

NON ISSUE.

157.

WATER TANK

158.

The 20,000 gallon water storage tank has been inspected and found to be beyond repair.

The question of its renewal is being investigated.

The Rolling Stock Branch has not yet been approached regarding the retention or replacement in its present form.

(W.W.10993/59)

CROSSING WORK

159.

Instructions have been issued for renewal of the crossing work at the down end.

Timbers are on hand and the remainder of the material is on order. It is proposed to commence the work on 7.12.59.

(W.W.1253/59)

SIDING FACILITIES

160.

In August 1956, Industry for Castlemaine Association, sought information regarding the conditions under which siding facilities would be provided to serve certain land on the up side of Castlemaine station.

After discussion on the site with the District Engineer, the Secretary of the Association advised that nothing further was desired at this stage but the matter would probably be re-opened in the future. It would be a difficult matter to provide a siding to serve the area in question.

Nothing further has been heard to date.

(56/8711)

CASTLEMAINE (CONTINUED)

BRIDGE AT FREDERICK STREET

161.

In 1957 the Town of Castlemaine requested that the pier which divides the roadway under the bridge in Frederick Street be removed.

A letter was written to the Council on 16th April, 1957 advising it as follows:-

Road traffic conditions at the bridge would be improved by the provision of a traffic island edged with concrete kerbing or white stones around the bridge pier and provision of "NO ENTRY" and "KEEP LEFT" signs in appropriate positions.

Alternatively, it would probably be possible to eliminate the pier and thus provide a 30 ft. opening for the roadway and if the Council is interested the proposal will be further investigated and an estimate of cost prepared.

Any work necessary to improve road traffic conditions is the responsibility of the road authority and Commissioners would not be prepared to incur any expense in either proposal.

(57/753)

BRIDGE AT WHEELER STREET

162.

On tour on 12/6/52 representations were made to the Commissioners by the Mayor the Town Clerk and the City Engineer that the bridge over the railway at Wheeler Street should be widened.

The Deputationists were informed that as the necessity for the additional roadway had apparently arisen from the development of road traffic, it was only reasonable that the Council should bear the cost. If the bridge had to be widened because of the development of railway traffic the Department would not ask the Council to contribute.

On 29/7/52 the Town Council was advised that the cost of affixing a 5 feet footpath to the bridge, including an amount to cover the capitalised cost of maintaining the facility was estimated at £625.

Further representations in regard to this matter were made to the Commissioners by the Mayor when they were at Castlemaine on tour on 29th October, 1954 and a request made that the Commissioners should undertake the work at their expense because of the poor state of the Municipality's finances. The Commissioners replied that the necessity for the additional roadway had apparently arisen from road traffic development and they regretted they could not depart from their general policy in such cases.

On March 4th, 1957 the Town of Castlemaine wrote asking that whilst Railway Workmen were engaged on the Wheeler Street bridge the widening of the bridge should be undertaken. The Secretary for Railways replied on 19th March that the work being carried out was of a maintenance nature only and re-affirmed that the cost of widening the bridge should be borne by the Council.

The matter was again mentioned on tour on 9/5/57 and after inspecting the bridge, in company with Councillors R.T. Morrissey (Mayor) and J. Sheehan, and the Engineer of the Town of Castlemaine, the Commissioners again indicated that having regard for the fact that the desired improvement was the result of road traffic development they could not see their way to bear any portion of the cost. In a period of 7/8 minutes that the Commissioners were at the bridge, no vehicle passed over it.

(52/6156)

CASTLEMAINE (Contd.)

BRIDGE AT 79M. 22C.

163.

At Castlemaine on tour on 9th May, 1957 representations were made to the Commissioners by Crs. R. T. Morrissey (Mayor) and J. Sheehan, and the Engineer of the Town of Castlemaine, that conditions be improved to bridge at 79M. 22C. over Castlemaine-Maryborough line (Bridge was referred to by the deputation as Laurence Street Bridge but is known departmentally as Redfern St.)

Inspection disclosed that the Council had allowed the road approaches and the surface of the bridge to fall into a state of disrepair. It was pointed out to the deputation that as the departmental portion of the bridge was in good condition and as any improvements necessary had been brought about by the development of road traffic the Commissioners could not accede to bearing portion of the cost.

COMPLETED

164.

- 30.6.59 Repairs to roadways at P.C.R's at 78m. 39 ch. 17 lks.; 78m. 41ch. 08lks.; and 78m. 72ch. 30lks.
- 4.9.58 Provision of relay room at the 'up' end of 'A' signal box.
- 2.3.59 Connection of D.R. 3312 to the Castlemaine Sewerage Authority sewer main.
- 14.4.59 Repairs to 70' turntable.
- 8.6.58 Renewal of Crossing work at 'up' end of yard.
- 22.8.59 Sluing of main line tracks adjacent to Thompsons Ltd. gantry crane.
- 23.4.59 Renewal of line in the Stationmaster's office.
- 21.8.59 Provision of two additional power points at D.R. 3404.



SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1959

MUCKLEFORD

MALDON

(By road Car)

(Notes 165 to 166)

MUCKLEFORD

165.

No-one-in-Charge

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage			Livestock			
			Out	In	Wool Bales	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
						Pigs	Horses	Pigs	Horses
1956	73	-	23	205	43	4	-	-	-
1957	167	-	54	190	75	-	-	-	-
1958	260	-	59	280	73	13	-	-	-
1959	151	-	38	260	109	-	-	-	-

MALDON

166.

Mr. C. L. Fothergill, A.S.M. Class 5

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage			Livestock			
			Out	In	Wool Bales	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
						Pigs	Horses	Pigs	Horses
Year Ended 30th June	3510	-	1602	2161	986	-	-	-	-
Year Ended 30th June	2733	-	915	1455	1204	-	-	-	-
Year Ended 30th June	1706	-	678	1435	1165	-	-	-	-
Year Ended 30th June	1588	-	511	1331	1066	-	-	-	-

CHEWTON

167

Mr. L. D. Free, A.S.M. Class 5.

Year Total Ended Revenue 30th June	£	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	609	1060	6	140	18	-	-	-	-
1957	408	667	12	148	24	-	-	-	-
1958	351	711	5	116	9	-	-	-	-
1959	387	643	15	143	5	-	-	-	-

COMPLETED

168.

1. 7.58 Installation of turntable telephone.

ELPHINSTONE

169.

Mr. H. V. Schranz, A.S.M. Class 5 A/L Dwyer T. (Ldg. S'n. Asst.) Relg.

Mr. S. E. Marsh, A.S.M. Class 5.

Mr. C. Castellano, A.S.M. Class 5

Year Total Ended Revenue 30th June	£	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	1983	1342	335	1063	1668	12	13	12	6
1957	1742	773	347	1212	1603	1	26	6	2
1958	2030	554	520	1093	1696	2	23	17	7
1959	1788	569	379	885	1933	8	12	32	4

SEPTIC SEWERAGE

170.

The question of installing septic sewerage at Elphinstone is under consideration.

(W.W. 3985/59)

DOWN DISTANT SIGNAL

171.

Following representations from the A.F.U.L.E., the Distant Signal Committee inspected and reported on the unsatisfactory position of the down distant signal at Elphinstone. It recommended that the existing signal be relocated and that a Repeating Signal be provided at an estimated cost of £2,550.

The matter is under consideration.

(47/5664)

DELAYS TO ROAD TRAFFIC

172.

In reply to a letter of February 6th 1959, regarding the operation of the crossing gates at Elphinstone station, the Secretary for Railways wrote to the Secretary, Shire of Metcalfe on 13th March 1959 as follows:-

"I desire to say that, in view of the complaints received, the working of the hand operated gates at the Elphinstone level crossing has been investigated.

Contd.

ELPHINSTONE (Contd.)

The gates in question are located 95 yards from the station office and are normally open for the passage of road traffic, and it is necessary for them to be closed across the roadway by the signalman before the fixed signals are placed at the proceed position for an approaching train.

Owing to the curvature of the line, however, the view of approaching trains is restricted, and the signalman can anticipate the arrival time of goods trains only from the time the departure signal is received by him from the adjoining signalling point.

The times taken by "up" goods trains in running between Castlemaine and Elphinstone vary to some extent according to the load conveyed, the engine power provided and the prevailing weather conditions, and some delay in reopening the gates to road traffic is unavoidable in the event of an approaching train exceeding the usual running time for the section.

Instructions issued to the staff responsible for the operation of the gates provide for this duty to be performed in such a manner as will cause the minimum delay to road traffic, consistent with safety and reasonable railway requirements and, having regard to the difficult conditions at that location, it would appear that everything practicable is being done to minimise such delays".

(59/1464)

COMPLETED

173.

- 8. 2. 59      Repairs to the trucking yards.
- 10. 6. 59     Additional power point in detached wash-house of D.R.

TARADALE

174.

Mrs. G. J. Hughes, Caretaker Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage Wool			Livestock			
			Out	In	Bales	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
1956	375	1156	7	91	40	-	-	-	-
1957	295	736	32	108	45	-	-	-	1
1958	223	630	12	87	38	-	-	-	-
1959	219	558	24	54	33	-	-	-	-

MALMSBURY

175.

Mr. G. M. Murphy, S.M. Class 8

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	1874	2142	89	544	267	36	21	78	6
1957	1595	1478	127	468	477	41	23	102	7
1958	1678	1888	195	511	491	22	31	111	20
1959	1208	2069	119	435	402	12	11	75	8

COMPLETED

176.

- 31. 7. 59 Provision of a light on the 'down' platform.
- 21.11.58 Installation of septic sewerage at the station and D.R's.

KYNETON

177.

Mr. N. W. Ramage, S.M. Class 6.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	23061	18300	4441	12141	2666	347	58	606	109
1957	20522	17909	3556	11356	3391	269	34	589	92
1958	14997	17063	2788	10812	3402	118	20	556	54
1959	14814	16580	2210	8531	3627	169	19	581	109

DELIVERY OF COAL, COKE, ETC.

178

At Kyneton on tour in June 1956 Mr. S. D. Gilmore, stated that the unloading of trucks of coal, coke, pig iron and sand would be facilitated if delivery of these commodities could be taken at the siding on the up side of the station. It would be necessary to remove a quantity of earth to enable motor trucks to back up against the rail trucks, but Mr. Gilmore indicated his willingness to help with the work.

Investigations disclosed that it would be practicable to regrade and sheet portion of the area adjacent to the siding in question but the cost of the work was not justified by the quantity of traffic offering and Mr. Gilmore was informed on 18.1.57, the Commissioners regretted that in the circumstances they were unable to accede to his request.

(56/6900)

WEIGHBRIDGE

179.

At Kyneton on tour in June 1956 representations were made to the Commissioners by members of the local Chamber of Commerce that the weighbridge was too narrow and too short for large motor transports.

The weighbridge which is over (50) years old, is too small for many modern motor trucks but replacement would cost approximately £2,000 an expense which cannot be justified by the limited use made of the bridge and the Chamber of Commerce was informed accordingly.

(56/6903)

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KYNETON (Contd.)

COMPLETED

180.

- 1.10.59 Fitting 6 ton crane with electric hoisting unit.  
17.9.58 Installation two additional power points in  
D.R.3027.

THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1959.

DAYLESFORD

181.

Mr. J. V. Lorkin, S.M. Class 6.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	11867	13142	1005	2911	206	2	2	11	4
1957	10999	11503	847	3038	351	2	2	9	6
1958	11855	11112	1311	2855	379	1	2	1	1
1959	10581	10123	1029	2347	421	-	3	2	3

GOODS YARD GATES:

182.

The Commissioners were met at Daylesford on tour on 13th November last by a deputation representing the Borough of Daylesford and the Shire of Glenlyon who requested that the goods yard gates at Daylesford be open daily between 8 p.m. and 5 p.m. They stated that they are at present dependent on the good will of the Stationmaster to open the gates when required at 8 a.m. and inconvenience to potato growers desiring to load trucks and consignees desiring to unload briquettes and other goods could be avoided if the gates were open during the hours in question.

The Commissioners explained that it would cost the Department at least £1 per week to meet the request, and having regard to the very few occasions - as indicated by an examination of the truck book - that any inconvenience is likely to arise, it was regretted the request could not be acceded to.

(58/2529)

DISMANTLING OF LINE :

183.

A contract has been let for the dismantling of Daylesford-Newlyn line and removal of the materials so released.

The Contractor is being pressed to commence the work.

(53/6609)

LEASE OR PURCHASE OF LAND

184.

On 5th August, 1959 the Borough of Daylesford wrote to the department inquiring whether the Council could lease or purchase at a nominal amount, the railway land along the disused Daylesford-Newlyn railway line within the Borough of Daylesford.

On 26th August, 1959 the Secretary for Railways wrote to the Town Clerk, Borough of Daylesford as follows:-

With reference to your letter of 5th August I have to advise that a contract has been let by this Department for the dismantling of the disused railway line from Daylesford to Newlyn.

Whilst portion of the land involved will revert to the Crown, and will therefore be under the control of the Lands Department, my Commissioners are prepared to sell the freehold land to your Council at market value when dismantling of the line has been completed.

(Contd.)

DAYLESFORD (CONTD.)

LEASE OR PURCHASE OF LAND (Contd.) 184.

If the Council desires to proceed with the purchase of the land referred to, it should forward information in the form of a sketch, a reference to railway mileages or a Crown description to indicate clearly the extent of the land desired by it.

In view of the fact that the work of dismantling the line is to proceed at an early date, the Commissioners are not prepared to lease any of the land to your Council.

(58/8585)

COMPLETED : 185.

7.7.59 Removal of Signal box.

MUSK

186.

Mrs. D. Hearne Caretaker Class 2.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	820	892	208	77	-	-	-	-	-
1957	209	568	9	86	-	-	-	-	-
1958	307	532	84	104	15	-	-	-	-
1959	195	674	26	110	22	-	-	-	-

BULLARTO

187.

Mrs. L.G. Bowers Caretaker Class 2.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	613	614	170	96	10	-	-	9	1
1957	359	743	66	190	13	-	1	-	1
1958	1290	573	499	122	33	-	-	5	-
1959	853	549	314	76	70	-	-	3	-

ELECTRIC LIGHTING : 188.

In August 1957, consideration was given to the question of installation of electric lighting at the station but conditions did not justify such action being taken.

(W.W. 68857)



BULLARTO (CONTD.)

189.

CONDITION OF ROADWAY :

Complaint was received through the Shire of Glenyon concerning the condition of the roadway between the Bullarto station and the gatehouse.

The Shire was written to and asked to quote for reforming the road. It subsequently advised on 9.10.58 that the Shire Engineer would inspect and that it would advise further.

No communication has since been received and no further action has been taken.

(56/8486)

LEASE OF GOODS SHED AS YOUTH CENTRE :

190.

In May last request was made for the lease of the goods shed at Bullarto for use as a Youth Club but the Chief Traffic Manager recommended the request be declined because of the lack of sanitary facilities, the fire risk and the fact that there is a public hall close by.

(16/140/4)

WEIGHBRIDGE AND CABIN :

191.

The weighbridge and cabin have been sold but the purchaser has not yet removed them. He is being pressed to do so.

(W. & W. 5079/57)

D.R. 1077 :

192.

The fireplace in the lounge of D.R. 1077 has been relocated but a window is yet to be fixed.

(W. & W. 13140/57)

LYONVILLE

193.

Mrs. G.B. Fraser Caretaker Class 2.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	497	1284	52	108	-	-	-	-	-
1957	395	1288	24	96	-	-	-	-	-
1958	465	1260	36	125	-	-	-	-	-
1959	343	1308	15	87	23	-	-	-	-

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LYONVILLE (CONTD.)

PASSENGER PLATFORM ETC.

194.

Instructions have been issued for the following work to be carried out:-

- (a) Reduction in length of the passenger platform from 275' to 200'.
- (b) Abolition of the 81' section of the goods platform on which goods shed stands and using the released portion to repair the passenger platform.
- (c) Removal of the goods shed for use elsewhere.

(59/4446)

COMPLETED :

195.

6.11.58 Provision of electric lighting at D.R. 1075.

TRENTHAM

Mr. F.K.Clark S.M. Class 8

196.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage			Livestock			
			Out	In	Wool Bales	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	5136	4880	903	1841	9	-	1	15	3
1957	5300	3892	1141	1556	53	-	1	10	2
1958	14691	3912	4518	1224	69	3	1	22	1
1959	11008	3754	2893	1172	101	-	-	19	-

PRIVATE SIDING:

197.

C.H. Innes Pty. Ltd. requested investigation of a proposal to provide siding accommodation to serve its pole treatment depot at Trentham.

The Company subsequently advised on 12.6.58, that it was negotiating for the purchase of additional land and would contact the Department at a later date. No further advice has been received.

(58/3965)

FENCES :

198.

The Commissioners were interviewed at Trentham on tour on 13th Nov. 1958 by Mr. T. Walsh who complained that the railway fences adjoining his property on both sides of the line between 51M and 62M were in poor condition, and were not sheep or cattle proof.

(Contd.)

TRENTHAM (CONTD.)

198.

FENCES : (Contd.)

It was explained that the Commissioners are not bound to maintain fences but in certain areas they do so to a standard to meet their own requirements. Mr. Walsh was informed that he was at liberty to use the materials in the existing fences to maintain them.

Mr. Walsh stated that the sidewidths on both sides of the line were leased and he enquired whether the lessee was liable to bear portion of the cost of maintaining the boundary fences.

It was promised that he would be advised of the position and on 15th January 1959, the Secretary for Railways informed him by letter that the lessee of the sidewidths at the location mentioned is only bound to maintain the railway boundary fences in the condition they were in when the lease commenced fair wear and tear excepted, and he is not obliged to provide any new materials necessary to maintain the fence.

(58/12780)

COMPLETED :

199.

- 10.12.58 Installation of septic sewerage at station and two residences.
- 6.1.59 Reduction of goods platform to 55'.
- 6.11.58 Removal of the cattle yards and portion of the sheep yards.

FERN HILL

200.

Mrs. E.M.O'Flaherty Caretaker Class 4.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage			Livestock			
			Out	In	Bales	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
						Pigs	Horses	Pigs	Horses
1956	677	576	172	475	37	-	-	10	2
1957	552	604	88	427	12	-	-	1	-
1958	1356	539	547	315	75	-	-	1	-
1959	1714	446	682	340	57	-	-	1	-

LEASE OF GOODS SHED :

201.

An application for permission to lease portion of the goods shed for the storage of potatoes was made in 1957 by Mr. C.O'Connell. Because he was known as a road operator and not favourably regarded in the district, the Chief Traffic Manager recommended his request by declined.

(Contd.)

FERN HILL (CONTD.)

LEASE OF GOODS SHED : (Contd.)

201.

In 1958 season a similar request was made by Mr. Hockley. It was disclosed that he was working in collaboration with Mr. O'Connell and his request was also reported against by the Chief Traffic Manager.

(16/318/3)

TRUCK SUPPLY

202.

On 14th November, 1958 a Mr. Matheson wrote to the Department complaining of delayed supply of trucks for pulp wood loading, but investigation did not disclose any cause for complaint.

(58/12516)

COMPLETED :

203.

5.12.58 Abolition of sanitary conveniences.

TYLDEN

204.

No-one-in-charge

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage			Livestock			
			Out	In	Wool Bales	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	607	950	435	202	9	-	1	-	3
1957	265	267	123	90	57	-	-	8	-
1958	144	114	57	116	1	-	-	6	-
1959	346	186	297	100	18	-	-	4	-

COMPLETED :

205.

5.12.58 Abolition of sanitary conveniences.

CARLSRUHE

206.

Mr. L.A. Parker ASM Class 5.  
Mr. H.G. Huenteler ASM Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage			Livestock			
			Out	In	Wool Bales	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	545	934	56	69	41	1	1	2	10
1957	465	732	2	68	16	9	6	11	5
1958	396	823	1	41	9	2	7	17	-
1959	330	725	1	47	7	-	5	16	-

CARLSHURE (Contd.)

ELECTRIC LIGHT : 207.

Consideration is being given to a request from the A.R.U. for the installation of electric lighting at the station.

(16/171/4)

PLAYGROUND : 208.

A request from the local Traffic and Way and Works Branch staff at Carlsruhe for permission to lay out a playground for their children on railway land is in course with the Estate Officer.

(15/171/3)

D.R. 2993 209.

A quotation has been accepted for the installation of a power point in the detached washhouse at D.R. 2993.

(W. & W. 4050/59)

COMPLETED : 210.

14.2.59 Installation of electric light on rear porch of D.R. 2993.

5.12.58 Abolition of sanitary conveniences.

CARLSRUHE - WOODEND

LEVEL CROSSING : 211.

On Woodend on tour on 9/5/57 the Commissioners were requested by representatives of the Shire of Newham and Woodend to inspect the level crossing at Tylden Road on the 'down' side of Woodend with a view to improving the visibility for road traffic.

A house was in course of erection on the north-west corner of the crossing and whilst it did not obstruct the view when road traffic is within a reasonable distance from the crossing a serious obstruction to the view could take place if any out-buildings were erected, or trees or tall shrubs were planted.

The owner of the house was informed in writing that in the event of any obstructions being caused by any building, tree, shrubs or other object, the Commissioners would have to acquire portion of the property in order to preserve the view for roadusers.

Hon. R. T. Pollard, M. H. R. who had previously drawn attention to this crossing, on 11/4/57 requested the provision of flashing light signals. Consideration was given this request but the provision was not considered justified having regard for conditions at other crossings and Mr. Pollard was informed accordingly. Following protracted negotiations with the adjacent landowners and the Shire of Newham and Woodend certain improvements were effected including the removal of 350 ft. of hawthorn hedge and the position at the crossing is satisfactory.

(57/4021)

WOODEND

Mr. A.E. Norton. S.M. Class 6 212  
 Rolling Stock Branch DVR I/C A.E. Creelman  
 Total Staff 6. No. of Engines 1.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage			Livestock			
			Out	In	Wool Bales	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	7541	24217	252	1985	470	-	9	23	21
1957	9443	29273	883	1555	633	3	11	50	20
1958	9733	29830	934	1513	544	5	17	45	12
1959	8101	27444	695	1190	481	-	10	47	9

STATION APPROACH ETC. 213.

At Woodend on tour on 9th May, 1957 representations were made to the Commissioners by Councillor V.C. Wilson and the Secretary of the Shire of Newham and Woodend that:-

- (a) The approach road on the 'up' side be re-sealed;
- (b) The ditched gutter be flattened out to make access to the station entrance easier for motor vehicles;
- (c) The footpath at the south end of the goods shed be sealed and that it be continued across the approach yard to the station entrance;
- (d) The lighting of the pathway referred to in (c) be improved.

The Commissioners inspected the area and informed the deputation that the approach road was in reasonable condition, but the question of giving it another coat of bitumen and screenings would be reviewed next summer. In view of its present condition, however, it was unlikely that additional expenditure on the area would then be authorised.

Unless vehicles approach the station entrance at excessive speeds no difficulty would be experienced in crossing the ditched drain. Observation of a car and a truck while the Commissioners were on the spot confirmed this.

It was pointed out that the only place a path could be provided would be along the side of the entrance road, and it was most unlikely that it would be used when pedestrians could take a short cut across the roadway to or from the station.

The gravelled footpath at the south end of the goods shed was found to be in reasonable condition, but conditions at night would be improved by the provision of a stronger globe in place of the present light.

It was intimated this would be done, but the Commissioners regretted they could not see their way to accede to the other requests.

The light referred to has been fitted with a 150 watt globe and a new shade.

When the Commissioners were at Woodend on tour on 13th November, 1958, they were again asked by representatives of the Shire of Newham and Woodend to have the ditched gutter flattened or abolished and that an additional light be provided to illuminate the approach road on the up side.

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WOODEND (CONTD.)

STATION APPROACH WEG. (CONTD.)

213.

The Commissioners pointed out that the ditched crossing presented no trouble to vehicles approaching the station at a reasonable speed, and in view of the financial position they could not see their way to accede to the request. It was considered that the present (2) lights satisfactorily illuminate the station approach and an extra light should not be installed unless the Council meets the cost.

(57/4775)

FOOT WARMER PLANT :

214.

A proposal to instal a footwarmer plant in one of the two rooms of a brick building housing the lamp room and kerosene store at Woodend is under consideration.

(14206/59)

(Papers with C.T.M. on Tour).

TELEPHONE AT DOWN END YARD :

215.

An A.R.U. request that a telephone be installed at the Down end of the yard has been referred to the Chief Civil Engineer for estimate of the cost involved.

(16/1017/10)

BRIDGE OVER RAILWAY :

216.

In November, 1957, the Shire of Newham and Woodend wrote to the Department relative to the visibility at the South East corner of the bridge over the railway at Woodend but investigation disclosed that the condition complained of is largely brought about by the vertical curve of the roadway over the bridge and a conference between the Shire Engineer and District Engineer showed that the best means of curing the condition is to "re-design" the road junction. No action by this Department is necessary. The Shire should take the matter up with the Country Roads Board.

(57/11742)

NOXIOUS WEEDS ON LEASED LAND :

217.

In September 1959, representations were made to the Minister by the Hon. the Premier of Victoria on behalf of Mr. R.T. Pollard relative to noxious weeds on railway land adjoining his property and on 29th September the Chairman reported to the Minister that the railway land was leased to a Mr. G. Moxted of Woodend, who under the terms of his lease is required to comply with the requirements relating to the eradication of noxious weeds and the matter has been taken up with him and furthermore that the local Lands Department Inspector ~~intended~~ serving notice on him as soon as seasonable conditions would permit successful poisoning of the weed growth.

(59/9849)

SEPTIC SEWERAGE :

218.

A proposal to connect the three Departmental residences on the Down side of the line to the existing septic tank at the down end of the up platform at an estimated cost of £530 is being investigated.

(W. & W. 12221/58).

WOODEND (CONTD.)

COMPLETED : 219.

- 22.4.59 Provision of linoleum on floor of station office.
- 20.6.59 Installation of fluorescent lighting in station office.
- 7.7.59 Reduction of coal stage by 150'.
- 11.9.58 Abolition of water crane at the Down end.

MACEDON

220.

Mr. P.J. Dalton. S.M. Class 8.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	4437	24568	52	273	-	-	-	-	1
1957	4470	24439	60	270	-	-	1	-	-
1958	4888	26633	98	308	13	-	-	22	10
1959	5068	26883	182	303	5	-	1	-	-

TREE PLANTING COMPETITION.

221.

In the 1958 competition, Macedon station was awarded 3rd prize in the maintenance of Existing Trees, Gardens etc., with piped water supply, in the Bendigo District, and the prize money of £5.5.0 is to be shared equally by Mr. P.J. Dalton S.M. Mr. L.J. Scott A.S.M. and Station Assist. D. Cooke.

COMPLETED :

222.

- 24.11.58 Removal of 2,000 gallon tank and spout.
- 7.9.59 Abolition of 120 ft. loading platform and ramp.

GISBORNE

223.

Mr. A.W. Hastings. S.M. Class 8.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	3773	4787	355	744	79	10	13	9	6
1957	4455	6619	510	741	105	10	6	8	12
1958	8252	8475	2177	708	76	9	2	22	10
1959	6315	8432	1521	571	108	3	1	3	2



GISBORNE (CONTD.)

PAINTING STATION BUILDINGS : 224.

The painting of the station buildings is in hand. The Shire of Gisborne previously complained in regard to the condition of the paint work.

(58/7506)

FLUORESCENT LIGHTING : 225.

A request for the installation of fluorescent lighting in the station office at Gisborne is under consideration.

(W. & W. 4648/59)

NON ISSUE. 226.

EXTENSION OF REFUGE SIDING : 227.

On 13/3/52 the Commissioners approved of a recommendation that the refuge siding be extended from 1272 ft. to 1750 ft. in length to provide accommodation for approximately 70 vehicles and two engines to facilitate the crossing of goods trains, but funds were not available for the work and it has been listed for attention when circumstances permit.

(51/10745)

CONDITION OF WATER AT D.R. 2294 : 228.

The occupant of D.R. 2494 has complained regarding the condition of the water supply to his residence.

A sample of the water was analysed and found to be of good quality. It is probable that the impurities in the water were suspended rust particles from old pipes.

The matter is under investigation.

(W. & W. 12205/59)

RIDDELL

Mr. J.W. Skillecorn. A.S.M. Class 5 229.  
Mr. R. Warren. A.S.M. Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage Wool		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pig	Cattle Horses
1956	1637	10871	76	94	87	5	9	29	6
1957	1691	12170	38	144	83	14	5	38	4
1958	1758	11949	174	117	100	22	2	91	6
1959	1616	12168	53	103	40	3	7	44	1

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RIDDELL (CONTD.)

SIGNALLING :

230.

In order to improve lighting and also to provide proper distance from the Home Signal, the Distant Signal Committee has recommended that the existing 20 ft. Down Distant Signal be replaced by a 30 ft. mast situated some 227 yards further out from the present location at an estimated cost of £580.

The matter is under consideration.

(47/5664)

COMPLETED :

231.

8.7.59 Transfer of D.R.2377 from Romsey to Riddell and connection of reticulated water supply to this and other departmental residences.

11.11.58 Installation of power points in the kitchen and wash-house of D.R. 2883.

RIDDELL - CLARKEFIELD.

232.

CROSSING AT 34m. 38ch.

In 1951 the Soldier Settlement Commission requested that the "occupation" crossing at 34.m 38.ch be converted to a P.C.R. but after investigation the Commissioners decided to retain the crossing as an "occupation" crossing but certain earthworks were carried out in 1953 to ensure adequate views of approaching trains at this point.

In 1955 Mr. H.Kane, M.L.A. made further representations to have the "occupation" crossing converted to a level crossing but the request was again refused by the Commissioners after further investigation by the Level Crossing Committee.

In reply to further representations made at Riddell on tour on 13/11/58, The Commissioners explained that large sums of money are being spent each year on the abolition of level crossings and their policy, in the interests of safety, is to reduce rather than to increase the number of open crossings, particularly on lines where trains travel at high speeds. The necessity to open and close the gates offers some measure of safety to users and it was regretted they could not see their way to accede to the request.

(58/13208)

CLARKEFIELD

233.

Mr. W.H.Morgan. S.M. Class 8

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage Wool		Livestock				
			Out	In	Outwards		Inwards		
					Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1956	2305	9676	108	324	24	49	18	103	32
1957	9438	23751	2923	1326	51	78	1	228	5
1958	8000	22646	2944	1399	54	27	2	103	6
1959	5490	18722	1753	1059	57	26	1	201	23

CLARKEFIELD. (CONTD.)

MOST IMPROVED RESIDENCES.

234

In the 1958 competition for the Most Improved Residences D.R. 3166 occupied by Ganger L.P. Ollington was awarded 1st prize of £7:0:0 and D.R. 4043 occupied by Mr. K. Batchelor, the 2nd prize of £3:7:6 for places without water supply in the Bendigo No. 2 Works Foreman's Section.

LEASE SPACE IN GOODS SHED.

235

Mr. T.G. Austin Healy, whose lease of space in the goods shed at Clarkefield expired on 31/12/58 has applied for a further lease for a period of ten years at a yearly rental of £95 and has also asked that a door at the eastern end of the shed be repaired and attention given to the floor.

To re-block the floor would cost approximately £330 and to repair the door which has been inoperative for a long time, £22. The District Superintendent considers the door should be repaired but that there is no justification for incurring the expenditure involved in reblocking the floor.

(139934L)

(Papers on tour with C.T.M.)

LOADING FACILITIES

236

The Commissioners were met on tour at Clarkefield on 13th November, 1958 by a deputation comprising Councillor Sullivan (President) of the Shire of Bulla, Councillors S. Amess, and B. Brady of the Shire of Romsey and a number of local residents when it was again urged that an overhead bridge be provided at Clarkefield.

The Commissioners replied that the bridge was not required because of any increase in rail traffic but solely due to the development of settlement. The Government has laid down that where a facility is required owing to an increase in road traffic or any other reason not brought about by railway requirements, the cost of such facility must be borne by other than railway funds.

In reply to a question of whether the Commissioners would agree to the provision of level crossing protected by flashing lights it was pointed out that the Commissioners were averse to increasing the number of open crossings.

On 1st December, 1958 the Secretary for Railways wrote to the Shire of Romsey as follows:-

"With reference to the recent discussion when the Commissioners were at Clarkefield regarding the preparation of a plan of a bridge over the railway near the station, I desire to say that a plan was prepared several years ago at the request of the then Minister of Transport.

The plan is not a structural one but shows the site of the suggested bridge and the approaches. Its preparation was necessary to estimate the work involved in the proposal. Subsequently, a copy of the plan was forwarded to the Soldier Settlement Commission, at its request, so that your Shire could plan its roads in the Clarkefield Soldier Settlement Estate.

(Contd.)

CLARKEFIELD (CONTD.)

LOADING FACILITIES (CONTD.)

236.

As intimated during the discussion the suggested bridge is not necessary for railway purposes and the Commissioners would not be prepared to contribute towards the cost of its construction.

(58/1405)

(Papers on tour)

COMPLETED :

237.

21.1.58 Provision of power points in washhouses of D.R's. 2924 and 3166.

31.7.59 Removal of the spur siding and turntable road.

SUNBURY

238.

Mr. J.G. Benstead, S.M. Class 7.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	6894	53165	461	2784	40	35	17	44	29
1957	6205	50004	120	3129	44	2	12	90	14
1958	6391	49728	239	3632	67	7	9	53	5
1959	6853	51787	678	2777	22	-	13	48	11

MOST IMPROVED RESIDENCES.

239.

In the 1958 competition for the Most Improved Residences D.R. 810 occupied by Mr. J.G. Benstead, S.M. was awarded 1st prize of £7:0:0 for places with piped water supply in the Bendigo No.1. Works Foreman's Section.

STOCK YARDS :

240.

In June, 1956 the Commissioners approval was obtained for the renewal of the trucking yards at an estimated cost of £780 subsequently increased to £958. But in August, 1957 the Commissioners agreed to the renewal of the stock yards to standard during the course of ordinary maintenance and the appropriation was cancelled accordingly.

(56/6390)

LEASE OF LAND

241.

Three areas of land near the level crossing at 23.M. 45.Ch. were leased to Mr. G.C. Evans for grazing and cultivation purposes in 1956.

Repeated requests for Mr. Evans to repair the fences on the inner boundaries of the land and make them stock-proof were not complied with and the tenancies were terminated from 1.10.58.

(58/9032).

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SUNBURY (CONTD.)

COMPLETED : 242.

24.9.58 Connection of vent pipe to septic tank closet.

DIGGERS REST

Mr. N. Elsey R.A.S.M. (Rel'g) 243.  
Mr. S.E. Catlin A.S.M. Class 5. (Sick)  
Mr. W.J. Cocks A.S.M. Class 5.  
Mr. R.H. Philips A.S.M. Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	1789	12560	1247	88	-	11	2	47	8
1957	1507	10260	1213	350	-	2	1	66	-
1958	1603	10915	985	234	4	4	1	28	11
1959	1884	11224	1038	198	1	7	-	32	1

LEASE LAND FOR ROAD PURPOSES. 244.

The Shire of Melton has sought the lease of land in the station ground at Diggers Rest to be used in connection with a realignment of the Diggers Rest - Coimada Road and in reply the Secretary for Railways on 24.7.58 suggested that before further consideration was given to the question of leasing the land for the purpose, the Council should obtain and forward to this Department an approval of the Country Roads Board to the proposed alignment of the road.

There has been no reply.

(58/7833)

D.R. 3321: 245.

To provide additional accommodation at D.R. 3321 it is proposed to provide a 12' x 10' portable.

(W. & W. 1366/59)

COMPLETED :

Provision of a new prefabricated house and sale and removal of D.R. 804.