

Railway Station & Water Tower



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Location

Roadknight Street,, BIRREGURRA VIC 3242 - Property No B4458

Municipality

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 15, 2005

Station Statement of Significance:

The station building at Birregurra was constructed in 1877 for the Victorian Railways Department. It features polychromatic brickwork walls and chimneys with a bracketted cornice made from slate flagging. In common with other stations of the day, it includes a residence for the station master and a bellcast iron verandah along the platform elevation. It was extended in 1879 to include a booking lobby and a separate ladies' toilet. Thus, Birregurra is an example of an unusual station plan which has been modified. It is of special interest in the development of station buildings.

Classified: 07/12/1978

Revised: 03/08/1998

Water Tower Statement of Significance:

The Birregurra railway water tower has engineering significance and is historically important at the State level as one of only 5 installations of its type closely associated with a historic station building. These are Ballan, Coleraine, Healesville, Sunbury and Birregurra. It has regional importance as the most substantial reminder of the former branch railway to Forrest (1891-1975), forming part of the locomotive servicing infrastructure established there to handle traffic (including Lorne passenger traffic) generated by this railway. It is a substantially intact example of a very common water tower design of its period and is important, also for its design refinement, rendering it suitable for use at important locations.

Classified: 04/02/1991

Hermes Number 67763

Property Number

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