
FORMER POMBORNEIT RAILWAY STATION

Location

80-70 KOALLAH-POMBORNEIT ROAD POMBORNEIT, CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Municipality

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7521-0008

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Former Pomborneit Railway Station site meets the definition of archaeological site under the Heritage Act, as a site that is likely to contain artefacts, deposits or features 75 or more years old, that would provide information relation to the former use of the site, that requires archaeological methods to reveal such information. There are surface features related to former structures at the site including platform mound with drystone retaining wall and remains of a former structure in the centre. There is also evidence that there would potentially be remaining artefacts, indicated by the bottle identified within the northern portion of the drystone wall.

How is it significant?

The site is of local historical and archaeological significance.

Why is it significant?

The site is of local historical significance as a representation of an early small Victorian railway station, particularly related to the operation of goods transportation.

Interpretation of Site	The low resolution of the 1946 aerial image suggests there is one structure on the southwestern side of the railway line. Recent aerial imagery (accessed on Google Earth) shows that this location no longer contains extant structures but suggests some possible ground disturbance that may relate to former footings remaining within the project area.
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History

The line between Colac and Camperdown opened 2 July 1883 and Pomborneit was a minor station. From 1928, the station master was removed and it was changed to an intermediate electric staff station in 1929. It became an alternate station that could be switched in only when Pirron Yallock or Stoneyford were not. From 1968, it started to have its number 2 road, signals and plunger lock abolished. It was closed on 14 August 1978 (Wong 2018). In keeping with a wider program of replacing gates with cattle pits at over 200 level crossings, Pomborneit's gatekeeper cottage (no. 68) was removed in 1899 (Ward 2019, p. 291). Ward notes that the cottage was re-erected in Pomborneit, but it is unclear whether this was within another portion of the station complex or the wider township.

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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