



A photograph of a historic train station building. The building is painted dark blue with a bright red gabled roof. It features a long, covered platform in front, supported by wooden posts. Two tall, thin chimneys are visible on the roof. The station is situated next to a set of railroad tracks, with a grassy area and some trees in the background under a clear blue sky.

A photograph of a historic, dark blue wooden building, likely a train station or depot. The building features a gabled roof with a small dormer and a decorative cornice. A covered walkway with a wooden railing runs along the side of the building. A small, dark doorway is visible on the front facade. The building is situated next to a set of railroad tracks.

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little river railway station plan

## Location

19-27 RIVER STREET LITTLE RIVER, WYNDHAM CITY

## **Municipality**

WYNDHAM CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1572

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO91

## **VHR Registration**

August 20, 1982

## **Amendment to Registration**

July 20, 2000

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

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What is significant?

The Little River Station and Goods Shed was built in 1864 by Samuel Amess on the Geelong-Melbourne line, for the Victorian Railways architects. It comprises a basalt station building, asymmetrically composed, with decorated bargeboard to the gables and a decorative timber platform verandah. Other structures include a basalt lamproom/toilet block and a rusticated goods shed featuring a trabeated decorative system, pedimented gables and rum through. Several features of note include the basement holding cells and the Victorian Railways plaques to the end of the gables. The former signal box, van goods shed and toilet block have been removed. While the station platform is still in use, the station buildings are currently closed.

How is it significant?

The Little River Railway Station is historically and architecturally significant to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Little River Railway Station and Goods Shed are historically significant as a rare example of buildings erected during the initial phase of railway building in the colony. Constructed in 1864 of a unique design, the Little River Railway Station was one of the earliest station buildings to be built in Victoria. Built during the period of the 'main trunk lines', c.1857 - c.1869, the formative years of railway development in Victoria.

Little River Railway Station is architecturally significant for its planning, design and detailing, and is a notable example of a country railway station. The goods shed is architecturally significant as a rare example of its type.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

#### General Conditions

1. All alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner that prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. Nothing in this declaration exempts the owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

\* All basic refurbishment works including repairs to buildings and structures, where works are documented and administered by a recognised conservation consultant.

\* Installation of perimeter fencing.

\* Modification and replacement of tracks to the extent of the rails, sleepers and ballast.

\* Installation of new landscaping features but excluding earthworks where more than 1m<sup>3</sup> of ground is to be altered.

#### Station Buildings

##### Exterior

\* Replacement of decayed fabric with fabric that matches the original design and profile.

\* Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant signage.

\* Installation of temporary protective hoardings, screens and the like for the protection against intrusion of vandals and the like provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric.

\* Installation of new damp proofing and making good to match existing, adjacent surfaces.

## Interior

- \* Interior painting but not stripping of existing paint scheme.
- \* Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant carpets/flexible floor coverings.
- \* Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant fixtures and fittings, including clocks, soft furnishings including curtain tracks, rods, blinds and other window dressings, and the like.
- \* Installation of new but not the removal of existing original significant signage.
- \* Installation of new partitions provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric.
- \* Replacement of non-original kitchen and toilet fixtures provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric.
- \* Installation of insulation to ceiling spaces.
- \* Installation of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of paintings, mirrors and other wall mounted works of art.
- \* Goods shed interior platform.

Construction dates	1864,
Architect/Designer	Snell & Kawerau,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	658
Property Number	

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## History

Little River Railway Station and Goods Shed are the only surviving example of buildings erected during the initial phase of railway building in the colony outside of the Williamstown, Echuca and Geelong to Ballarat trunk lines. Constructed in 1864 of a unique design, the Little River Railway Station was one of the earliest station buildings to be built in Victoria, built during the period of the 'main trunk lines', c.1857 - c.1869. These were the formative years of railway development in Victoria. This period of construction was characterised by lavish expenditure on railway structures, designed in accordance with the British standards of the time. (Harrigan, 1962) (Beeston, 1995)

## Extent of Registration

1. All of the buildings known as the Little River Railway Station, including the station building and associated platforms (B1), lamp room/ toilet block (B2), the goods shed (B3), as marked on plan 602935 held by the Executive Director.

2. All of the land surrounding the station buildings marked L1 on plan 602935 held by the Executive Director, being part of Crown Land vested in the Public Transport Corporation.

*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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*