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# FORMER CAMPERDOWN RAILWAY STATION

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## Location

LONGMORE STREET CAMPERDOWN, CORANGAMITE SHIRE

## Municipality

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7521-0006

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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Camperdown railway station is of archaeological significance as the potential remains at this site could provide information about the layout of the station complex, and the purpose of the former buildings of unknown function. Archaeological features and deposits have the potential to provide information about how the former buildings and structures were associated with both each other and the extant features, and their importance within the railway station complex.

The Camperdown railway 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* (Heritage Council of Victoria 2010). As such, the Camperdown railway station site meets the Threshold B (place history).

Archaeological Significance	<p>The railway station opened on 2 July 1883, north of the intersection of Jones, Pike and Station Longmore Streets. The site comprises an operational passenger platform and railway station building to the south of the railway track, while the former goods area retains two tracks to the north of the mainline track. Some of the original structures, including a train turntable, have been dismantled from 1969. The refreshment room complex adjacent to the passenger platform was demolished in 1982. The railway station and passenger platform are still in use today. The key areas of archaeological potential identified include the lamp room, building, purveyor's residence and refreshment rooms, toilets, goods shed and goods platform. Camperdown railway station is of archaeological significance as the potential remains at this site could provide information about the layout of the station complex, and the purpose of the former buildings. As such, this site demonstrates potential for historical archaeological features, deposits or artefacts.</p>
Historical Significance	<p>This site is likely to contribute to a further understanding beyond that documented in the Victorian railway stations architectural survey by Ward and Donnelly (1982a). The Camperdown railway 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 Camperdown railway station site meets the Threshold B.</p>
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## History

Camperdown railway station, which opened on 2 July 1883, was also once the junction for the Timboon line, which reached the present-day township of Timboon, located approximately 50 km to the south of the original village of Timboon near Camperdown. The railway station building was built in late Victorian Italianate style. Refreshment rooms (with a 13 m long counter and a separate dining room), a purveyor's residence, ladies waiting room, and toilets in 1911. By 1926, a siding was added to the downside end of the Camperdown railway station yard for the Vacuum Oil Company (later known as Mobil), but their tanks were located outside the railway reserve on private land. Camperdown station once contained a turntable (or turning circle), which was removed in 1969. By 1979, Sleigh also had an oil siding at Camperdown. Both oil sidings were removed in 1988, along with a number of loco roads and works sidings. By the 1980s, the original toilets had been demolished. The building that contained the refreshment room, residence, and ladies waiting room was demolished in 1982. As of 2009, Camperdown was the only remaining crossing loop between Marshall and Warrnambool (Ward and Donnelly 1982b, pp. 108-111; Wong 2018).

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