
FORMER BENA RAILWAY STATION

Location

MAIN ROAD, BENA VIC 3946

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8021-0057

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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This site is associated with the Great Southern Railway which linked Melbourne in the west with Port Albert in the east. Bena station was constructed as part of the section of railway between Loch and Korumburra which was opened on 17 June 1891. The former Bena railway station site and stationmaster's residence have archaeological potential which could provide further information relating to Linking Victorians by Rail.

Interpretation of Site	Track construction completed by 1891 Station buildings constructed c.1891 Station closed 1978 All structural remains of station since removed. Function: passenger and goods station. Current use: rail reserve being converted to rail trail. Station area is being used to stockpile and transport sleepers and rails which have been removed. Stationmaster's House (c.1900) is currently an occupied residence.
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History

Bena Railway Station was completed in 1891 as part of the Great Southern Railway section to Korumburra (Bowden 1970: 73). The station originally consisted of a small station building and a goods shed. A stationmaster's residence was constructed c. 1900, a single weatherboard building with a traverse main gable and a projection central gable, a style that was typical throughout Victoria in the Federation period (South Gippsland Shire Heritage Study 2004: 45-46). The station closed to passenger and parcel traffic in 1978 (Wikipedia 3/9/2020). The citation for the Stationmaster's residence (South Gippsland Shire Heritage Study 2004: 45-46) states that the station complex originally included a small station building and a goods shed (later removed to Nyora). The citation notes the only other surviving evidence of the station at the time as being remnant platform, some trackwork and an adjacent timber road bridge.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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