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# FORMER PETTAVEL RAILWAY STATION

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## Location

PETTAVEL ROAD MOUNT MORIAC, SURF COAST SHIRE

## Municipality

SURF COAST SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0536

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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The former Pettavel railway station site is assessed as having archaeological value in a local context under the 'linking Victorians by rail' framework in Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes. The former Pettavel railway station site thus meets the Threshold B (place history).

### Historical Significance

The railway station was an important part of the history of the Warrnambool railway line and its association with the expansion of the railway network in Victoria. The station is of historical significance as this site relates to the history of the Warrnambool railway line (South West line) and its association with the expansion of the railway network in Victoria.

Archaeological Significance      The railway station opened in 1883, to the west of the Pettavel Road railway crossing. The site had a passenger platform on to north of the railway track, with a shelter, and a loop siding and goods platform to the south. The railway station was closed on 22 August 1952. The site is currently used for services and utilities, and vehicle access tracks are located along both sides of the railway track, and a grove of trees is presently growing across the south of the site. Features comprise the artefact scatters located to the north of the railway line, and the untouched portion of the mound in the vicinity of the former passenger platform within the former station complex. Pettavel railway station was established in 1883, as part of the Geelong to Colac section of the Geelong-Warrnambool railway line. Initially a crossing station, it was downgraded to a station with nobody in charge in 1939. It was subsequently closed in 1952. The former Pettavel railway station site is of archaeological significance as the potential remains at this site could provide information on the nature of, and activities that took place, at the railway station complex. This site has the potential to contain historical archaeological features, deposits and artefacts

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## History

Pettavel Road railway station was opened in 1883. It was named after David Louis Pettavel, a Swiss winemaker who established the Neuchâtel Vineyard on the Barwon River with Frederick Brequet in 1842. He then established the 585-acre Albert and Victoria Vineyard at Barrabool Hills in 1848. By the 1860s, his vineyard was better known 'Pettavel', and described as having some of the finest scenery in the Western District. The station was located on Pettavel Road, Mount Moriac, downline of the current Waurm Ponds station (Dunstan 2011; Mount Duneed History Group 2016; 2018; Stone and Stanin 2017; Wong 2018a; 2018b, p. 12; 2018d). Pettavel Road railway station was renamed Pettavel station in 1904, and comprised a platform on the north side of the railway line with a shelter, opposite a loop siding and a goods platform to the south (Mount Duneed History Group 2016; Wong 2018c). Pettavel station closed in 22 August 1952 (Wong 2018c).

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