
FORMER TERANG RAILWAY STATION

Location

44 SWANSTON STREET TERANG, MOYNE SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7421-0019

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

The Terang railway station site is assessed as having archaeological value in a local context under the 'linking Victorians by rail' and 'building Victoria's industries and workforce' framework in Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes. As such, the Terang railway station site meets the Threshold B (place history).

Archaeological Significance

Terang Railway Station, dating from 1889, was constructed by FS Leonard on the Warrnambool-Terang line for the Victorian Railways. The site has the potential to comprise the location of the former van goods shed to the east of the extant station platform, and those of the former lamp room and related ancillary buildings to the southwest of the extant station building. There is also archaeological potential within the goods area, including at the former goods shed and platform, and at the location of the former crane. Terang railway station is of archaeological significance as the potential remains at this site may contribute to a further understanding of the railway complex layout, and identification of the ancillary buildings. These areas do not appear to be highly disturbed and are likely to contain archaeological features relating to the former structures noted in documentary evidence.

Historical Significance	Terang Railway Station is historically significant as a representative and intact example of a station building design that arose from the 'Octopus Act' of 1884. The Terang railway station site is assessed as having archaeological value in a local context under the 'linking Victorians by rail' and 'building Victoria's industries and workforce' framework in Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes. As such, the Terang railway station site meets the Threshold B.
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History

The Camperdown to Terang section of the Geelong-Warrnambool railway line opened in 1887, which resulted in the subdivision of large pastoral estates to make way for smaller farms typically used for dairying. Terang railway station, which was built in late Victorian Italianate style, opened on 23 April 1887 (Victorian Places 2015; Ward and Donnelly 1982b, pp. 112-114). The Terang to Warrnambool section soon followed, opening in 1890 (VicSig 2018). Terang was originally a junction of the Mortlake line, which opened on 4 February 1890 and closed on 1 August 1978 (Wong 2018a; 2018b). The railway station complex once contained a platform on the south (down) side of the tracks, located opposite a four road yard and goods platform, with a dock platform facing Mortlake. The station building originally had a porter's room at the down end of the station, which has since been enlarged and now forms part of the stationmaster's office. By 1982, most of the original yard has been substantially altered, with the carriage dock, dock road and a number of other roads being closed. By 2008, only a single dead end siding towards Geelong and the original brick railway station building and platform remain (Ward and Donnelly 1982b, pp. 112-114; Wong 2018b).

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