

FORMER BARNAWARTHA STATION

Location

STATION STREET BARNAWARTHA, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0112

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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This structure's historical significance relates to early construction and development of stations along the Melbourne-Sydney Railway.

Interpretation of Site

The railway station comprises the remains of the original goods shed and railway buildings built in and after 1889 which remain disused, as does the land around the railway. The former goods shed is set to be leased by the owner; the local council. The land around the site has not been developed, and there is some potential for further archaeological remains below the surface; including possibly the location of a former mill.

There are no visible surface remains at this former mill and the location is unknown. An artefact scatter was identified on the eastern side of the track, north of the Station Waiting Room.

Archaeological Significance	The railway station complex is of archaeological significance because it retains 19th century archaeological material and structures, in an area where such a combination of material is relatively rare. The site is relatively intact and therefore there is a potential for some sub-surface features to exist, including earlier cesspits as well as features relating to the mill that, according to the original survey, was demolished in the late 19th century.
Historical Significance	The station and the surrounding land is historical significance relating to early construction and development of Stations along the Melbourne-Sydney Railway.
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History

According to the sources cited in the original site card: The station building was built in its current position on the up platform in 1889 in a style termed as 'quasi-gothic' (Turton 1973:42). Alterations and lengthening of the station yard were completed in 1928. A flour mill previously was located in the station yard, but this has been removed. To the south of the goods shed, a circular brick base for a crane is still present. A wooden weigh-bridge was also present on the down side of the platform, but this replaced in 1969 with the current concrete weigh-bridge (Barnawartha Primary School 1992:46). The Barnawartha station closed in 1985.

The station components were first individually surveyed and recorded during the course of by Matthews *et al* (2005) Cultural Heritage Survey of the Proposed North-South Corridor, Melbourne-Albury Lane Project. Schlitz (2006) later re-examined the railway station, as part of the assessment of the proposed LOGIC Intermodal Terminal, Barnawartha North. He concluded that changes to the rail reserve will have minimal impact in relation to the historical features unless the original 1873 broad gauge line will be affected by the proposed Intermodal terminal.

The current state of the railway suggests that there was no impact to the site, apart from the subsequent removal of machinery.

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