

## FORMER RUPANYUP RAILWAY STATION



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cromie street rupanyup  
trackside view jul1984



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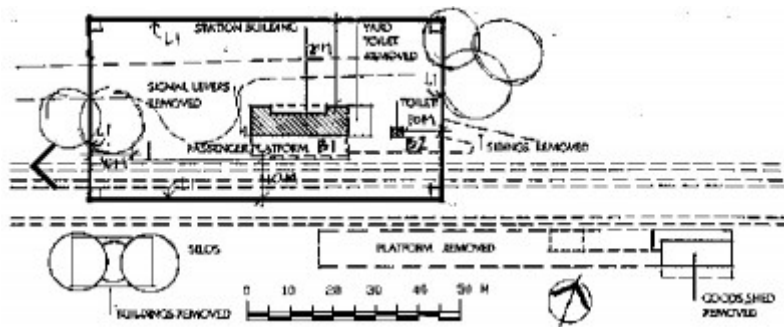
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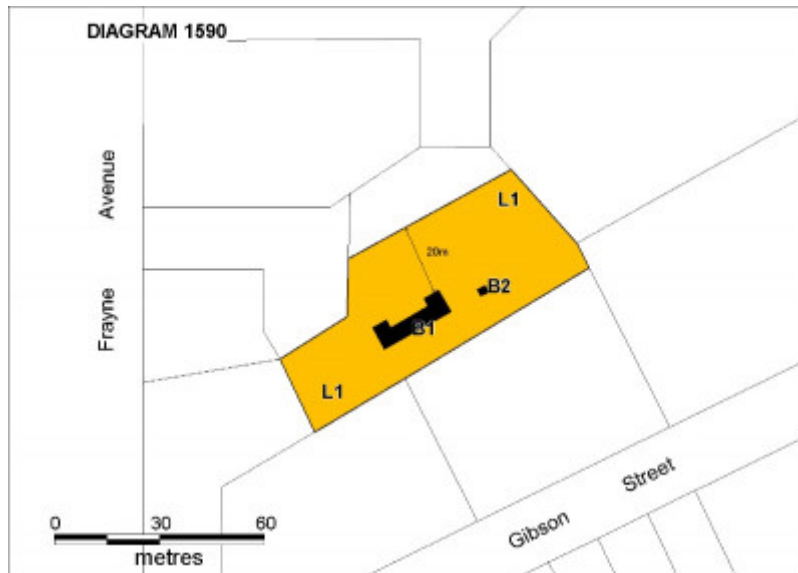
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rupanyup railway station plan



H1590 rupanyup railway station amended plan apr 2006

**Location**

RAILWAY RESERVE RUPANYUP, YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE

**Municipality**

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE

**Level of significance**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1590

**Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO50

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## Amendment to Registration

September 14, 2006

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 3, 2000

What is significant?

The former Rupanyup Railway Station, dating from 1890, was constructed by Sutcliffe & Hartley on the Lubec-Bolangum line for the Victorian Railways. It comprises a single storeyed, Gothic-style brick station building with a slate hip and gabled-roof. The building is symmetrical in plan, with cast iron roadside and platform verandahs. Timberwork and brickwork are generally richly decorated. There is an adjacent corrugated iron toilet shed and a low-level platform. The line has been discontinued, the tracks have been removed and the land subdivided and sold into private ownership.

How is it significant?

The former Rupanyup Railway Station is historically and architecturally significant to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The former Rupanyup Railway Station is architecturally significant as the only intact example of the 'Rupanyup' style of station buildings, a small group of decorated, standard, Gothic style station buildings. This style of buildings consists of a 'U' shape plan with verandahs on both sides. It is a picturesque example of a substantial 'Speight' era terminus building.

The former Rupanyup Railway Station is historically significant, recalling the long abandoned practice of building small branch railways to serve areas between the main lines, demonstrating the important role of railways in the pre-automobile era. It is also historically significant as an example of a railway station constructed after the 'Octopus Act' of 1884.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act*

1987 and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### **Specific Exemptions:**

#### General Conditions

1. All alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner that prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

\* All basic refurbishment works including repairs to buildings and structures, where works are documented and administered by a recognised conservation consultant

\* Installation of perimeter fencing

\* Installation of new landscaping features but excluding earthworks where more than 1m<sup>3</sup> of ground is to be altered

#### Station Buildings

##### Exterior

\* Replacement of decayed fabric with fabric that matches the original design and profile.

\* Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant signage.

\* Installation of temporary protective hoardings, screens and the like for the protection against intrusion of vandals and the like provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric.

\* Installation of new damp proofing and making good to match existing, adjacent surfaces.

##### Interior

\* Interior painting but not stripping of existing paint scheme

\* Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant carpets/flexible floor coverings

\* Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant fixtures and fittings, including clocks, soft furnishings including curtain tracks, rods, blinds and other window dressings, and the like.

\* Installation of new but not the removal of existing original significant signage

\* Installation of new partitions provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric

\* Replacement of non-original kitchen and toilet fixtures provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric

\* Installation of insulation to ceiling spaces

\* Installation of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of paintings, mirrors and other wall mounted works of art.

Construction dates            1890,

Architect/Designer            Watson, Robert,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 1001

Property Number

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## History

Rupanyup Railway Station is historically significant, recalling the long abandoned practice of building small branch railways to serve areas between the main lines, demonstrating the important role of railways in the pre-automobile era. It is also significant for its associations with the 'Octopus Act' of 1884. Richard Speight was one of three commissioners appointed to oversee a massive program of capital works, resulting in the construction of fifty-one country railway stations and eight suburban lines. Richard Speight and Duncan Gillies, the Minister for Railways and Roads, were widely criticised for their mismanagement of the railway construction program, which caused huge deficits for the Government. (Harrigan, 1962) (Beeston, 1995)

## Extent of Registration

1. All of the place known as the former Rupanyup Railway Station including the station building and associated platform (B1) and toilet block (B2) as marked on Diagram 1590 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land marked L1 on Diagram 1590 held by the Executive Director being part of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 10330 Folio 320.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*