
FORMER BOORCAN RAILWAY STATION

Location

BOORCAN ROAD BOORCAN, CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Municipality

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7521-0007

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The former Boorcan railway station site is of archaeological significance as the potential remains at this site could provide information on the original layout of the passenger platform buildings and their use. 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.

The former Boorcan 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 Boorcan railway station site thus meets the Threshold B (place history).

Archaeological Significance	The railway station opened on 23 April 1887, to the east of the Boorcan Road railway crossing. The significant archaeological features of the former Boorcan railway station comprise potential archaeological remains found across the location of the former passenger platform, which included the lamp room, van goods structure, station building, and the location of the former toilets which were situated to the north of the former railway station building. The former Boorcan railway station site is of archaeological significance as the potential remains at this site could provide information on the original layout of the passenger platform buildings and their use. This demonstrates the sites significance for historical archaeological features, deposits and artefacts.
Historical Significance	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. The station is of local significance as the potential remains at this site are likely to evidence the function and location of the passenger platform buildings.
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History

The Camperdown to Terang section of the Geelong-Warrnambool railway line opened in 1887. Boorcan station, which opened on 23 April 1887 and was originally named Marida Yallock railway station, was located to the east of Boorcan Road to service this rural area. The station building originally housed an office, a combined ladies' and general waiting room, with a lamp room, van goods shed, and toilet located on the platform (VicSig 2018; Wong 2018). Despite little population growth, Boorcan station was made permanent in 1920, and a stationmaster was appointed in the same year (Wong 2018). A briquette depot was extant at the site, generating briquettes for the Western District dairy industry, when the briquette siding was added in 1951 for use by Trufood of Australia (1904), and Bonlac Foods Limited (1986). Boorcan station was closed on 4 September 1981. The station building, which had been reduced in size to an office, was removed and reconstructed at Terang College Junior Campus in 1991. The platform mound and loop sidings remained, but were disconnected, and the goods yard and large goods shed later leased by Wheelie Waste (Varley 1969; Westbrooke and Tonkin 2013; Wong 2018, pp. 396-398).

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