
FORMER ALLANSFORD RAILWAY STATION

Location

STATION STREET AND CARROLLS ROAD ALLANSFORD, MOYNE SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7421-0021

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Former Allansford 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 about the former use of the site, that requires archaeological methods to reveal such information. There are numerous surface features related to former structures at the site. There is limited historical documentation about the site, no site plans and only indicative layouts found to date. The limited amount of ground disturbance across the platforms indicates there is potential for archaeological features and potentially artefacts to be present.

How is it significant?

As there is limited historical information about the Former Allansford Railway Station site, archaeological investigation and detailed recording could provide information not available elsewhere, particularly in relation to its layout and usage. The limited historical information suggests it was a very minor stopping point, but the number of structures suggest otherwise. Regardless of its size, archaeological investigation could provide information about smaller but still important stations along the Warrnambool line, particularly related to the transport of goods and how this has changed over time.

Why is it significant?

The site is likely to contribute to an understanding of early small Victorian railway stations, particularly related to the operation of dairy goods transportation. As such, the Former Allansford Railway Station meets Threshold A (archaeology). The site is significant in a local context under the 'linking Victorians by rail' (Theme 3.3) in Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes (Heritage Council of Victoria 2010). As such, the Former Allansford

Railway Station site meets Threshold B (place history).

Theme

3. Connecting Victorians by transport and communications

Hermes Number 209218

Property Number

History

Allansford Railway Station was operational by 1894 (Wong 2018). It is located between Station Street and Carrolls Road, Allansford, Victoria. With the establishment of Warrnambool Cheese and Butter Factory (later to be bought out by Kraft) in Allansford in 1888, Allansford's main industry comprised dairy processing and the railway line provided 'improved market access for dairy products' (Monash University and The University of Queensland 2015). In 1929, the station comprised a passenger platform on the north side of the track, with goods platform and three road yard located on the south side. In 1940, it was altered to act as an 'Intermediate Composite Electric Staff Block Point' for the railway line between Terang and Warrnambool. Following this alteration, it could be 'switched out' as long as Panmure station was not 'switched in'. By November 1978, Allansford no longer had a stationmaster and Panmure became the main switching station for that part of the line. By 1981, it was closed to passenger traffic completely (being one of five stations on the line that did so) and was completely closed in 1984 (Wong 2018).

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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