
RAILWAY STATION BUILDINGS (FORMER)

Location

95 Skene Street DUNKELD, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The buildings which survive at the former Dunkeld Railway Station are located on former railway land in Skene Street Dunkeld. The railway station and associated structures were constructed in 1877 after the completion of the Dunkeld-Ararat railway extension in the previous year. The principle building is the railway station, which is asymmetrical in its arrangement of windows and doors, single-storey and constructed of masonry. The hipped main roof is clad in slate shingle, with a shallow curved corrugated iron roof extending over the platform. The platform verandah and roof plumbing are cast iron. A number of similar buildings, without verandahs also exist alongside the former railway line. All the buildings appear to be in very good condition, and retain a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The former Dunkeld Railway Station buildings are of architectural and historical significance to the township of Dunkeld and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Dunkeld Railway Station buildings are of architectural significance as a series of typical 1870s buildings constructed in association with the developing regional railways in Victoria. They are of historical significance because the arrival of the railway and its infrastructure represented an important stage in the development of the town and its hinterland which had hitherto relied on horse or bullock drawn transport. The station was used extensively to convey freight into and out of the district, and to carry passengers for business and pleasure.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1877,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23613
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Physical Conditions

The building are in very good condition

Physical Description 1

The former Dunkeld Railway Station buildings are located on the Dunkeld - Ararat Railway Station reserve in Skene Street, Dunkeld, on the site of the former Railway Station. The buildings which survive are a collection of single storey masonry structures, located on either side of the former railway line.

The station building and platform survive, with timber picket fence intact. The building is a simple single storey structure with an asymmetrical arrangement of windows and doors, correlating to the internal structure of waiting rooms and offices, all opening onto the platform. The roof is hipped and covered with slate shingles. A shallow concave verandah in corrugated iron extends over the platform, and has cast iron posts and curved brackets.

Other similar buildings are on the site. These are mainly asymmetrical in the arrangement of windows and doors, with slate shingle roofs, but without verandahs. The exact function of these structures is not known, but may include offices, storerooms and perhaps worker's accommodation.

Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

4 Building settlements, towns and cities

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

Integrity

Very low degree of integrity as a complex. Station building and platform have a fair degree of integrity.

Physical Description 3

Hamilton and Ararat Railway Reserve

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