

*Dist Supt.  
Flinders St.*

COMMISSIONERS' TOUR OF INSPECTION

YARRAM TO LEONGATHA

RUBY TO NYORA

WOODLEIGH TO WONTHAGGI

LANG LANG TO LYN DHUP ST

Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th February, 1960 inclusive.  
Train leaves Spencer Street (No. 8 Platform) at 4.21pm on Monday  
8th February, 1960.

COMMISSIONERS' TOUR OF INSPECTION OF YARRAM  
AND WONTHAGGI LINES BETWEEN 8TH AND 11TH  
FEBRUARY, 1960.  
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TOUR PERSONNEL.

Mr. E. H. Brownbill	Chairman.
Mr. G. F. Brown	Commissioner.
Mr. A. C. Stockley	Chief Electrical Engineer.
Mr. W. Featonby	Asst. Chief Mechanical Engineer.
Mr. L. A. Reynolds	Chief Civil Engineer.
Mr. T. A. James	Actg. Outdoor Superintendent.
Mr. J. Ross	Asst. Claims Agent.
Mr. A. Daly	Audit Inspector.
Mr. K.D.E. Harvey	Relvg. District Superintendent.
Mr. R. H. Wilson	Actg. District Rolling Stock Sup't.
Mr. K. J. Brennan	Actg. District Engineer.
Mr. C. W. Miller	Commissioners' Secretary.
Mr. P. L. White	Tour Clerk.

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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.



YARRAM

Mr. G. E. Llewellyn, Station Master Class 6 1.  
 Rolling Stock Branch: Driver-in-Charge F. Welford. Engines 1  
 Total Staff 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	25224	3333	3229	13141	3450	251	379	113	84
1957	31077	2948	4440	12169	3608	263	358	115	43
1958	31574	3123	4256	13470	3751	251	461	170	12
1959	34778	3959	4834	14230	3879	282	447	66	25

BOOKING OF PASSENGERS FOR YARRAM LINE. 2.

On tour on 17th February, 1959 the Shire Secretary of the Shire of Alberton requested that tickets for the Yarram line be available for purchase at Princes Bridge as this station is now being used to an increasing extent being nearer to No.1 East platform. It was promised that the matter would be looked into.

Following investigation of the request the Secretary on 8th April, 1959, wrote as under:-

"Printed tickets for a number of stations on the Leongatha and Wonthaggi lines were supplied to Princes Bridge commencing on Sunday 1st February, following the introduction of the 7.10pm Sunday Service from Melbourne to Leongatha and Wonthaggi, which departs from No.1 East Platform, instead of the former Sunday morning service to those stations. In addition, blank ticket books are also available to enable the Princes Bridge booking staff to issue hand written tickets to other stations on the south-eastern line, including Yarram

It is found, however, that only a limited number of country bookings are effected at Princes Bridge, and in the circumstances the Commissioners would not be warranted in duplicating at that station the booking and luggage facilities now available at the centre entrance to No.1 platform, Flinders Street".

(59/1817)

LEASE OF LAND 3.

The lease of an area of land adjacent to the stockyards has been offered to Victorian Bacon Pty.Ltd. for weighing of pigs.

Last advice from the Company was on 10.6.58, when it advised that the matter was under consideration.

(56/7697)

DRAINAGE 4.

Following a deputation on tour in 1956, by representatives of the Shire of Alberton, discussions were held with the Shire Engineer, at which it was decided that the Shire would submit for this Department's comments, a proposal to reduce flooding in the South-Western section of the Yarram Township.

The Shire advised on 17/12/57 that owing to lack of funds it had been found necessary to pend the matter for the time being.

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YARRAM (Contd.)

DRAINAGE (Contd.)

The Shire advised again on 14/7/58 that the matter would be discussed at the finance meeting which was usually held in early November. Immediately after the meeting the Secretary would advise this Department of the Council's decision.

Letters requesting the Shire's decision re this matter were forwarded on 26/2/59 and 5/8/59.

To date no advice has been received from the Shire.

(56/7695)

SALE OF LAND

5.

The Shire of Yarram has agreed to purchase land on the old Woodside line adjacent to the recreation ground.

The matter is in course.

(53/7280)

FENCING

6.

When the Commissioners were on tour on 11/2/58 Mr. A. T. Vardy stated that the railway fences alongside his property were in bad condition and requested that they be put in order. It was explained that the Department was under no obligation to maintain fencing to that line but did so for its own purposes. Owing to the state of Railway finances it was not practicable for the fences to be attended to just then but there would be no objection to Mr. Vardy himself using any materials in the fences to keep them in a state of repair.

On 27/2/58 Honorable R.W. May M.L.C. telephoned the Commissioners regarding alleged discrimination in the fencing of railway boundaries in the Gelliondale-Albert River-Alberton area. The Secretary for Railways wrote to Honorable R.W. May on 2/5/58 as follows:-

"I desire to say that the fencing at this and other locations in the district needs renewal, and arrangements are being made for the work to be carried out as early as practicable in priority according to the condition of the fencing."

Tenders for the renewal of this fencing have been invited on (3) occasions, twice without response and finally at a quotation considered to be too high.

Mr. Vardy was contacted and advised that there was insufficient Departmental labour to carry out the work. He indicated that he would erect fences himself with no labour costs to the Department.

No work has been done to date.

(58/1667)

LEASE OF LAND FOR BEAUTIFICATION PURPOSES

7.

On 23/9/59 the Shire of Alberton wrote to this Department requesting that an area of land between the Yarram railway station, the approach roads and Lawley St., be improved and beautified.

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YARRAM (Contd.)

LEASE OF LAND FOR BEAUTIFICATION PURPOSES.(Contd.)

Over the past years the Council has pursued an active policy of extending its parks and gardens and desires the planting of this area as an addition to the programme.

The matter has been investigated and it is proposed to lease the land to the Council to enable it to carry out the beautification work required without cost to this Department.

The matter is in course.

(59/10481)

D.R. 2549

8.

Instructions were issued recently for the installation of an additional power point in D.R.2549.

(W.W.10818/59)

D.R.2551.

9.

Instructions were issued recently for installation of an additional power point in D.R.2551.

(W.W.15966/59)

D.R.2552.

10.

Instructions were issued recently for the installation of a power point in washhouse of D.R.2552.

(W.W. 12126/59)

COMPLETED

11.

10/4/59

Power point in kitchen of D.R.2552.

3/8/59

Power point in washhouse of D.R.2431.

15/9/59

Provision of an electric drive on 6 ton derrick crane.

15/9/59

Improved lighting at the station and provision of extra parcel racking accommodation.

YARRAM - KOONWARRA

LIGHTING OF STATIONS.

12.

In connection with representations made by the Tarra Valley Branch of the Country Women's Association of Victoria the Chairman on 1/12/59, advised the Honorable the Minister as under:-

"With reference to the attached letter, the Commissioners have to report that electric lighting is provided at Korumburra, Leongatha Fish Creek, Foster, Toora and Yarram, whilst a kerosene lamp in the vicinity of the barrier gate is lit at Meeniyah Stony Creek, Buffalo, Welshpool, Hedley, Celliondale and Alberton prior to ceasing duty at 5. 0 p.m. and extinguished by the guard of the 6.12 pm passenger train from Melbourne to Yarram.

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YARRAM - KOONWARRA

LIGHTING OF STATIONS (Contd.)

Arrangements are in hand for the provision of electric lighting at Meeniyan.

The remaining stations, Koonwarra, Tarwin, Hoddle and Bennison, where the passenger traffic is extremely light, are equipped with a kerosene lamp which is lit by passengers desiring to board the evening train from Melbourne. Similar provision is made at other country stations where the traffic is insufficient to justify lighting on a regular basis for the arrival of evening passenger trains.

The two guards stationed at Yarram regularly work the evening passenger train from Melbourne, and both these employes state that they keep passengers informed of their whereabouts by frequent announcements. However, in view of the within complaint, they have been specially reminded of the necessity to pay strict attention of this aspect of their duties."

(59/12040)

ALBERTON

Mrs. G.V. Pither, Caretaker, Class 3. 13.

Year	Total Revenue	Outwards Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
30th June						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	1978	961	114	1230	134	28	14	21	2
1957	2265	930	76	1000	146	46	29	50	2
1958	2093	834	59	1041	134	22	24	13	2
1959	2005	662	60	1014	133	28	44	7	8

GOODS SHED

14.

During a recent storm the goods shed at Alberton was destroyed and as the van goods shed on the passenger platform can be utilized to accommodate consignments waiting delivery the goods shed will not be replaced.

(59/11183)

POWER POINT

15.

A request from the Caretaker for the installation of a power point in the washhouse of her D.R. has been referred to the Chief Civil Engineer.

LAND ON PORT ALBERT LINE

16.

Offers were made some time ago by adjoining landholders for purchase of land on the Port Albert line.

All the land has been sold to the landholders except the portion adjoining the properties of R.J. Piddington and K.J. Blackshaw.

(56/7690)

*Re paddock for CT's Cow.*



ALBERTON (Contd.)

COMPLETED

17.

27/11/59. No. (3) road removed.

ALBERTON - FOSTER

GRAZING LEASES

18.

In 1958 the District Engineer, Eastern District requested the cancellation of all cultivation and grazing leases in order to facilitate the work of relaying the track between Foster and Alberton.

The leases were cancelled and on completion of the relaying a few only of the tenancies were reinstated in accordance with the Department's present policy of restricting grazing leases.

(58/10886)  
(58/13651)

GELLIONDALE

19.

*Cattle York repairs*  
Mrs. P. J. Grossman, Caretaker, Class 4.

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	2477	487	20	643	74	39	78	33	2
1957	2084	456	25	629	80	44	57	14	10
1958	2675	462	26	722	47	42	65	28	28
1959	2090	446	28	836	46	64	20	11	-

APPROACH ROADS AND TRUCKING YARDS

20.

At Gelliondale on tour on 24th July, 1956 the Commissioners were met by Messrs. A.P. Moore and G.A. Morgan who requested that:

(a) the approach road on the goods side be improved. During the winter months the approach is very soft and trucks bringing in pigs to the unloading ramp are liable to bog down. Difficulty is also experienced in taking delivery of truck loads of pollard, etc.

(b) the road approach to the trucking yards be improved.

It was stated that the Shire road leading to the trucking yards is very wet and difficult to negotiate.

(c) That some filling be provided in the trucking yards.

The Commissioners pointed out that they were not responsible for the maintenance of the Shire road but they proposed to spread some gravel to improve conditions between the road formation and the heavy duty ramp.

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GELLIONDALE (Contd.)

APPROACH ROADS AND TRUCKING YARDS (Contd.)

In view of the small amount of traffic handled at the goods siding the Commissioners were not prepared to incur any expenditure on the approach road on the goods side.

Necessary improvements have been carried out in the area between the road formation and the loading ramp and filling has been provided in the trucking yards where required.

(56/7835)

HEDLEY

Mrs. A. I. Turner, Caretaker, Class 5. 21.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			In	Out		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
1956	2543	179	269	883	144	33	52	2	3
1957	1556	179	94	662	165	29	38	11	1
1958	2556	203	350	703	207	35	39	13	8
1959	1878	174	138	698	156	52	22	12	1

COMPLETED

22.

Relocation of level crossing from 122M 14C to 122M 23C 50L.

WELSHPOOL

23.

Mr. H.K. Wilson, A.S.M. Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
1956	2040	1233	93	1616	158	16	19	13	9
1957	1955	992	93	1717	170	14	24	25	5
1958	2698	993	120	1281	221	56	38	37	3
1959	3592	1075	103	1421	227	89	51	34	4

ELECTRIC LIGHTING

24.

Requests have been made on several occasions for electric lighting to be installed, but as the requirements of the public are attended to mostly during daylight, and a Tilley lamp is provided for use in the office when necessary, the provision of electric lighting is not warranted and all requests have been refused - the latest being from Mrs. J. Pattinson Acting Secretary of the Country Women's Association of Victoria to whom the Chairman on 16/6/59 wrote as under:-

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WELSHPOOL (Contd.)

ELECTRIC LIGHTING (Contd.)

"With reference to your letter of 5th June, I have to advise that the question of installing electric lighting at Welshpool station has been under review previously.

In 1955 it was estimated that the cost would be in excess of £200, and frankly, the number of passengers - three per trip on the average - alighting from the evening train to Yarram does not justify this expenditure, the kerosene light on the barrier gate being considered adequate.

Departmental policy is to provide lighting at all stations to a standard which reasonably meets local requirements and electric lighting is extended to stations as circumstances demand. There is still a number of locations on the Yarram line and elsewhere where such lighting is not warranted.

Guards and conductors are required under the regulations to call out distinctly the names of stations at which trains stop during the journey, and as a result of your letter the guards working on the Yarram line have been reminded of their obligations in this regard."

(58/4373)  
(59/12040)

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

25.

On 28/2/56 the Welshpool Progress Association wrote the Secretary for Railways requesting the lease of a piece of land 140' x 118' on which the Association desired to provide a children's playground.

The land desired was leased to the Lands Department and its proximity to the siding made its conversion to a children's playground undesirable from a safety point of view and the association was advised accordingly by Secretary for Railways.

(56/2296)

LEASE OF CERTAIN RAILWAY LAND

26.

On 15/4/59, the Secretary of the Corner - Inlet District Men's and Women's Basketball Association wrote to this Department requesting the lease of certain railway land at Welshpool.

The Association was informed on 19/10/59 that, because the land concerned was leased by the Public Works, it was unavailable. An alternate site was suggested to the Association.

On 24/11/59, the Association advised that it intended to hold a special meeting in the near future to discuss the offer.

Nothing further has been heard to date.

(59/4182)

SEPTIC TANKS ON RAILWAY PREMISES

27.

On 20/11/59 the Shire of South Gippsland wrote to this Department and advised that it intended to instal septic tanks at all residences at Welshpool within the next few months.

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WELSHPOOL (Contd.)

SEPTIC TANKS ON RAILWAY PREMISES (Contd.)

The Shire desired to know whether the Department intended to make its own arrangements for the installation of the septic tanks at the 3 No. Departmental Residences and station or if it wished to participate in the Shire's scheme.

The matter is being investigated.

(59/12513)

D.R.1026

28.

Instructions were issued recently for the connection of electric light to the portable at D.R.1026.

It is anticipated that this work will be completed early this month.

(7236/59)

COMPLETED

29.

- 27/2/59 Connection of reticulated water supply to 3 D.R.'s.
- 31/8/59 Removal of Van Goods Shed at back of platform.
- 11/9/59 Provision of 12' x 10' portable at D.R.1026.

AGNES (Closed to Traffic)  
18.7.59.

30.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
	£					Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
1956	105	106	-	121	-	-	-	-	9
1957	62	73	-	131	-	-	-	-	4
1958	52	53	-	411	-	-	4	-	-
1959	73	74	1	170	-	-	-	-	-

CLOSURE OF STATION.

31.

The station was closed to business as from 18th July, 1959 and all facilities have been removed.

(59/1984)

RETENTION OF FENCING

32.

In connection with the relaying of the track between Foster and Yarram notices to quit the tenancy of railway property were issued to the lessees of railway land on that section of line.

Mr. J. Nichol, lessee of land at Agnes, requested that as he had recently erected a new fence on his leased land his lease be retained.

As the fence was erected well clear of the embankment this request was granted.

(59/143)



*Company  
books*

TOORA

33.

Mr. L. E. Collett, Stationmaster 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	15262	1437	3288	8705	198	145	70	58	2
1957	13588	1588	2851	7266	391	133	57	40	2
1958	13306	1641	2930	10862	422	129	54	66	3
1959	16930	1625	3808	12122	436	111	79	41	2

TREE PLANTING COMPETITION.

34.

In the 1958 Tree Planting and Decoration of Stations competition Toora station was commended in the New Work without piped water supply section, in the Eastern District. Mr. L. Collett S.M. and Jnr. Stn. Asst. T. Campi were responsible for the work.

APPROACH ROAD TO TRUCKING YARDS.

35.

At Toora on tour on 24th July, 1956 representations were made to the Commissioners by Councillor A. Lonsdale of the Shire of South Gippsland, in regard to the approach road to the trucking yards.

It was stated that, owing to the heavy traffic to and from British United Dairies, there is serious congestion when stock is driven to the trucking yards from the roadway at the 'down' end. There is a road half a chain wide at the 'Up' end leading towards the trucking yards which could be used for stock.

The Commissioners pointed out that the congestion was caused by the concentration of road traffic and they could not see their way to incur the expense that would be involved in providing the approach. The half chain roadway did not belong to the Department but appeared to be a Council road, and, if those concerned wished to use it as an approach to the trucking yards, it would be necessary for the Council to bear the cost.

However, if the Council submitted a proposition the Commissioners would be prepared to look into it.

The matter was referred to at Toora on tour on 11/2/58 by Mr. P. S. Morcom representing the local Progress Association. He was informed that the proposed roadway was not required for railway purposes and the Commissioners were not prepared to incur any expense in connection with the provision of such means of access to the trucking yards. If the local Council was willing to construct and maintain a roadway at its own cost they would be glad to consider such a proposition.

Mr. Morcom indicated that he would take the matter up with the Council.

(56/7838)

STOCK YARDS

36.

In July, 1959 Mr. F. W. Deering of Deering and Hamilton, Meeniyah requested that the stock yards at Toora be improved. He stated that in wet weather the yards are bogged and it was suggested the surface be built up to afford better drainage.

On 19th August, 1959 the Secretary advised Mr. Deering that the accumulation of mud had been removed and arrangements had been made for the filling and grading of the yards.

(59/7646)

(W.W.09764/59).



~~TOORA (Contd.)~~

CRANE

37.

The (6) ton derrick crane, which had been operating at two tons capacity for some time, was restored to full capacity on 22/7/59.

COMPLETED

38.

Provision of heavy duty transport ramp.

*2 Bags cement*  
BENNISON

39.

Mrs. K.M. Durston, Caretaker, Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
June	£		Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	206	254	7	205	12	-	-	-	-
1957	229	189	5	159	1	-	-	-	-
1958	223	295	-	238	25	-	-	-	-
1959	205	203	-	163	-	-	-	-	-

REMOVAL OF GOODS FACILITIES

40.

The goods traffic at Bennison had declined to such an extent that the continuance of the service was no longer justified.

At the Commissioners direction the station was closed for goods traffic in truck loads as from 10/8/59.

The removal of the goods shed platform and siding was completed on 21/10/59.

(59/1986)

*See notes re Bennison on town book. Pers. on pass Herald Paper.*

FOSTER

*← Line Super discharging location.*

41.

Mr. H.J. Weaver, S.M. Class 8.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
June	£		Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	7574	2223	1089	5838	432	75	73	132	54
1957	8123	2100	1141	7741	530	99	87	150	35
1958	8874	2025	1274	6500	385	111	103	181	106
1959	8967	2183	1356	6722	788	150	20	109	35

POWER POINT AND ELECTRIC URN.

42.

In July 1957 the Stationmaster made application for the installation of a power point and electric urn for water heating purposes but as it was considered there was no justification for incurring the expenditure involved the request was declined.

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FOSTER (CONTD.)

POWER POINT AND ELECTRIC URN. (Contd.)

The matter was reviewed in January, 1959 in response to further representations made through the A.R.U. and in the light of altered conditions, but it was still considered the provision sought was not justified.

(16/328/1)

LIVE STOCK SIDING

43.

On tour on 17/2/59 complaint was made to the Commissioners that the live stock siding was in bad order and that it was difficult to move trucks when they were loaded. The Commissioners promised that any necessary attention would be given to the siding at any early date. The necessary repairs were carried out prior to 2/4/59.

(59/1811)

BULK LOADING RACES.

44.

At Foster on tour on 11th February, 1958 representations were made to the Commissioners by Mr. D. Heaton-Harris of the Australian Estates Agency Company, that double bulk loading races be provided at the local trucking yards. It was stated that new sale yards have been established by the Australian Estates Agency Company and a substantial increase in traffic was expected.

The Commissioners explained that double bulk loading races are provided only where truckings of sheep average not less than 250 trucks per annum. At Foster, however, the truckings were only about 100 trucks annually, and they were not prepared to put in the required facility at present but in the event of a substantial increase in truckings the matter would be reviewed.

Review in October, 1958 showed that trucks of livestock from this station from the beginning of the year had comprised 73 sheep, 46 cattle and 48 pigs, insufficient to justify the desired provision.

On tour on 12/7/59 Councillors A. Linton (President) and J.H. McDonald, and the Secretary of the Shire of South Gippsland and Mr. W. Davies again requested that double bulk races be provided at the trucking yards. They considered that the provision of the desired facility would result in an increase of traffic by diversion from road transport.

The Commissioners informed them that the number of trucks of sheep forwarded from Foster in recent years fell far short of the number laid down as justifying the provision of double bulk races. However, if outward truckings increased to 150 trucks a year, double races would be provided.

FENCING

45.

On 15/6/56, the Australian Primary Producers' Union complained of the very bad state of repair of some of the railway fences in the Foster area and the Secretary for Railways replied as under on 27/11/56:-

"With reference to your letter of 15th June, the fencing of the railway land between Hoddle and Foster has been inspected, and approximately 2 miles requires renewal, and repairs are necessary to other sections.

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FOSTER (CONTD.)

FENCING (Contd.)

Departmental staff is not available to carry out the work and the necessary material is on hand, but we have been unsuccessful in obtaining contractors to do the work. We are, however, again inviting tenders with a view to having the repairs and renewals effected as early as practicable.

I might mention that the Commissioners are not obliged to maintain the fences, but they do so for their own purposes. The legal responsibility for repairs to the fencing in question rests with the adjoining landholders, and they might co-operate by submitting tenders for the work."

(56/6338)

HODDLE

46.

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	112	154	5	152	-	-	-	-	-
1957	138	145	51	118	-	-	-	-	-
1958	124	273	-	127	-	-	-	-	-
1959	114	130	-	91	-	-	-	-	-

CLOSURE OF STATION FOR GOODS BUSINESS.

47.

As from 13th September, 1959 the Station was closed for goods business, van goods excepted.

*(Papers on Tour)*

(59/1983)

*Two shippers on 7th 9th gate*  
*Accountancy work not up to date*  
*Signatures on goods w.b. not being obtained*

FISH CREEK

48.

Mr. T.P. Mech, R.A.S.M. 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	9539	2018	1502	4583	405	107	175	91	99
1957	9090	1611	1373	4236	485	115	130	94	76
1958	10677	1613	1544	4337	753	174	123	143	95
1959	10841	1405	1735	4328	716	205	89	74	84

PASSENGER PLATFORM

49.

The passenger platform is approximately 10 inches lower than the standard platform height and the question of raising its level is being kept under review.

(52/10619)



FISH CREEK (Contd.)

PLATFORM LIGHTS.

50.

On tour on 17/2/59 representations were made by Mr. R.A. Meyer for platform lights to be left on for 10 to 15 minutes after the departure of the evening "down" train to meet requirements of passengers connecting with road service to Wilson's Promontory. The Commissioners promised that a time switch would be installed to allow lights to remain on for at least ten minutes after the departure of the train.

A time switch has since been installed.

(59/1828)

STOCK YARDS

51.

Over the years complaints have been made by the Fish Creek Progress Association concerning the condition of the stock yards.

In 1955 it was considered that the yards were in reasonably good order and that no major renewals would be required for at least 5 years.

However, in view of the heavy rainfall in this area, a scheme was prepared for concreting the sheep crush yards and providing a concrete lined drain between the crushes and the holding yards.

The matter was mentioned at Fish Creek on tour on 24/7/56 when Cr. W. Gale of the Shire of South Gippsland and Messrs. Ryan and Kerr were informed by the Commissioners that the sheep crushing yards and race would be surfaced in concrete and the pitchers re-set in the cattle race.

In reply to a deputation which met them at Fish Creek on 11.2.58 the Commissioners promised that the work of concreting the sheep crush yards and race and the resetting of pitches in the cattle race, would be put in hand in April and this work has since been completed.

Further requests have been made by the Intercontinental Packers Pty. Ltd., and Gippsland and Northern Co-operative Co. Ltd. for :-

- (a) Extension of the roofing of the pig shelter.
- (b) Provision of an adjustable transport ramp.
- (c) Relocation of the tank and water trough.
- (d) Erection of holding yards between pig yard and Gippsland and Northern Yards.
- (e) Provision of gateway giving access direct from the Gippsland and Northern Yards to the trucking yards.

The Commissioners agreed to attend to items (a) and (e) and the work was completed on 19/5/59.

With regard to items (b) (c) and (d) the Company, in letter dated 16/3/59, agreed to carry out the work involved in this regard.

Still in course.

56/8040  
58/1596.

(Papers on Tour).



FISH CREEK (Contd.)

NOMINATED LOADING DAY

52.

Representations were made to the Commissioners on tour on 17th February, 1959 by Mr. R. A. Meyer that the nominated loading day be altered to Tuesday and it was promised that the request would be looked into.

*Investigation disclosed that the Fish Creek loading was forwarded in the same wagon as that for Stony Creek and Buffalo and whilst consignees at Stony Creek raised no objection to the proposed change in loading days those concerned at Buffalo requested that no change be made and as there was insufficient loading offering to warrant separate wagon for them on Mondays the Commissioners were unable to see their way to change the nominated loading day as requested. Mr. Meyer was so informed on 29/4/59, by letter.*

(Papers on Tour).

(59/1816)

PARKING OF VEHICLES ON RAILWAY LAND

53.

It has been brought under notice that C.S.B. Motors, which leases railway land near the level crossing at Fish Creek has been parking vehicles, for repair, on the adjoining unleased railway land, with the result that the view of the level crossing is being obstructed.

C.S.B. Motors were written to on 23/1/59, and requested to move all vehicles obstructing the view of the level crossing and those parked on unleased railway land within fourteen days of the date of the letter.

It was recently brought to notice that this firm was again encroaching upon the roadway and making use of railway premises beyond the limits of the leased area and the matter was referred to the Estate Officer on 22/1/60 for attention.

(16/320/8)

LEVEL CROSSING AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.

54.

The Shire of South Gippsland requested the widening of the level crossing at Fish Creek.

The Council was advised on 27/11/58 of the conditions under which the work would be carried out and that the Council's portion of the work cost £335.

All Departmental work has been completed.

The Council has not yet done their portion of the work i.e., construction of the pedestrian crossing.

(57/13258)

WATER SUPPLY

55.

Consideration is being given to the connection of the two departmental residences and stockyards to the local Waterworks Trust's reticulated supply.

The matter is in course.

(W.W.16861/59)



FISH CREEK (Contd.)

LAND FOR PLAYGROUND

56.

On 1/10/59, following a request from the Mothers' Club and the Fish Creek Progress Association, an area of land 50' x 40' was leased to the Shire of South Gippsland for a children's playground.

(58/1666)

BUFFALO

57.

Mrs. M.I.E. Martin, Caretaker, Class 4.

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	2723	553	102	1962	268	55	88	48	80
1957	2384	434	58	1839	329	24	109	64	24
1958	3306	362	52	1735	310	53	143	93	53
1959	3207	365	77	2323	258	44	166	47	39

*Hand to be marked  
enter race yard*

STONY CREEK

58.

Mr. R. W. Lobley, A.S.M. Class 4.

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	1184	1541	123	1357	78	7	13	13	53
1957	1174	713	87	1332	131	23	11	31	20
1958	1100	638	56	1503	100	33	13	44	5
1959	820	615	45	1218	125	12	11	24	12

WORKING OF STATION

59.

A proposal to work this station under Caretaker conditions by transferring the crossing loop and electric staff instruments to Meeniyan (£5,577) has been listed for attention when circumstances permit.

The purpose of the scheme is to enable the withdrawal of a qualified safeworking man of which there is a serious shortage.

(W.W.7272/55).



MEENIYAN

60.

Mr. J.M. Cavanagh, Stationmaster, 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	9818	2524	2223	5438	544	144	88	68	21
1957	10147	2028	2413	5239	395	137	86	119	30
1958	9973	1753	2273	5168	514	114	124	120	23
1959	9701	1426	2138	5354	762	113	139	67	26

ELECTRIC LIGHTING

61.

Several previous requests for provision of electric lighting at this location have been declined.

However, on tour on 17/2/59 Mr. Fitzgerald, Dumbalk Co-operative Butter & Cheese Coy. Ltd. informed the Commissioners he was prepared to extend electric supply to the station free of charge. The Commissioners accepted the offer and agreed to carry out the balance of the work.

The Chief Electrical Engineer advises that, because of pressure of more urgent work which precluded his Branch from connecting the electrical installation at Meeniyon station arrangements were made for the Dumbalk Co-operative Butter and Cheese Coy. Ltd. to carry out the installation of electric lighting and the provision of a time switch to control the outside lights. This work was completed on 8/1/60.

*(Papers On Tour)*

(59/1818).

APPROACH ROAD

62.

At Meeniyon on tour on 24th July, 1956 representations were made by Cr. A.H. Richards of the Shire of Leongatha in regard to the sealing of the approach road to the passenger platform and the road in the goods area.

The Commissioners pointed out that the existing roads were in reasonable condition and in view of the necessity to use the available finance to the best advantage, they would not be justified in having the roads sealed.

(56/8031)

SHELTER ON SIDING FRONTAGE

63.

In September, 1957 the Dumbalk Butter and Cheese Coy. Ltd. requested the provision of a shelter on the siding frontage at Meeniyon to protect the Company's goods during loading and unloading operations in wet weather but the request was declined on the grounds that it was not the practice to make such a provision on public sidings and the Commissioners would not have been justified in making an exception in the case of Meeniyon.

In October 1958, Honorable Sir Herbert Hyland M.L.A. on behalf of the Company made representations to the Chairman in this connection. On review the Chairman replied that except for a decline in the annual volume of traffic loaded by the Company at Meeniyon, the conditions had not altered and the Commissioners regretted therefore that they were unable to alter their previous decision.

This matter was again referred to by Mr. P. Fitzgerald Manager of the Dumbalk Co-operative Butter and Cheese Co. Ltd. who met the Commissioners on tour on 17th February, 1959, at Meeniyon.

The Commissioners again declined the request for the reasons previously given.

(59/11919).



MEENIYAN (Contd.)

PROVISION OF CRANE

64.

On tour on 11th February, 1958 representations were made to the Commissioners by Messrs. A. J. McDonald, and J. Meikle that a crane be provided at the station.

The Commissioners advised that the quantity of goods received at the station did not warrant the provision of a crane and therefore, they were unable to accede to the request.

(58/1663)

RETICULATED WATER SUPPLY.

65.

In 1956 consideration was given to the necessity for providing reticulated water supply at the station but it was considered in the light of the financial position the expense was not justified.

(16/585/1)

GOODS SHED

65A.

A proposal from the Works Foreman that the goods shed be re-located at the opposite end of the goods platform, because of the state of that platform, is under investigation.

STORAGE SHED

65B.

A request from the Commonwealth Fertilisers Coy. Ltd., for permission to erect a bulk superphosphate storage shed at Meeniyah is under consideration.

(149003L)

TARWIN

66.

Mrs. A. J. Bremmer, Caretaker, Class 1.

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	532	802	16	977	11	7	5	6	-
1957	485	620	25	999	31	5	5	-	3
1958	446	468	37	1278	30	4	1	24	1
1959	306	346	25	1347	-	-	-	-	-

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

67.

The matter of providing electric power to the station buildings and D.R. 3092 at Tarwin is being investigated.

(W.W.18054/57)

GOODS SHED

68.

On tour on 27/4/55 representations were made to the Commissioners by Mr. G. Brown that the goods shed which was burnt down some time ago be replaced.

On 6/6/55 the Secretary for Railways replied to Mr. Brown inter alia - "Reports disclose that truck load consignments  
Contd.



TARWIN (Contd.)

GOODS SHED (Contd.)

are placed in the siding and that delivery is taken direct from the trucks, and the light goods, including perishable consignments, are generally unloaded at the passenger platform and placed in the van goods shed where adequate accommodation is available. The outwards traffic is very light and consists mainly of small consignments which are taken to the passenger platform.

In the circumstances, restoration of the goods shed is not warranted, and my Commissioners regret they cannot see their way to accede to this request."

(55/4249)

WATER SUPPLY FOR LOCOMOTIVES .

59.

A recent derailment at Tarwin station destroyed the water tank and stand and as the present diesel running reduces the demand for water in this section it has been recommended that a 4" standpipe be erected in place of the tank.

The estimated cost of the erection of the standpipe is \$120.

The matter is in course.

(W.W.17209/59)

COMPLETED

70.

30/12/59 Removal of scrub and earth from the "up" side of the level crossing to improve view of road users.

KOONWARRA

71.

Mrs. J. I. Yates, Caretaker, Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage			Livestock			
			Wool Bales	Out	In	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
1956	411	573	12	663	19	5	8	19	6
1957	297	590	22	570	30	6	-	32	8
1958	407	386	13	739	21	2	-	34	70
1959	398	265	40	586	52	8	37	5	41

LEONGATHA

72.

Mr. S. J. Ely, S.M. Class 5.

Rolling Stock Branch: Rail Motor Drvr. A. Hunt, Engines: Nil.

Total Staff 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage			Livestock			
			Wool Bales	Out	In	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
1956	35618	16066	6772	20421	1080	176	435	190	136
1957	31861	14302	5875	20218	1581	129	341	285	128
1958	32551	14050	5725	21050	1705	230	445	307	168
1959	33946	12252	6333	21946	1412	305	356	159	104



LEONGATHA (Contd.)

MOST IMPROVED RESIDENCES.

73.

In connection with the 1958 Competition for the Most Improved Departmental Residences D.R.4046 occupied by Goods Checker W. Pollock, Leongatha was awarded 1st prize of £7.0.0 for the Most Improved Residence with piped water supply, in the Korumburra Works Foreman's section.

PASSENGER APPROACH ROAD.

74.

At Leongatha on tour on 24/7/56 representations were made by Cr. C.A. Bond, of the Shire of Woorayl that the approach road to the passenger platform was in poor condition and it was suggested that it be sealed.

The Commissioners pointed out that it had been recently repaired and was in good condition. Observations indicated that it was also used by road traffic which did not stop at the station. In the circumstances and in view of the shortage of funds for work of this nature, they were unable to undertake the work.

Councillor Mc Indoe of the Shire of Woorayl interviewed the Chief Civil Engineer on this subject on 13/5/57 and stated that the Council would co-operate in reshaping and sealing the road. When it was pointed out to him that it was not then the time of the year for sealing, Cr. McIndoe said he thought that if the matter was discussed then the work, if necessary, could be programmed for sealing in February or March, 1958.

The Commissioners inspected this roadway whilst on tour in 1958 and found it to be in good condition. No reference to sealing was made at that time by representatives of the Shire.

On 8/10/59 Councillor McIndoe called on the Actg. Asst. Chief Civil Engineer to discuss proposal from the Council. He said the Council would provide labour and plant and maintain the road in future and bear cost of these items. The Railway Department to supply sealing material and bear cost of these. The Council might alternatively provide the material at the Department's cost. He intimated a letter would be sent to the Department on the above lines, but nothing further has been heard of this matter.

(56/8030)

YARD LIGHTING

75.

The A.R.U. has requested that an improvement be effected in the illumination of the yard at Leongatha.

The Chief Traffic Manager advised that as the bulk of shunting is performed during daylight provision of additional lighting is not warranted.

(W.W.14921/59)

GOODS PLATFORM.

76.

The Chief Civil Engineer has been informed that there is no objection to the reduction in the length of the goods platform from 90 feet to 50 feet.

(16/522/10)



LEONGATHA (Contd.)

USE OF RAILWAY FACILITIES FOR INSPECTING POTATOES TO BE CARRIED BY ROAD.

77.

When on tour of inspection of the South Eastern Line last year the Commissioners noted that railway yard facilities at Leongatha were being utilised for inspection of potatoes by the staff of the Department of Agriculture and subsequent loading into road vehicles.

As it was stated that this was a normal procedure on a State Wide Basis the Secretary for Railways on 12/2/58 wrote to the Director of Agriculture pointing out that the Commissioners were not prepared to allow use of their yard and platform facilities for this competitive movement of traffic and instructions were being issued to stations that the practice was to cease forthwith.

(58/1455)

SEWERAGE OF 3 D.R.'s and GATEHOUSE.

78.

Arrangements have been made for the sewerage of 3 D.R.'s in Jeffrey Street, Leongatha (work to be carried out by Departmental labour) and the gatehouse in Roughhead Street (to be done by contract).

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

(58/12812)

COMPLETED

79.

- 13.7.59 Footwarmer plant ex Korumburra relocated at Leongatha.
- 24.8.59 Reduction of Goods Platform .  
Repairs to Rest House.
- 31.10.59 Provision of a Car Stabling Siding.



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RUBY.

80.

Mrs. N. Halson - 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	882	130	18	228	108	12	30	12	33
1957	649	117	22	328	118	17	25	5	1
1958	635	105	21	229	49	21	23	41	19
1959	467	80	22	151	120	30	2	13	14

COMPLETED:

81.

31. 8.59      Removal of goods shed and shortening of platform by 20'.

*Messrs O'Connell  
Councillor Richard*  
KARDELLA.

82.

No-one-in-Charge.

*minor repairs to stock yards*

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	260	521	-	458	-	16	-	24	3
1957	169	99	-	464	-	10	-	12	-
1958	216	79	-	477	-	12	-	45	-
1959	144	18	-	440	-	12	-	23	-

STOCK YARDS:

83.

At Kardella on tour in 1955, the Shire of Korumburra requested the provision of a drafting race and intimated that if the department would provide the facing for an unloading platform, local stock consignees would be willing to provide the requisite filling.

However, it was considered that the business offering did not justify the provision of a drafting race and platform and the requests were declined.

A scheme has been prepared for the renewal of the stock yards at this location to the extent necessary for the handling of the limited amount of traffic offering when such action becomes necessary. In the meantime, the existing yards are being kept in a workable condition.

(54/4313)

*PLC  
both sides  
stop sign  
part down bank*



*Papers need proper attention too much*

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KORUMBURRA.

84.

Mr. V. J. Gaywood - Stationmaster Class 3.

Refreshment Rooms Manageress - Miss D. Kelly.

Rolling Stock Branch Sub-Foreman W. Smith. Engines 5. Total Staff 30.

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	28698	15957	7030	16998	580	164	243	154	139
1957	27572	14011	7453	17143	672	129	215	186	126
1958	26331	13522	6740	15839	710	149	123	236	78
1959	25724	11415	6796	26347	764	155	86	114	54

MOST IMPROVED RESIDENCES:

85.

In connection with the 1958 Competition for the Most Improved Departmental Residences DR.4186 occupied by Mr. E. Parker, Clerk, Korumburra was awarded 2nd prize of £3:7:6 for the Most Improved Residence with piped water supply, in the Korumburra Works Foreman's section.

TELEPHONE SERVICE:

86.

Papers are in course with the Chief Civil Engineer in connection with a proposal to provide "Through" telephone service between Korumburra and Yarram.

(16/493/11)

FOOTWAY ON DOWN SIDE OF OVERHEAD BRIDGE AND VIEW NEAR ENGINE SHED:

87.

The Shire of Korumburra has made repeated requests for the provision of a footway on the Down side of the overhead bridge when it is being reconstructed.

Attention has also been drawn to the dangerous conditions involved in negotiating the corner near the engine shed and it was asked whether the engine shed could be cut back so as to provide a better view for the drivers of road vehicles.

The Shire has been advised that the estimated cost of providing the footway would be £1585 and the removal of a portion of the engine shed £400, and as the Commissioners have been directed by the State Cabinet they are not to contribute to such works, cost of the works desired must be borne by the Council.

The Shire, however, still considers that the cost of the work should be borne by the Commissioners and it has been recommended in order to finalize the matter, that a letter be sent to the Shire indicating that it is proposed to revert to the original scheme, i.e., reconstruction of the bridge with a footpath on the Up side only, unless the Shire forwards a cheque for the amount covering the extra work to be done.

The matter is in course.

(58/6144)

(Papers on tour)

*Out line bulk back to the promised Mr Brown Mr Rance*



KORUMBURRA (contd.)

LAND FOR CAR PARK:

88.

On a previous tour, representations were made by the Shire of Korumburra regarding the lease of an area of railway land east of the livestock trucking yards for car parking purposes.

On 22/1/57 an offer of a monthly tenancy of land at a rental of £150 per annum was made to the Shire, which advised that as no car parking fees were to be charged, the rental was too high.

The Commissioners then agreed, that, as the land was not to be used on a commercial basis, the rental be reduced to £15 per annum.

A Tenancy Agreement was forwarded to the Shire on 17/12/58 for execution.

The Victorian Bacon Pty. Ltd. contracted the Department on 6.2.59 requesting the lease of a 60' x 30' area of land (portion of that required by the Shire of Korumburra & referred to above) for the erection of pig scales, to which the Shire agreed.

The tenancy agreement was returned for amendment and sent back to the Shire for execution.

The matter is in hand.

(Papers on tour)

(56/8038)

LAND FOR V.R.I. TENNIS COURT:

89.

In December, 1956 the V.R.I. made representations to the Department that land in the railway yard at Korumburra be made available to the Institute for the construction of a tennis court but the request was refused on the grounds that tenders were to be called for the leasing of the land referred to for business purposes.

(56/13189)

YARD LIGHTING:

90.

In response to an A.R.U. request the Chief Civil Engineer has been asked to restore an electric light to improve the lighting of the yard area.

(16/493/12)

DRAINAGE TRUCKING YARDS:

91.

At Korumburra on tour on 25th July 1956, representations were made to the Commissioners by Councillor H. Dowell, Shire President and the Shire Engineer, in regard to the drainage from the livestock trucking yards.

It was stated that drainage from the yards is flowing under the adjoining road and into the Council's sale yards. The Council was prepared to provide, at the Department's cost, a concrete channel along the southern side of the trucking yards (a length of approximately 150 ft.) at 10/- per foot.

The Commissioners pointed out that all the drainage involved was not coming from the trucking yards, but that they would be prepared to contribute 50 per cent of the cost of the proposed channel, if the Council contributed the other half.

(contd.)



KORUMBURRA (contd.)

DRAINAGE TRUCKING YARDS (contd.)

The Council representatives stated that they considered this offer would be acceptable, and that it would be submitted for early approval and the decision conveyed to the Department in the next week or so. It was agreed that the Council would maintain the channel.

There has however been no further communication from the Council on the subject.

(56/7841)

SALE OF LAND:

92.

In August, 1957 the Shire of Korumburra wrote to the Department asking particulars of the price per acre of railway land in Shelcott's Road, Korumburra and the Secretary for Railways replied on 26th August as follows:-

"We have not made a valuation of railway land in the vicinity of Shelcott's Road, Korumburra, but if your Shire is interested in the purchase of land in that locality and will forward a plan showing the details, we will be glad to investigate the question of the price required for the land."

(57/8245)

LAND FOR BICYCLE TRACK:

93.

On 14/1/58 the Shire of Korumburra applied to lease part of the route of the old Jumburra line for use as a bicycle track for students attending Korumburra High School.

The Shire has been advised that there is no objection to the route being used as a bicycle track until such time as the department is in a position to sell the land.

(57/2998)

HOT WATER SYSTEM D.R.3313.

94.

In October last Mr. Nolan Clerk, complained that the hot water cylinder at his D.R.3313 was defective. A new one was provided but Mr. Nolan then complained of its lack of efficiency and the matter has been referred to the Chief Electrical Engineer.

(16/493/10)

COMPLETED:

95.

- 19. 2 .59 Installation of a wash basin in Electrical Fitters' Depot.
- 26. 2.59 Provision of a wire cage for the storage of tobacco and other valuable consignments in goods shed.
- 5. 5.59 Painting of the exterior of the Institute Building.
- 13. 7.59 Transfer of footwarmer plant from Korumburra to Leongatha.
- - - Additional power point in kitchen and washhouse of D.R.2804.
- 22. 9.59 Power Point in lobby of D.R.2925.
- - - Power Point in washhouse of D.R.2433.



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KORUMBURRA - BENA.

LEVEL CROSSING AT 66M. 47CH. (WHITELAW).

96.

As a result of investigation by the Level Crossing Committee in 1945, approval was given for the abolition of D.R.365 and the provision of cattle pits, with flashing light signals, at the level crossing at 68M. 47CHS.

It was subsequently ascertained that the road over this crossing was the regular stock route and that stock drowing was prohibited along the adjacent main road, and in view of this, it was decided in 1946 that the installation of flashing light signals would be unsuitable and that, instead, a 20' wide overhead bridge be constructed some distance in the down direction in lieu of the existing crossing. However, the local Council was not prepared to assist with the necessary road formation in connection with the bridge, as it was considered the bridge would not be warranted when the Country Roads Board constructed the South Gippsland Highway on the opposite side of the line between Bena and Korumburra, which was approved by the Board in 1948.

At Bena on tour on 28.4.55 representations were made to the Commissioners by a deputation from the local branch of the A.P.P.U. that the level crossing at 66M. 47CH. at Whitelaw be abolished when the South Gippsland Highway is reconstructed. The deputation said it was understood that the Country Roads Board proposed to construct the Highway between Bena and Korumburra and asked that when this was done an overhead bridge be provided in place of the existing crossing.

The deputation was informed that it was understood the Country Roads Board had abandoned the proposal, but that the matter would be again taken up with the Board with a view to ascertaining what it proposed to do.

On 24.5.55 the Secretary for Railways wrote Mr.S. Dooling of Bena (member of the deputation on 28.4.55) as follows:- "I desire to say that enquiries from the Country Roads Board confirm the intimation made by my Commissioners at the time that the Board does not intend at present to proceed with the proposal to deviate the South Gippsland Highway from the north to the south of the railway line between the level crossing at 65M. 79CH. and 68M. 36CH.

It is understood that reconstruction of certain sections of the highway on the present northern alignment is to be undertaken by the Board, but until such time as it becomes necessary to replace the existing gate-house at Whitelaw, my Commissioners regret they cannot see their way to accede to the request that the existing crossing be replaced by an overhead bridge. A warning bell to advise the gatekeeper of the approach of 'up' trains is at present being installed!

The installation of warning bell has been pended as a result of the Country Roads Board having commenced operations on new highway.

(48/6568)  
(55/4446)

(Papers on tour)



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BENA.

97.

Mr. J.R. Craig - A.S.M. Class 5.  
Mr. A.M. Boyd - A.S.M. Class 5 (Annual Leave)  
Mr. L.G. Scully- R.A.S.M. (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	977	1280	89	1344	42	9	20	20	10
1957	816	1064	75	1333	39	9	9	39	22
1958	630	1101	37	1172	58	4	2	35	10
1959	583	859	17	1089	45	6	2	22	12

APPROACH ROAD.

98.

At Bena on tour on 25th July 1956, representations were made to the Commissioners by Cr. J. Canobio of the Shire of Korumburra and the Shire Engineer, that the approach road to the passenger platform be sealed.

The Commissioners pointed out that, although the road was being inspected under adverse weather conditions, it was in good condition, having recently been patched and the request could not be acceded to.

(56/8032)

WIDENING OF BRIDGE:

99.

On tour on 28.4.55 representations were made to the Commissioners by a deputation from the local branch of the A.P.P.U. that the narrow bridge over the railway on the Bena-Kongwak Road required widening on account of the increase in road traffic.

It was pointed out to the deputation that when the bridge was built it was satisfactory for the road traffic and as any additional width required had been brought about by the increase in the number of road vehicles using it, the Commissioners could not see their way to bear any portion of the cost that would be involved in widening the bridge.

(55/4537)

FOOTPATHS TO D.R.'s.

100.

At Bena on tour on 25/7/56, representations were made to the Commissioners by Cr. J. Canobio of the Shire of Korumburra and the Shire Engineer in regard to the construction of footpaths in front of three departmental houses in the main street and they requested that this Department contribute the normal 50 per cent of the cost of the work.

The Commissioners explained that they are not liable for the cost of such works but that the Public Works Department makes ex gratia payments to Councils in respect of work of this nature. The matter would be looked into and the Shire informed of what contribution, if any, would be made for the footpath in question.

The Shire was later advised that the decision of the Government to make ex-gratia payments to Municipalities for the construction of streets adjacent to Government buildings would apply in this case and on 27/11/57 the Comptroller of Accounts reported that an account for £90/18/0 in favor of the Shire of Korumburra for the construction of the footpaths and crossings fronting departmental residences at Bena had been forwarded to the Public Work's Department for payment.

(56/8033)



*Jeetho the closer*

JEETHO.

101.

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	75	83	-	108	-	4	-	8	-
1957	111	46	1	499	-	10	-	12	-
1958	92	42	2	103	-	7	-	14	-
1959	16	7	5	141	-	-	-	2	3

CLOSURE OF STATION.

102.

Because of the very limited traffic at Jeetho in recent years the Commissioners following last year's tour of inspection of the South Eastern line, called for reports as to the justification for the retention of the station and in July, 1959 they advised the Minister of their intention to close the station to all traffic.

Subsequently representations were made to the Minister by the Australian Primary Producers Union and Australian Dairy Producers Union protesting against the Commissioners' intention but on 4/1/60 the Chairman, after considering the representations made, advised the Minister that the Commissioners considered that they would not be warranted in varying their previous recommendation and the approval of the Minister for the closure of the station is awaited.

(59/13150)

(Papers on Tour.)

RETENTION OF TRUCKING FACILITIES.

103.

On tour in April, 1955 the Commissioners desired that the question of justification for retention of the trucking facilities at this station should be investigated.

In 1951 an agreement was made with the users of the yards that the Department would maintain the loading races, if the users at their cost but with material supplied by the Department would maintain the crush, holding yards and fencing.

The users of the yards carried out certain repair work in 1951 and 1955 but the Local Graziers were advised in August 1958 that the traffic offering no longer justified the Department in restoring the yards to a proper condition even on the basis of the local people continuing to maintain them, and that unless there were prospects of a considerable increase in the stock traffic from the area in the near future there would be no alternative but to abolish the trucking yards altogether.

As the increased traffic did not materialise the facilities were abolished on 10/4/59.

(58/8999)

REDUCTION OF THE GOODS PLATFORM.

104.

The reduction of the goods platform 70' to 40' has been pending as the closure of Jeetho station is under consideration.

(58/2083)



*Accepted  
Mr. Connor  
Joyce C.P.B.*

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LOCH.

105.

Mr. N.G. Starke - Stationmaster 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	2191	3694	38	1301	37	23	67	42	38
1957	1667	2650	63	1268	157	22	22	43	34
1958	1645	2279	71	1097	261	21	19	72	26
1959	1566	2626	70	1143	302	5	6	50	53

MOST IMPROVED RESIDENCES.

106.

In connection with the 1958 Competition for the Most Improved Departmental Residences D.R.2523 occupied by Mr. N.G. Starke S.M.Loch was awarded the 1st prize of £7:0:0 for the Most Improved Residence without piped water in the Korumburra Works Foreman's section.

CONDITION OF FENCING.

107.

On 2/6/59 Mr. J. Jess, wrote to this Department and complained of the bad condition of the fencing between his property and railway land at Loch.

Investigation revealed that approximately three years ago Mr. Jess offered to erect a new boundary fence at no labour costs to this Department. Approval was granted and 50 No. sleeper posts were supplied and laid out along the fence line. The wire was considered at the time, to be sound and any extra wire was to be supplied as required.

Mr. Jess never completed this work. He again wrote to this Department on 4/8/59 and advised that he was prepared to carry out renewals to the fence at no labour cost to the Department.

Further material has been supplied but to date the work has not been completed.

*(Copies on Tour)*

(59/5877)

NON - ISSUE.

108.

COMPLETED.

109.

13/9/59 Power point in kitchen of D.R. 2523.



NYORA.

110.

Mr. R.C. Romey - Stationmaster Class 7.  
Rolling Stock Branch Driver-in-Charge W. Sandlant Engines 1.  
Total Staff 3.

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	4582	5497	1265	4784	30	9	15	22	32
1957	4288	4887	1151	4759	30	3	11	56	41
1958	4489	4446	1273	4016	121	8	20	46	33
1959	4119	4251	1208	3996	89	3	13	36	26

REFRESHMENT ROOM.

111.

Because of increasing losses incurred in its operation the Commissioners closed the Refreshment Rooms at Nyora on 31/1/59.

The rooms are to be converted into an Institute social hall at an estimated cost of £270 of which £220 is chargeable to the V.R.I. and £50 to Working Expenses.

The matter is in course.

*Reportable VRI* (58/11920)

SEPTIC SEWERAGE.

112.

Early in 1957 the A.R.U. made representations for the installation of septic sewerage at the railway premises at Nyora and Koo Wee Rup but the request was declined. The minimum provision, i.e. septic closets, would have cost approximately, £2,700 at Nyora and £2,000 at Koo Wee Rup.

(57/3249)

CRANE.

113.

On 12.7.56, and again when the Commissioners were at Nyora on tour on 12/2/58, requests were made for the installation of a crane to facilitate the handling of goods at the station but as the volume of traffic handled did not justify such a provision the requests were declined. A recent review disclosed that there is still no justification for the provision of a crane at this location.

(56/7210)

RENEWAL OF STOCK YARDS.

114.

On tour in 1954 the Commissioners raised the question of justification for incurring expenditure in renewing these yards.

On 21.5.54 the Chief Traffic Manager reported that the stock traffic from Nyora could be satisfactorily handled at Loch and he recommended the yards at Nyora be abolished when it becomes necessary to renew them.

On 23.6.55 Mr. L.J. Cochrane M.L.A. sought information from the Hon. the Minister as to the future of the livestock trucking yards at Nyora.

(contd.)



NYORA (contd.)

RENEWAL OF STOCK YARDS. (contd.)

On 19/7/55 the Chairman advised the Hon. the Minister inter alia, that they had intended to abolish the Nyora trucking yards when renewal became necessary as the amount of outwards traffic did not justify their retention, however, following a review of the traffic for the year ended 30/6/55 it had been decided to retain the facilities for a further (12) months.

At Nyora on tour on 25/7/56 representations were made to the Commissioners by Cr. W.D. Cochrane of the Shire of Korumburra and Mr. D. Ferguson in regard to the condition of the trucking yards.

After the Commissioners had pointed out that the amount of stock traffic offering in recent years had not justified any money being spent on them, the local residents undertook to put the yards in reasonable condition if the department supplied the material. This was agreed to and repairs to the race and crush yards were carried out by the local users.

(56/8029)

PORCH AT D.R.356.

115.

Mr. V.W. Towers A.S.M. has made application to have a porch erected at the back door of his D.R.356 and the matter is being investigated by the Chief Civil Engineer.

(16/731/10)

COMPLETED:

116.

10.4.59 Replacement of 10,000 and 20,000 gallon water tanks by one new 10,000 gallon tank fitted with two spouts.

NYORA - WOODLEIGH.

SUBWAY INSTEAD OF CROSSING.

117.

By letter on 15.3.55 and on tour on 28.4.55, the Shire of Korumburra made representations that the level crossing at Yann's Road between Nyora and Woodleigh (mileage 57M. 42C.) be abolished, and an underpass (at approximately 57M. 18C) be substituted.

On 23.5.55 a letter was received from the Country Roads Board referring to this matter, and advising the estimated cost of regrading the crossing (£400) and the estimated cost of construction of a suitable underpass (£3,500) and requesting advice as to the Department's contribution to the cost.

On 21.6.55 the Secretary for Railways wrote the Secretary, Shire of Korumburra inter alia:- "Our Level Crossing Committee has investigated the request that the present level crossing be abolished and an undercrossing be provided at approximate mileage 57M. 18CH. and there would be no objection by the Department to the proposal which is estimated to cost £5,500.

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NYORA - WOODLEIGH (contd.)

SUBWAY INSTEAD OF CROSSING. (contd.)

In response to a recent request from the Country Roads Board the latter was informed that provided the existing P.C.R. were closed this Department's contribution would be approximately £500.

The Chairman of the Inter Departmental Level Crossing Committee has intimated that conditions at this crossing are such that it would have a very low priority in any grade separation programme."

The Country Road Board was similarly advised on 21.6.55.

Arising out of representations made to the Commissioners on tour on 25/7/56 and advice that the Council was anxious to proceed with the work, the Commissioners agreed to the Department's contribution being increased to £750 and in response to its request for an up-to-date estimate of the cost of providing the underpass the Shire of Korumburra was advised on 16/11/56 that the figure was then £9,350.

Replacement of the open P.C.R. crossing at Yann's Road 57M. 42C. between Nyora and Woodleigh by an underpass structure was raised by the Shire with the Minister for Public Works in June, 1957.

After discussion it was agreed that the road, which is a Shire responsibility, carries only very light traffic and that there was no justification for accordng it any priority or the use of Level Crossing Funds for the purpose.

(55/2872)

NYORA - ANDERSON.

IMPROVED TELEPHONE SERVICE.

118.

To provide an improved telephone service between Nyora and Anderson it is necessary to overhaul and re-arrange this section of line at an estimated cost of £7190.

The P.M.G. Department which has trunk lines on the railway pole route, advised on 9/6/58 that if this department was unable to carry out the work at an early date, it would restore the departmental circuits to satisfactory condition at an estimated cost of £4000.

After investigation the Signal & Telegraph Engineer has recommended that the overhaul of the line be carried out by the P.M.G.

The matter is in course.

(58/6082)



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WOODLEIGH.

119.

Mr. P. Verbyla - 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	895	894	12	306	47	14	28	26	13
1957	793	686	29	298	101	14	24	61	14
1958	862	413	29	253	174	26	21	64	40
1959	700	473	24	300	139	18	23	26	20

MOST IMPROVED RESIDENCES:

120.

In connection with the 1958 Competition for the Most Improved Departmental Residences D.R.2144 occupied by Mr.P.Verbyla A.S.M. Woodleigh was awarded the 2nd prize of £3:7:6 for the Most Improved Residence without piped water supply, in the Korumburra Works Foreman's section.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

121.

At Woodleigh on tour on 12/2/58 representations were made to the Commissioners by Councillors H.M. Dixon, S. Hunter and J.G. Bell of the Shire of Bass for the provision of electric lighting at the station. It was said that "passengers leaving the rail motor, particularly late at night find difficulty in negotiating the entrance to the station platform. It was requested that if electric lighting could not be provided at the station a line of white posts be erected.

In reply the Commissioners stated that the number of passengers using the station at night did not warrant the expense that would be involved in installing electric lighting."

Unserviceable sleepers, painted white on the top have since been laid along the approach pathway to the station lobby.

(58/1856)

SEPTIC SEWERAGE.

122.

The installation of septic sewerage at the three D.R's at Woodleigh is being investigated.

(59/11030)

KERNOT.

123.

Mrs. M.P. Carrolan - 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	419	517	9	345	44	9	8	64	38
1957	479	448	19	521	26	11	9	60	13
1958	553	674	9	391	35	9	6	49	10
1959	468	548	20	512	42	7	8	17	10



KERNOT (contd.)

CLASSIFICATION OF CARETAKER.

124.

Consequent upon a change of Caretakers the classification of the position was reviewed in April, 1959 and the existing classification of Caretaker, class 4, was not disturbed.

It is proposed to review the position on 1/4/60.

(59/3643)

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

125.

On 13.5.55 the Kernot Branch of the A.P.P.U. wrote to the Commissioners in regard to the provision of electric lighting at this station.

The passenger and van-goods traffic during the hours of darkness is very light and as the Diesel Rail Car is equipped with fluorescent lighting, it is considered the provision of electric lighting is not warranted.

The Secretary for Railways replied accordingly to the A.P.P.U. on 23.6.55.

(55/5076)

GOODS PLATFORM.

126.

Instructions were issued in September, 1959 for the length of the goods platform to be reduced from 30ft to 15 ft by removal from the down end.

(59/9073)

DRAINAGE GOODS YARD ENTRANCE.

127.

At Kernot on tour on 25th July 1956, representations were made to the Commissioners by Mr. A. McKee in regard to drainage on railway property inside the goods yard entrance.

It was stated that a culvert under the road a few yards inside the entrance gate was blocked, causing water to bank up and that water was not flowing in the drain a short distance west of the culvert. The drainage through the culvert normally flows to the drain.

The Commissioners promised that the culvert would be repaired and that any necessary attention would be given to the drain in question. The drain was subsequently cleared of rubbish and a 12" R.C.P. culvert provided under the approach road to allow the natural course drainage to continue outside the railway boundary.

(56/7901)

STOCK YARDS.

128.

At Kernot on tour on the 12th February, 1958, complaint was made that the trucking yards at Kernot were in very poor condition and badly in need of repair.

The deputation was informed that the amount of livestock being sent away from Kernot did not justify keeping the yards in commission and unless the traffic improved there would be no alternative but to remove them.

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1958	713	517	22	421	132	18	22	19	38
1959	625	437	20	389	81	6	27	2	23



GLEN FORBES.

132.

Mrs. L.M. 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	751	718	89	515	49	16	12	8	41
1957	1902	500	770	468	50	15	2	16	18
1958	976	570	234	703	52	18	4	34	21
1959	990	443	253	441	75	16	1	12	3

RELOCATION OF OCCUPATION CROSSING.

133.

Some time ago Messrs. A.A. and W.J. Knox made application to have their occupation crossing relocated from 68M. 19CH. to 68M. 10CH.

On 20/2/59 the Secretary informed the applicants the Commissioners would have no objection to the occupation crossing being re-located as requested subject to certain conditions and on receipt of written acceptance of this offer and the completed release form, together with the sum of £55/0/0, arrangements would be made for the Department's portion of the work to be put in hand/

(59/1728)

BOUNDARY FENCING, LEASE OF LAND.

134.

On tour on 28/4/55 representations were made by the Shire of Bass that the railway enclosure, which was very much wider than normal for a considerable distance, be reduced to the usual width and the balance sold or leased to adjoining landowners.

Enquiries disclosed that the sidewidths of the railway enclosure were one chain (the normal width) and that there was no surplus land available for sale.

The question of the Department leasing sidewidths to adjoining landowners was referred to by Mr. D. Lorimer at Glen Forbes on tour on 12th February 1958. He stated that railway sidewidths, unless burnt off early, become breeding places for caterpillars, but if landowners were permitted to move their fences close to the line this trouble would not occur.

He was informed that sidewidths generally are not now being leased for grazing purposes owing to the increased fire hazard caused when burning off by dry animal manure becoming "smokers" each of which has to be put out, often at a cost greater than the rental received. In the circumstances it was regretted the request could not be acceded to, nor were the Commissioners prepared to allow landowners to move their fences close to the railway tracks.

(58/1672)

TRANSFER OF LAND.

135.

On 21.4.59 Mr. Shackelford of Glen Forbes wrote to this Department requesting that the land on which the Glen Forbes Hall was situated be transferred to the Lands Department. This would enable them to claim Government grants for improvements.

(contd.)



GLEN FORBES (contd.)

TRANSFER OF LAND (contd.)

A letter was forwarded to Mr. Shackelford on 21.8.59 stating that this Department was prepared to surrender to the Lands Department the land concerned for a consideration of £25.0.0.

Alternatively if the Committee so desired the land could be sold to the members as joint proprietors for a consideration of £25.0.0.

To date no reply has been received.

(59/4181)

COMPLETED:

136.

17.4.59 Renewals to boundary fence on Up side from 70M. 16CHS. to 70M. 60 CHS.

(59/1812)

WOOLAMAI.

137.

Mrs. H. Connor - Caretaker Class 3.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep	Cattle	Sheep	Cattle
1956	476	644	8	377	46	-	11	3	14
1957	267	441	6	450	37	-	-	6	25
1958	365	408	9	519	52	6	4	11	24
1959	279	393	18	611	52	2	-	-	9

STOCK TRUCKING YARDS.

138.

On 30.4.54 the Commissioners directed on tour in view of the small livestock traffic handled, the question of whether the prospective business justifies the retention of the yards be given consideration when they become due for renewal and, in the meantime only the minimum expenditure necessary to maintain them in working order should be incurred.

(54/4438)

SEPTIC SEWERAGE.

139.

The matter of providing a septic tank system at the station and D.R.'s at Woolamai is being investigated.

(59/11030)



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ANDERSON.

140.

Mr. S. Dando. 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	2028	1295	302	1784	343	9	25	64	38
1957	2043	1126	398	1556	625	8	1	60	50
1958	2083	822	442	1743	715	2	9	97	62
1959	2313	522	584	1649	878	-	8	74	33

BOUNDARY FENCING:

141.

In July, 1957 Mr. R. Harmon wrote to the Department regarding the condition of certain boundary fencing and on 26.7.57 the Secretary for Railways replied to him as follows:-

"I have to report that this Department is not obliged to erect or maintain or to contribute to the cost of erection or maintenance of boundary fencing on the Wonthaggi line, although a fence is maintained to a standard to meet Departmental requirements.

An inspection of the boundary fence referred to by you reveals that it is in a satisfactory condition, and the fencing maintained by Mr. Lisle on the railway land leased by him is considered to be stockproof."

(57/6779)

POWER POINTS AT D.R.2637.

142.

A request from Mr. Coe A.S.M. in July 1958, for the provision of power point in spare room for use in connection with a sewing machine, was refused but Mr. Coe was informed that there would be no objections to his having a power point installed at his own expense.

(W.W.2050/58)

COMPLETED.

143.

14/12/59 Installation of electric light at the station.

KILCUNDA.

144.

Mrs. V.J. Porter - 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	642	1352	4	58	-	-	-	-	-
1957	597	1057	14	108	-	-	-	-	-
1958	496	907	15	87	-	-	-	-	-
1959	421	913	14	80	-	-	-	-	-



KILCUNDA (contd.)

POSTAL TELEPHONE.

145.

In September 1957 the Caretaker made application for the provision of a postal telephone at the station with an extension to her residence but it was considered there was no justification for granting the request and the Caretaker was informed accordingly.

(16/471/1)

REPLACEMENT OF D.R.2739.

146.

Consequent on the withdrawal of the Assistant Station Master at Dalyston on 1/5/57, D.R.2160 became vacant and it was recommended that it be transferred to Kilcunda to replace D.R.2739, which was in a very bad state of repair and was to be abolished.

The Commissioners agreed and the abolition of D.R.2739, was carried out and D.R.2160 moved to Kilcunda by haulage Contractor on 27/1/59.

COMPLETED.

147.

Renovation of D.R.2160 has been completed but D.R.2739 has yet to be removed by Contractor.

(58/4962)

DALYSTON

148.

Mrs. I.J. Bell Caretaker Class 3.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage Wool			Livestock			
			Total Out	In	Bales	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	4743	598	1544	3871	333	4	22	36	64
1957	4305	547	1588	4434	380	10	-	46	16
1958	2123	648	861	4230	319	-	22	55	52
1959	5415	401	1964	4394	288	-	8	7	17

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

149.

Several requests have been made for electric lighting to be installed at this station but although the (3) residences have been connected there has been no justification for incurring the expenditure involved in connecting the station buildings.

(51/10119)



DALYSTON (contd.)

OCCUPATION CROSSING 80M 43CH. 150.

In July 1957 Mr. S. Hollins, who owns the land on each side of the railway at that point applied for the construction of an occupation crossing at mileage 80 M. 43 CH. and on 17th January, 1958 the Secretary for railways wrote to him setting out the conditions under which the desired facility would be provided and informing him that upon receipt of written acceptance of the offer, together with the sum of £103, arrangements would be made for the work to proceed.

There has however, been no reply from Mr. Hollins.

(58/406)

D.R.1741. 151.

Instructions were issued recently for the installation of an additional power point in D.R.1741.

(13836/59)

COMPLETED. 152.

18/1/60. Removal of sheep race and provision of gang board.

STATE MINE. 153.

Mr. A.P. Shea A.S.M. Class 4.  
Rolling Stock Branch Driver-in-Charge H. Trewarn.  
No. of Engines 2. Total Staff 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	57979	-	42276	923	-	-	-	-	-
1957	59576	-	43485	923	-	-	-	-	-
1958	57229	-	42486	766	-	-	-	-	-
1959	49799	-	37067	521	-	-	-	-	-

LEASE OF LAND FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES. 154.

On 23.12.59 the Borough of Wonthaggi wrote to the State Mine requesting the transfer of a strip of land to the Borough approximately 1½ miles long by 1 chain wide along the Mine's southern boundary. This would provide an access road to allotments for certain Borough ratepayers. The matter was referred to this Department and the Borough was advised that although the land is vested in the Commissioners they do not have a transferable title to it and accordingly are unable to sell it.

However, in such circumstances there would appear to be no objection to the granting of a lease of the land for roadway purposes.

(contd.)



STATE MINE. (contd.)

LEASE OF LAND FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES (contd.)

The Borough advised that it found the conditions of the lease unacceptable and requested the granting of an easement.

A letter is in course of preparation advising the Borough that on the advice of the Crown Solicitor this Department is unable to either sell the land or to grant a registered easement over it and that it does not grant long term leases of land for roadway purposes.

The matter is in course.

(59/12006)

WONTH AGGI.

155.

Mr. H.D. Quanchi S.M. Class 5.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Cutwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	15473	15977	663	8268	337	7	20	40	41
1957	14994	15872	672	8294	436	8	6	35	23
1958	13136	12929	527	9026	451	-	8	60	37
1959	15059	13420	1930	9487	543	13	-	50	12

STOCK TRUCKING FACILITIES.

156.

On tour on 30.4.54 the Commissioners directed that in view of the very small livestock traffic handled, the question of whether the prospective business justified the retention of the yards be given consideration when they become due for renewal and in the meantime only the minimum expenditure necessary to maintain them in working order should be incurred.

(54/4436)

COMPLETED.

157.

26.3.59 Installation of power points in the lobby and washhouse of D.R. 2195.

*Re tally marks on wbs. and subsequent endorsement that amount is short.*



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NYORA - DANDENONG

IMPROVED TELEPHONE SERVICE

158.

To provide an improved telephone service between Melbourne and Korumburra, reconstruction of the pole line between Nyora and Dandenong to include metallic circuiting of staff lines and conductors for a trunk service at an estimated cost of £37,350, is in hand. Approximately 45% of the work has now been completed.

(47/14123)

AUSTRALIAN GLASS MANUFACTURERS' SIDING

159.

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	23549	-	30963	-	-	-	-	-	-
1957	22923	-	30125	-	-	-	-	-	-
1958	22305	-	29129	-	-	-	-	-	-
1959	23332	-	30600	-	-	-	-	-	-

LANG LANG

Mr. L.V. Colson Stationmaster Class 8.

160.

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	3191	9045	75	1533	118	11	9	45	116
1957	3187	9043	474	2198	44	11	8	59	129
1958	2831	7349	2069	2324	153	28	7	77	120
1959	2674	8259	111	2491	193	18	11	24	113

YARD LIGHTING

161.

A request from the A.R.U. re installation of electric lights in the Yard to facilitate shunting operations at night time has been investigated but enquiries have indicated that there is no justification for making such a provision.

(16/511/2)

WATER SUPPLY TO STOCK YARDS

162.

In January, 1959 the Stationmaster suggested that reticulated water supply be connected to the stock yards but investigations disclosed that this could not be justified and the request was declined.

(57/12458)



*Resumes 18/2/60* MONOMEITH

163.

Mrs. L.E.O'Meara Caretaker Class 3. (Sick) Reld. by Mrs. MacFarland  
(local resident.)

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	311	671	-	345	-	-	31	5	96
1957	192	593	-	307	-	-	21	1	50
1958	469	799	-	328	-	-	25	15	87
1959	442	888	2	708	-	1	35	3	88

DISMANTLING OF SHEEP YARDS

164.

Consideration is being given to the dismantling of the sheep race and yard at Monomeith and using some of the material in connection with the reconstruction of the stock yards at Lindenow.

(W.W. 2539/59)

BOUNDARY FENCING.

165.

In February, 1957 Mr. E.Cozens wrote to the Department relative to railway fencing adjoining his property and on the 8th April, the Secretary for Railways replied as under:-

"I have to advise that the Commissioners are not obliged to erect or maintain or contribute to the cost of erection or maintenance of fencing on the Yarram line. For Departmental reasons, however, the fencing is maintained to our standards.

The fencing in question requires renewal. Tenders have been invited for the work and, if a satisfactory offer is received, the repairs will be put in hand as early as practicable."

In the absence of acceptable tenders the work has not yet been put in hand.

*Bulk loading sheep race to be abolished* (57/1960)

KOO WEE RUP

Mr. G.H.Brown. Stationmaster Class 7.

166.

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	11934	18482	2924	1857	42	1	-	30	40
1957	7704	14610	1440	2493	24	-	2	17	25
1958	16028	15111	4941	1963	124	-	-	9	18
1959	8938	13959	2007	2264	80	-	3	1	8

*Review the yard accommodation appears excessive + Bales fine accommodation for cargo and storage.*



KOO WEE RUP (Contd.)

MAT FOR OFFICE DOOR

167.

On 31.10.55 the Stationmaster made application for a mat to be provided at the office door.

After consideration the Commissioners advised that it is not the practice to provide such mats and an exception could not be made for Koo-Wee-Rup and directed that a suitable scraper be provided.

Following request of the A.R.U. on 25.2.59 that door mats be provided at all signal boxes the Secretary on 3.7.59, informed the Union it could not be agreed to provide door mats at signal boxes.

(59/7185)

SEPTIC SEWERAGE

168.

Early in 1957 the A.R.U. made representations for the installation of septic sewerage at the railway premises at Nyora and Koo-Wee-Rup but the request was declined. The minimum provision, i.e., septic closets, would have cost approximately £2,700 at Nyora and £2,000 at Koo-Wee-Rup.

(57/3249)

SHED SITES

169.

Parker Produce Pty.Ltd., and Mr. B.O'Hehir, who leased shed sites in the station yard have been advised that the Commissioners are not prepared to permit the use of these sites to facilitate the conveyance of potatoes or other produce by road transport.

Some use is being made of the former's shed by the Onion Marketing Board but the Chief Civil Engineer is satisfied that such use cannot be construed as sub-letting.

(58/1455)

APPROACH ROAD

170.

The Commissioners were met at Koo Wee Rup on tour on 19th February, 1959 by Councillor P.B.Fechner of the Shire of Cranbourne and Mr.R.Broadbent, President of the local Traders' Association, who requested that the approach road on the passenger side be repaired and sealed.

The roadway was inspected in company with members of the deputation and was found to be in a reasonably good condition, only a few slight depressions being apparent. The deputation was informed that approach roads at many other stations were in poorer condition and they would need to be attended to before anything further could be done at Koo Wee Rup. The roadway would be maintained in a condition suitable for the amount of traffic using it.

(59/1987) (W.W. 2759/59)



KOO WEE RUP (Contd.)

RAILWAY BRIDGE

171.

On 12/10/59 the Koo Wee Rup District Progress Association requested that the railway bridge be raised and that the land between the bridge and the cattle yards on the township side of the line be cleared.

On 9/11/59 the Secretary wrote as under:-

"With reference to your letter of 12th October I have to advise that this Department has recently reconstructed a bridge at Yallock Creek Valley as its portion of the Yallock Outfall scheme to divert the major portion of flood waters away from Koo Wee Rup. When the scheme has been completed, it should alleviate the position at the bridge referred to.

Arrangements have been made for ti-tree and other growth to be removed from railway land in the vicinity of the bridge.

A large proportion of the untidiness at the bridge is due to the excessive amount of debris washed down from upstream and action to reduce the amount of this debris is the responsibility of the local Shire."

(59/11043)

D.R. 2430.

172.

A request from the Stationmaster for an alteration of the skillion at D.R. 2430 has been referred to the Chief Civil Engineer for attention.

(16/487/4)

BATH HEATER

173.

The Stationmaster has requested the replacement of the existing electric bath heater at his D.R. 2430 by a chip heater and the matter has been referred to the Chief Civil Engineer.

(16/487/6)

COMPLETED

174.

- Erection of Club pavilion on Railway land leased by the Koo Wee Rup Bowling Club.

10.1.60 - Power point in W.S. Cars.

DALMORE

No one in charge.

175.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage Wool			Livestock			
			Out	In	Bales	Outwards		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	218	960	13	108	4	-	-	-	1
1957	227	499	37	543	24	-	-	-	-
1958	152	413	18	248	10	-	1	4	2
1959	205	600	11	83	10	-	1	3	-



DALMORE (Contd.)

GOODS BUSINESS

176.

Actg. Minister for Transport having approved of the Commissioners' decision to close Dalmore station for all goods business and to retain it as a rail motor stopping place, the change over was effected as from 1st February, 1960.

(59/1982)

TOORADIN

Mr. D.G.Pearce A.S.M. Class 5.

177.

Mr. F.C.Rayner A.S.M. Class 5. *at Clyde*

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	787	4990	11	142	46	-	14	27	8
1957	619	3820	13	92	19	1	1	54	11
1958	577	2029	49	177	122	4	1	48	5
1959	465	1418	24	80	67	7	1	28	4

ELECTRIC LIGHTING

178.

This station is listed for the installation of electric lighting but supply is not available to the station or residence at present. S.E.C. advised in May 1958 that the Railway premises were situated approximately ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) mile from the nearest point of supply and although the Commission would be prepared to consider an extension of the supply lines to the area on the basis of the 100% self help, no requests for this had been received from any of the prospective consumers in the area.

(45/7494) (W.W. 6719/57)

TRUCKING YARDS

179.

In May 1955, the Commissioners directed that in view of the very small volume of stock traffic, the question of whether any further expenditure on the maintenance of the trucking facilities at Clyde and Tooradin should be investigated.

Subsequently sheep loading facilities were removed from Clyde and a long gang board provided for the discharge of stock on to the ramped goods platform. In December 1958 representations were made to the Minister protesting against the removal of the facilities and drawing attention to those at Tooradin being in need of repair.

On 12.1.59, the Chairman advised the Minister of the circumstances under which Clyde facilities had been removed and indicated it was proposed to abolish the yards at Tooradin when they become no longer fit for use.

(58/13989)



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CLYDE

Mr. J.F. Delbridge A.S.M. Class 5.  
Mr. H. Lewin A.S.M. Class 5.

180.

Year Ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock			
			Out	In		Outward		Inwards	
						Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1956	529	4111	9	386	34	-	-	2	6
1957	601	4101	17	640	81	-	2	18	8
1958	504	3173	14	328	32	-	2	51	14
1959	474	2955	9	252	44	-	1	8	9

TRUCKING YARDS

181.

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Subsequently sheep loading facilities were removed from Clyde and a long gang board provided for the discharge of stock on to the ramped goods platform. In December 1958 representations were made to the Minister protesting against the removal of these facilities and drawing attention to those at Tooradin being in need of repair.

On 12.1.59 the Chairman advised the Minister of the circumstances under which Clyde facilities had been removed and indicated it was proposed to abolish the yards at Tooradin when they became no longer fit for use.

(58/13989)

COMPLETED

182.

16.7.59. Sale and removal of goods shed.  
25.11.59 Provision of power point in wash-house of D.R. 345

CRANBOURNE

Mr. H.S. McK. Harry Stationmaster Class 7.

183.

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	5197	9985	2329	4872	43	-	3	25	23
1957	4617	11795	1844	5814	54	-	13	31	16
1958	4383	10133	1567	5449	71	-	2	33	4
1959	4417	7906	1469	5294	61	-	1	61	23

2.25.59 15190  
74 15170



CRANBOURNE (Contd.)

TRAIN DEPARTURE TIME

184.

On Tour on 19th February, 1959 request was made to the Commissioners by Councillor H.L. Brunt and the Secretary of the Shire of Cranbourne for the 8.4 a.m. up train to run to an earlier schedule so that people working in Cranbourne and Dandenong could travel by rail from Cranbourne instead of having to travel to Dandenong by road and thence by train. It was considered a 20 minute earlier arrival would meet requirements.

The deputation was informed that a similar request was to have been brought forward at Koo-Wee-Rup but when present and prospective rail travellers had been interviewed by a member of the proposed deputation it was found they objected to an earlier departure. The present service caters for children attending schools at Dandenong and an earlier arrival at that station - this is now 8.23 a.m. and entails a long wait before school commences - would no doubt be strongly resented.

In the circumstances the request could not be acceded to.

In June, 1959 representations were made to the Minister by L.S. Reid, Esq., M.L.A., for an earlier departure of this train from Cranbourne, and on 22nd June, 1959 the Chairman informed the Minister the Commissioners would not see their way to accede to the request.

(59/1988)  
(59/6078)

PRIVATE SIDING

185.

Australian Consolidated Industries Ltd., has been advised that siding access can be provided to its land near Cranbourne.

Discussion with the A.C.I. indicates that the Company proposes no further action for at least 12 months.

(57/9753)

LIGHTING AT LEVEL CROSSING

186.

Following representations from L.S. Reid, Esq., M.L.A. to the Minister in June, 1959 regarding the lighting at the South Gippsland Highway Level Crossing, Cranbourne, the Chairman, on 23rd June, 1959, advised the Minister that a contract had been let for the installation of flashing lights at the crossing, and it was expected that they would be installed by the end of September and as the flashing lights would continue to operate until the whole of the train had cleared the crossing, the provision of additional overhead lighting at this location was not necessary.

The Flashing lights have since been installed.

(59/9754)

CRANE

187.

On 29.6.54, the Cranbourne Chamber of Commerce made representations that a crane be provided at this station.

(Contd.)



CRANBOURNE (Contd.)

CRANE (Contd.)

187.

On 20.7.54, the Secretary for Railways replied that a review of the goods traffic at Cranbourne during the 12 months ended 30th June, 1954 disclosed that the volume of traffic requiring crane power did not warrant the provision of a crane at that location.

In the circumstances the Commissioners could not see their way clear to accede to the request.

There has been no further request for a crane.

(54/6883)

COMPLETED.

188.

20.1.60. Electric Light removed from Highway Crossing.

LYNDHURST

189.

Mrs. N.L. Reid 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	13682	4720	8250	363	-	-	-	1	1
1957	5269	4710	2975	448	43	-	-	-	-
1958	4555	3924	2273	282	-	2	-	-	-
1959	3858	2250	1627	354	-	-	-	-	-