

FORMER LILLICO RAILWAY STATION

Location

234 LILLICO ROAD WARRAGUL, BAW BAW SHIRE

Municipality

BAW BAW SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8021-0050

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	Mounded earthworks represent former station platforms. Little else remains of the site.
Archaeological Significance	The station site has been largely undisturbed since the track and buildings were removed,so related deposits and foundations may survive
Historical Significance	The site is significant for its association with the Warragul to Noojee branch line of the Gippsland Railway.
Hermes Number	156518
Property Number	

History

The broad gauge railway line to Noojee was built to service the timber industry in the upper Latrobe River area, transporting timber as well as providing a general goods and passenger service to townships in the area.

Following the opening of the Gippsland mainline, townships along the upper reaches of the Latrobe River began to petition for a branch line to be built to service the area. By 1885, a route had been approved by Parliament, and the line from Warragul to Rokeby opened on 12th May 1890. This was extended to Noojee by 1919.

By June 1930, Victorian Railways, faced with mounting losses, announced the closure of the daily passenger rail service, and from that time, goods traffic was reduced to three trains per week. The line beyond Nayook was finally closed on 27th March 1954. The line between Warragul and Nayook was kept open for a further four years in order to ship rock ballast for the duplication and electrification of the main line beyond Warragul. During this time, it also provided special services, such as a service to Warragul on 3rd March 1954 for the visit of Queen Elizabeth II. After closure, the tracks and station buildings along the line were dismantled and many sections of the right-of-way were sold off.

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