

## DUNOLLY RAILWAY STATION



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trackside view may1995



dunolly railway station goods  
shed may1995



dunolly railway station  
roadside elevation may1995



dunolly railway station track  
view aug1984



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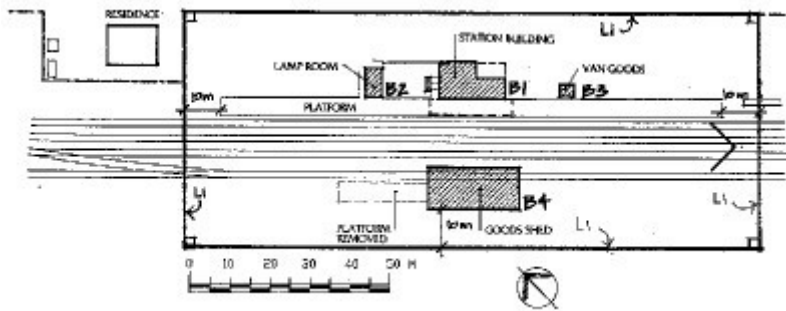
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dunolly railway station plan

### Location

MCDERMOTT ROAD DUNOLLY, CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

### Municipality

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

### Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1670

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO29

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## Amendment to Registration

July 20, 2000

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 7, 2021

What is significant?

The Dunolly Railway Station Complex was constructed in 1874 for the Victorian Railways by ST Weeks on the Donald-Ballarat line. It comprises a single storey classical brick station building and former residence with a hipped slate roof, cast iron gutters with lion head brackets, standard concave verandah, roadside verandah entrance and original booking window. There is a large brick goods shed with a three-quarter-length lantern to a corrugated iron gable roof, corrugated iron cladding to each end and a run through track. Other structures include a brick lamp room, timber van goods shed, and a signal 200m downside of the station building. Plantings at the Dunolly Railway Station include two pomegranate trees and a Cork Oak.

How is it significant?

Dunolly Railway Station is historically and architecturally significant to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Dunolly Railway Station is historically significant for its role during the 1870s in linking the central Victorian goldfield centres with the Geelong seaport, recalling the town's former role as a major gold mining centre. The station is also historically significant for its association with the development of the 'light lines' era, c1869 - c1884.

Dunolly Railway Station is architecturally significant as a representative example of the 'Dunolly' type - a standard railway station design of the day, and restricted to certain lines only. The style is characterised by relative austerity in detailing, and the use of bell cast verandahs on both sides of the building, with cast iron decoration. The brick lamp room/toilet block, goods shed and signal are significant for their contribution to the architectural character of the station complex. The surviving booking window and cast iron gutters offer an important insight into the design details of station buildings built during the 1870s. The Cork Oak *Quercus suber* at the Dunolly Railway Station is a remarkable specimen and believed to be the largest such tree in Victoria.

## 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

\* Installation of new signalling systems and modifications to existing signalling systems

\* 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.

Construction dates            1874,  
 Architect/Designer           Higinbotham, Thomas,  
 Heritage Act Categories    Registered place,  
 Hermes Number               344  
 Property Number

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## History

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## Extent of Registration

1. All the buildings known as the Dunolly Railway Station, including the station building and associated platforms (B1), lamp room/toilet block (B2), van goods shed (B4), and down-side signal (B5), as marked on plan 602129 held by Executive Director.
2. All of the land surrounding the buildings marked L1 on plan 602129, being part of Crown Land vested in Victorian Rail Track.

*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/>*