
WARRNAMBOOL RAILWAY STATION

Location

209 MERRI STREET WARRNAMBOOL, WARRNAMBOOL CITY

Municipality

WARRNAMBOOL CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7321-0102

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

The Warrnambool station site is assessed as having archaeological value in a local context under the 'linking Victorians by rail' and 'building Victoria's industries and workforce' framework in Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes.

Archaeological Significance	Warrnambool railway station opened on 4 February 1890. The Warrnambool railway station is likely to contain artefacts or deposits 75 or more years old, that would provide information relating to the former structures in the passenger platform area and requires archaeological methods to reveal information about the original layout of the site. Within the passenger platform area to the west of the station building, they comprise the two unknown former railway station buildings. Despite a carpark being placed on top of these former buildings, the area is likely to contain subsurface archaeological features relating to the former structures noted in documentary evidence. The site has the potential to contribute to a further understanding of the site beyond that documented in the Victorian railway stations architectural survey (Ward and Donnelly, 1982a). This site is likely to contain historical archaeological features, deposits and artefacts.
Historical Significance	The Railway Precinct is of historical significance as the representation of a transport revolution which transformed passenger traffic and the import and export of goods and produce. It also marked the immediate conclusion of coach travel and the eventual decline of coastal shipping. The Warrnambool station site is assessed as having archaeological value in a local context under the 'linking Victorians by rail' and 'building Victoria's industries and workforce' framework in Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes. As such, the Warrnambool railway station site meets the Threshold B.
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History

The Terang to Warrnambool section of the Geelong-Warrnambool railwayline opened in 1890. Warrnambool railway station (HO127/National TrustB5120/HO325) opened on 4 February 1890, and while it was originally nota terminus station as the line continued to Port Fairy, it was the majorstation after Geelong. The station was designed in the Italianate style,and included some residential accommodation. By 1929, the stationcomprised a goods shed (erected in 1925), a railway turntable (orturning circle), two loop sidings, a loco depot at the down end, andsome dead end sidings. Warrnambool railway station became a terminusstation when the Warrnambool to Port Fairy section, which was alsoconstructed in 1890, closed in 1977. The station now comprises threeloop roads, a dead-end siding for the freight centre, a dead endextension west from number 3 road, and a dead end road to the turntable(Hubbard and Neylon 2010; VicSig 2018; Victorian Places 2015; Wong2018a; 2018b). Additionally, a short branch once diverged south from theWarrnambool railway station yard to the Warrnambool pier. The pierbranch line was likely opened in 1890, but closed to passengers in 1897.It was still used commercially until February 1944, and its sidings wereremoved during the 1990s (Hubbard and Neylon 2010; VicSig 2018;Victorian Places 2015; Wong 2018a; 2018b).

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