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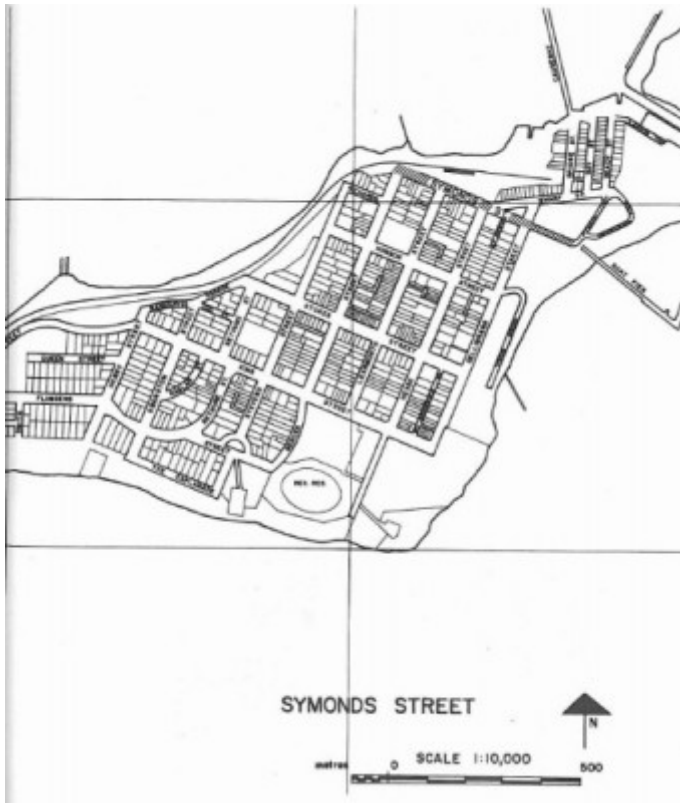
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Railway Station Queenscliff c. 1981-1986 Source: State Library Victoria, Ref jc013265



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### **Location**

Symonds Street QUEENSCLIFF, QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH

### **Municipality**

QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH

### **Level of significance**

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1586

### **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO56

HO2

### **Heritage Listing**

Queenscliffe Borough

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 1, 2009

Statement of Significance as recorded under the Queenscliff Heritage Study 2009

The following statement of significance is taken from the Victorian Heritage Register citation:

What is significant?

Queenscliff Railway Station was constructed for the Victorian Railways in 1881, by William Swanson and is located on the foreshore of Swan Bay, on the Geelong-Queenscliff line. It consists of a timber gable roofed station building with former residence. It features a large open waiting area designed to cater for holiday traffic, and distinctive barges that are also found on the posted gable roofed verandah. It includes various corrugated iron yard outbuildings, an adjoining crane base and non-original water tower.

How is it significant?

Queenscliff Railway Station is historically and architecturally significant to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Queenscliff Railway Station is architecturally significant as an essentially intact example of a country railway station built to a unique design rather than to a standard pattern. Featuring a large waiting area, the station was designed principally to cater for large numbers of tourists at peak holiday times.

Queenscliff Railway Station is historically significant in that it is the earliest of the tourist-oriented type of railway station and is closely associated with the development of tourism in Victoria and the historic development of the Queenscliff district. The station is also historically significant for its associations with the 'light lines' era (c.1869 - c.1884).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Queenscliffe - Queenscliffe Urban Conservation Study, Allom Lovell & Associates P/L, Architects, 1982; Queenscliffe - Queenscliffe Heritage Study, Lovell Chen, 2009;
Hermes Number	120760
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## Physical Description 1

The station building and verandah have, in end elevation, a double gable profile with keyhole fretwork to the valences. The cantilever trussed verandah is bracketted off tall timber columns, with pronounced capitals, which support the tie beams to the king-post trusses. The trusses are wall supported at the south ends except where the waiting area occurs and incidental columns pick up the truss ends.

At the west end of the station the residence adds a third gable to the elevation and a now obscured entrance porch centred on the residence provides a fourth.

## Physical Description 2

Other points of interest include the extension of the line to the fishermen's pier where it served the fish sheds and the pilot's coal shed, the former turntable, and the engine shed nearby in Bridge Street.(8) By the 1930's the coal

shed had been replaced by a buoy shed for Ports and Harbours.(9) The spur line has been removed, as has the turntable.

### **Physical Description 3**

Extract from the 2009 study

This overlay includes the station building and residence as well as the platform and section of track immediately to the north of the station.

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At the west end of the station a third gable to the elevation provides the depth to this end of the building to accommodate a small dwelling which includes a gabled entrance porch centred on the residence This elevation is largely obscured by a close boarded timber fence.

The 1888 gabled extension on the south-east corner of the building which housed the parcels office is still evident as is the skillion verandah on the east elevation which was erected around the same time to cover the booking area. The building appears to be generally intact from the exterior.

### **Intactness**

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