
FORMER KILMORE RAILWAY STATION

Location

CORNER OF RUTLEDGE STREET AND HAMILTON STREET, KILMORE

Municipality

MITCHELL SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7823-0088

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

1886-1924 style sill buffer stop, with 1955 modifications.

The 1886-1924 sill buffer stop was the standard style used for embankments, soft ground or rock. It was characterised by two vertical posts that rest on horizontal sole pieces situated under the track, and are diagonally connected to the posts via tie rods.

The 1886-1924 style buffer stop was a relatively weak design, and was modified in 1955 to both strengthen the buffer stop, and reduce damage to locomotives themselves. The new Plan 5/55 style sill buffer stop included a "sawn timber upright with a rectangular steel striking or buffing plate attached centrally to the buffer beam" (Brook 2007, A5). This design was "adopted in 1955 as the standard modification for all existing sill buffer stops", and had been applied to all but a few existing sill buffer stops by February 1959 (Brook 2007, A4).

How is it significant?

Moderate significance, the site has been largely altered with few features remaining in situ, with the exception of the modified sill buffer stop and a concrete wall.

Why is it significant?

Unique example of an intact 1886-1924 sill buffer stop with 1955 modifications.

Interpretation of Site	The rail line is visible in 1956 aerial photography, showing three railroad cars sitting on a section of track, as well as two sheds adjacent to the track to the east, as well as a fenced off area that appears to connect to the railway line. This fenced off area disappears in 1966 aerial photography, with the other features remaining unchanged. By 1987 both the sheds and tracks have been removed. Recent archaeological survey found the site to be largely altered. Two embankments demarcate the placement of the old rail line, and remnant concrete and associated rubbish occur sporadically throughout the site. An intact sill buffer stop remains in the southeast corner of the site, and the remains of a concrete wall is situated adjacent to the eastern boundary. The property is currently a vacant lot; material of archaeological significance may occur in subsurface contexts.
Other Names	Kilmore Railway Station,
Hermes Number	211732
Property Number	

History

The site falls within a 1.732 ha (4.28 acre) parcel of land, located on the corner of Rutledge Street and Hamilton Street, Kilmore. The township of Kilmore was gazetted in 1848, comprising an area of 4,480 acres. The station was constructed between 1887-1890, and comprised part of the Wandong Heathcote & Sandhurst Railway. The railway was predominantly used to transport local produce, alongside timber, firewood and charcoal to both Bendigo and Melbourne. The line ceased to be used in the 1960s, and was officially closed under the "Heathcote Railway Removal Act 1975 Act No 8682". The final passenger train ran from Kilmore on 26 June 1965, and the final goods train in November 1968.

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