DS/

COMMISSIONERS TOUR OF INSPECTION

YARRAM TO LEONGATHA
RUBY TO NYORA
WOODLEIGH TO WONTHAGGI
LANG LANG TO LYNDHURST

Tuesday, 27th to Thursday, 29th April, 1954, inclusive.

Train leaves Spencer Street (No.8 Platform) at 9.30p.m. on Monday,

26th April, 1954.

TOUR PERSONNEL.

Mr. R.G. Wishart - Chairman

Mr. O.G. Meyer - Commissioner.

Mr. A.P. Taylor - Chief Civil Engineer.

Mr. G. Rogers - Chief Traffic Manager.

Mr. G.F. Brown - Acting Chief Mechanical Engineer.

Mr. A.W. Cobham - Claims Agent.

Mr. P.E. Cooper - Auditor of Revenue.

Mr. J. Clarke - District Superintendent.

Mr. W.J. Randles - District Rolling Stock Superintendent.

Mr. G.G. Bennett - Relvg. Actg. Metro. District Engineer.

Mr. G.L. Rayment - Commissioners Secretary.

Mr. J. B. Gwillim - Tour Clerk.

TRAIN STAFF.

Driver - F. Myers

Fireman - J. Williams.

Guard - H. Davidson.

Conductor - F. Tonkin.

Steward - A. Portwood.

Cook - F. Williams.

Kitchen Lad- R. Oke.

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YARRAM - WOODSIDE

CLOSING OF LINE :

1.

The above section of line has been closed for traffic and arrangements have been made for the recovery of materials for recuse and invitation of tenders for any other items having a sale value, excluding main line.

(53/4678)

YARRAM

2.

Mr. L.G.N. King, Stationmaster (class 6)

Rolling Stock Branch: Driver-in-Charge J. Pilgrim. Total staff 7.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951 1952 1953	11367 16834 20650	3951 4089 44,61	1259 2082 2420	7569 11036 11456	1007 2498 2312	205 277 225	392 515 375
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MOST IMPROVED D.R's.

3.

In connection with the 1952 Competition for the Most Improved Departmental Residences, D.R. 2432, occupied by Mr. Brown, Asst. Stationmaster, was awarded 1st prize of £5.15.0 for places with piped water supply in the Korumburra Works Foreman's section.

Second prize of £2.15.0 was awarded D.R. 2548. occupied by Guard Goldsmith.

GOODS SHED:

4.

The goods shed at Yarram, which measures 50 x 16 is not large enough for the accommodation of traffic now being handled and it has been recommended that it be extended by 30 at the up end.

The estimated cost of the 30° extension with the necessary widening and renewal of the platform is £854. Funds are not available for this work which will be

carried out when conditions permit.

(51/4328) (W.& W.12057/50)

STOCK TRUCKING YARDS:

5

In August 1952 the Shire of Alberton advised that its Health Inspector had reported that these yards were in an insanitary condition and requested they be given early attention. Following prolonged wet weather it was found on inspection that the yards required attention. The surface was cleaned up and a covering of ballast provided.

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On 20/10/52 the matter was referred to by a deputation from the local Council who were informed that two of the yards had been cleaned up and metalled and the yards were then satisfactory. Broken rails and panels were repaired in November, 1953.

(52/8776) Continued.

YARRAM (CONTD.)

TRANSPORT RAMP AT STOCK YARDS:

6.

A committee which has recently reviewed the question of provision of dual purpose transport ramps at stock trucking yards has recommended that Yarram be listed as No.9 in a priority list of 13 stations for such facility in the south-eastern district.

(50/9884)

TURNTABLE:

7.

In connection with a revision in 1952 of the turntable facilities throughout the State it is proposed to install a 70 feet turntable at Yarram when one becomes available.

(50/12100)

PRECUT HOUSES:

8.

This location has been listed for the erection of two precut houses. Tenders for erection were advertised on 14/4/54.

D.R. 2549

0.

Instructions have been issued for provision of a 12 x 10 V.I.A. hut at D.R. 2549.

The hut will be forwarded as soon as additional supplies are received from contractor.

(W. & W.3529/54)

D.R. 2558

10.

Arrangements have been made for the provision of an electric bath heater at D.R. 2558.

(W. & W. 2896/54)

COMPLETED:

11.

11.11.53 Installation of additional power point in D.R. 2432.

4.7.53 Installation of additional electric light in 12.
D.R. 2379.

7.1.53 Installation of one additional power point in D.R's 2550 and 2379.

21.11.52 Installation of additional power point in D.R. 2551. 14.

16.2.54 Repairs and renovation to D.R.2432.

Rehabilitation of D.R. 2379.

16.

ALBERTON.

17.

Signal Porter D.G. Zeuschner and Mrs. D.J. Zeuschner Caretaker (class 5)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	<u>Total</u> Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales		
1951	2885	985	786	775	47	9	36
1952	4086	1043	103 7	1140	185	11	29
1953	5002	966	888	979	175	26	30

CROSSING WARNING DEVICE:

18.

In March 1951, the Yarram and District Tourist and Progress Association requested the early installation of a wig-wag or other suitable warning signal at the South Gippsland Highway level crossing at Alberton.

There was a fatal accident at the crossing on 29/1/51.

At Yarram on tour on 30/4/51 the Commissioners were interviewed by Mr. P. Nolan, President, and Mr. C. Mason, Secretary of the local Progress Association, who requested that a wig-wag or other warning device be installed at this crossing at Alberton.

The crossing was inspected by the Commissioners and it was clear that with ordinary care, the crossing should be negotiated quite safely by road users and that there is no need for a wig-wag or flashing light signal.

(51/4353)

COMPLETED:

19.

- 9.1.52 Erection of enamel name plates.
- 19.10.53 Replacement of the 50 ft. timber goods platform 20. at up end of shed by a 20 ft. standard timber decked platform with ramp at up end.
- 5.11.52 Provision of an internal bathroom, repairs and painting to D.R.401.

ALBERTON - PORT ALBERT

DISMANTLING OF LINE:

22.

The dismantling of line between Alberton and Port Albert has been completed.

(47/14138)

GELLIONDALE

23.

Mrs. P.J. Grossman, Carctaker (class 4)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Ionnage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951	1711	438	249	616	75	45	89
1952	2208	389	92	656	75	60	137
1953	2664	407	217	711	86	64	79

TRANSPORT RAMP AT STOCK YARDS:

24.

A committee which has recently reviewed the question of provision of dual purpose transport ramps at stock trucking yards has recommended that Gelliondale be listed as No.13 in a priority list of 13 stations for such facility in the south-eastern district.

(50/9884)

Completed.

9.12.52 Provision of gate at entrance to station yard.

25.

HEDLEY

Mrs. S. Lyle, Caretaker (class 5)

26.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales		tock rucks Cattle Horses
1951 1952 1953	1123 1954 2433	223 265 266	225 412 364	632 718 642	49 177 91	21 44 47	45 56 46
COMPLET	CED:						27.

Strengthening of stock yard fences.

HEDLEY-WELSHPOOL

RELOCATION OF P.C.R. CROSSING:

28.

In connection with the construction of a new roadway, the South Gippsland Shire has requested the relocation of P.C.R. crossing from 122 m. 14 ch. 33 lks. to 122 m. 23 ch. 50 lks.

On 12/12/52 the Shire Council was informed that the Commissioners have no objection to the relocation of the crossing. but it would be necessary for the Council to bear the actual cost of providing the new crossing and abolishing the existing one and of acquiring land indicated on a plan supplied, together with all related survey and legal expenses. Also the carry out, at its expense, the necessary road surfacing work. A reply has not been received from the Council to the letter of 12/12/52 from the Secretary for Railways.

(52/1977)

WELSHPOOL

29.

Relievi	ng Bolle Mr	(Station, A.S.M. class 5).					
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951 1952 1953	1280 1859 2302	14 7 1 1509 1562	141 172 84	1300 1584 1533	67 87 128	14 36 55	14 35 28
CRANE P	OWER:						30-

The Commissioners have approved of the provision of a light crane at this station and arrangements are in hand to erect there a 3-tons crane spare from Montague Shipping Shed (£260).

(53/9486)

WELSHPOOL to PORT WELSHPOOL

COMPLETED

31.

21.12.53 Dismantling of track.

WEISHPOOL - AGNES

FENCING:

32.

In June, 1953, Mrs. I.M. Shand, who owns property adjoining the railway line, made representations per the Hon. the Minister that the railway fence be repaired as her stock were getting on to the line. On 6/7/53 the Chairman advised the Hon. the Minister that "while repairs to the fencing in question have been carried out from time to time by the track force it has now reached the stage where extensive renewals are necessary reached the stage where extensive renewals are necessary.

Negotiations are in course with two local contractors at Korumburra to erect the fencing adjoining Mrs. Shand's property with new material already on the site, and if they will undertake the work it will be completed as soon as possible.

A contract has since been let for the fencing, but work has not yet been commenced.

has not yet been commenced.

(53/6016)

AGNES

No-one-	in-Charge						33•
Ygar ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951 1952 1953	73 70 65	146 120 90	8 -	207 226 216	••	140 140 140	=

TOORA

Mr. F.J. Henderson, Stationmaster (class 8) 34. Year Total Outward Total Tonnage Wool Livestock ended Revenue Passenger Out In Bales Out Trucks 30th £ Journeys Sheep Cattle June Pigs Horses 1951 4374 1884 741 4544 31 79 165 138 157 90 1952 7060 2250 988 5733 1953 9801 2253 1241 150 158

NEW ROAD TO STOCK YARDS:

35.

Whilst at Toora on tour on 20/10/52 the Commissioners were interviewed by representatives of the South Gippsland Shire, and Stock and Station Agents concerning the provision of a new road to the stock yards.

It was represented that with the establishment of a new factory for British United Dairies, there would be serious congestion, as the entrance to the trucking yards is opposite the factory. Farmers would be bringing milk to the factory, and it would facilitate operations at the trucking yards if a stock road could be provided (a) from the western end of the yards where there is a north-south road, or (b) alternatively, about half way between the end of the station and the road.

The factory has been in operation for some months and there have not been any complaints of interference by the factory vehicles with the stock traffic. It is considered that an additional entrance is not warranted.

(52/10618)

COMPLETED:

36.

5.12.52

Conversion of D.R. 1528 to Class 3 by provision of an additional room and installation of two additional electric lights.

BENNISON

Mrs. M	lllar, Rel	vg. Caretaker	(Stati	on class	3)		37.
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total	Tonnage In	Wool Bales		tock rucks Cattle Horses
1951 1952 1953	212 246 29 7	402 452 434	12	102 160 151	7	04 04 69	-

LEVEL CROSSING:

38.

Departmental work to improve view at level crossing at down end of station has been completed. Waiting on Shire to do its portion.

(50/8191)

BENNISON - FOSTER

OCCUPATION CROSSING:

39.

The provision of an occupation crossing at 108 m. 32 ch. for Mr. Elphick's is completed except for the provision of a culvert which is to be constructed by the applicant.

(51/6980)

FOSTER

Mr. G. Brinkman, Stationmaster (class 8)

40.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Cout	Connage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951 1952 1953	3596 5165 6 7 51	1919 2093 2715	591 745 956	4005 4329 4448	24 241 255	83 106 97	86 129 90
STATION	BUTTDINGS.						Jan.

Last year the Shire of South Gippsland and the local Progress Association made representations per the Hon. the Minister that new station buildings be erected at Foster.

On 7/12/53 the Chairman advised the Hon. the Minister that "the station buildings at Foster are generally in good condition, requiring only minor repairs and painting and, in the circumstances, the provision of new buildings is not warranted.

Staff is in the area carrying out a programme of painting of stations and departmental residences on the Yarram line and Foster station will be painted next year after a number of other locations have been done".

The Chief Civil Engineer reported that it is proposed to paint Foster station buildings about September, 1954.

(53/12011)

TANK AND SPOUT:

42.

Instructions have been issued for the cleaning and painting of the 10,000 and 6,000 gallon combined tanks and spouts. Staff is not available at present.

(W. & W.5464/53)

TURNTABLE:

43.

In connection with a revision in 1952 of the turntable facilities throughout the State it is proposed to install a 70 feet turntable at Foster when one becomes available.

(50/12100)

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FOSTER (Contd.)

LIVESTOCK FACILITIES:

44.

About 75 per cent of the livestock railed to and from this station is conveyed by road motors and in consequence of the inadequacy of the existing facilities, it was recommended to the Chief Civil Engineer in September last that a dual purpose transport ramp and necessary crush be provided, as shown on plan No. 935/37 at the estimated cost of £305.

The work has been listed for attention when circum-stances permit.

(W. & W.9380/53)

COMPLETED:

1.12.52 Provision of two-tons derrick crane from Rosebery. 45.

23.6.53 Provision of sling for crane. 46.

HODDLE

47.

Mrs. M.I. Martin. (Caretaker class 3)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheer Pigs	tock rucks Cattle Horses
1951 1952 1953	97 142 318	271 232 369	2 4 16	260 199 203	5 6 53	0-0 0-0	-

POST OFFICE:

48.

Arrangements are now being made by the P.M.G. Dept. to transfer the local post office from the station to the Caretaker's residence and when this has been done the station will be reduced in status to N.C. conditions.

FISH CREEK

Mr. S.	L. Edwards	Rlvg. Asst.	Stationma	aster (c.	lass 4)		49.
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total 1 Out	Ponnage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951 1952 1953	3491 5969 8 7 53	2347 2258 2368	1013 1520 1902	4032 4368 4615	340 308 446	47 125 76	118 156 171
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PLATFORM COPING:

50.

On tour on 20/10/52 Mr. F. Kerr, Secretary of the local Progress Association, drew attention to the low level of the platform coping.

On inspection the platform appeared to be three or four inches lower than standard and Mr. Kerr was informed that the matter would be kept under review, but having regard to the many more urgent works awaiting attention it would be a long time before the work could be carried out. The District Engineer was instructed to keep the platform under observation.

(52/10619)

ELECTRIC LIGHTING:

51.

On tour on 20/10/52 Mr. F. Kerr, Secretary of the Progress Association requested that electric light be installed at the station and residences. He was informed that a large number of stations had been listed for the installation of electric light in their order of urgency and althought the request for this facility at Fish Creek would be investigated it must necessarily be a long time before it could be provided.

The Traffic Branch reported subsequently that whilst electric lighting at this station would be preferable to kerosene lamps, there was no justification for giving it priority over stations already listed for this facility.

(52/10718)

CRANE:

52.

In January, 1953, the Fish Creek and District Butter and Cheese Co. Ltd. made representations that a crane be installed at this station. Investigation disclosed that a crane was not warranted as most of the heavy articles listed over a period of 6 months did not need crane power for unloading.

It was considered that the district was well served with crane power with such facilities available at Leongatha, Foster and Toora.

(53/715)

TRANSPORT RAMP AT STOCK YARDS:

53.

The Commissioners have approved of the provision of a dual purpose transport ramp and crush yard at the stock yards (£272).

The work is 80% completed.

(53/8357) Continued.

FISH CREEK (contd).

54.

TRAUK TELEPHONES :

A track telephone has been provided at 100m. 55c. and one is to be provided at 104m. 40c. when the phone is supplied.

(W. & W. 14193/53).

PRECUT HOUSE:

55.

This location has been listed for the erection of a precut house. Tenders for erection were advertised on 14.4.54.

ROAD REPAIRS :

56.

A request was received from a Mr. Meyer for provision of filling on the road near his storage shed. He was subsequently advised that this was not the Department's responsibility and the request was declined.

(W. & W.14502/53).

REMOVAL OF WEEDS

57.

On tour on 20.10.52 Mr. F. Kerr requested that attention be given to ragwort on railway property in the area. He was informed that the Department was working in co-operation with the Lands Department in the control of this pest and all reasonable steps would be taken to keep it under control. The work was completed in January, 1953.

(52/10741).

FISH CREEK-BUFFALO

57a.

RELOCATION OF CROSSING AT 97m. 67 ch.

The Shire of South Gippsland made application on more than one occasion for the necessary funds for relocation of road approaches to this crossing (at Boys).

To date nothing has been done by the Council and when the Shire Engineer was interviewed in July 1953 he advised that there is no prospect of this work being done in the immediate future. The Council is awaiting a grant for the work but the Shire Engineer doubted whether any money would be made available this financial year. The papers have been filed.

(49/7520).

BUFFALO

Miss Wi	se. Relvg.	Caretaker (Station	Class !	4)		58.
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Sheep	tock rucks Cattle Horses
1951 1952 1953	543 913 1123	62 1 705 697	31 42 40	1165 1201 1401	6 32 287	12 3 7 35	41 48 30

STONY CREEK

Mr. H.J.	Weaver,	Asst. Statio	nmaste	r (Class	5)		59.
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales		tock rucks Cattle Horses
1951 1952 1953	771 1145 1586	1070 1097 1010	133 141 171	1038 1189 1083	23 67 108	2 1 43 30	18 39 27

RELOCATION OF ROADWAY AND ENTRANCES TO GOODS YARD

60.

On tour on 20.10.52 the Commissioners inspected the roadway at the down end of the passenger platform as such roadway was being used as an unauthorised public crossing.

The Level Crossing Committee had recommended after inspection on 17.7.52 that:-

- "(1) The existing entrance to the goods shed at the down end be closed from both sides of the line.
 - (2) The relocation of roadways and entrances at the up side be investigated in conjunction with the local Shire Council."

The Commissioners desired that the question of relocating the roadway and entrances to the goods yard be finalised in conjunction with the Council as early as practicable.

The Shire Engineer was interviewed in October 1952 and given a plan showing the proposed alterations. Pending receipt of advice from the Council, posts were erected across the roadway immediately at the down end of the passenger platform to prevent use of the crossing.

The Shire Council has advised that it has no funds for the road work during the current financial year but will give the matter consideratin in the following year.

The papers have been pended till 1.7.54.

(52/10665)

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STONY CREEK (Contd.)

PORTABLE NO. 3205

61.

The question of installing electric lighting at portable No. 3205 is under consideration.

(W. & W. 11134/52)

MEENIYAN

62.

Mr. W.J. Richards, Relvg. Stationmaster (Station Class 8)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951	3994	2611	828	3988	270	105	141
1952	6483	3270	1304	4 7 07	308	166	202
1953	7659	4189	1239	5221	326	167	121

CRANE POWER

62A.

Mr. W.T. Jones, who is the local Storekeeper and President of the Progress Association, requested in May 1952 and later made representations per the Hon. the Minister that a crane be provided at this station to handle blocks of building stone received by him and about 180 tons of goods for the Tarwin River Improvement Trust.

The reports received indicated that there was no justification for granting the request. The building stone mentioned by Mr. Jones was the first consignment of that nature received by him and there was no guarantee that further similar consignments would be received and it was ascertained that the 180 tons for the Tarwin River Improvement Trust would consist mostly of concrete pipes weighing 16 cwt. each which could be unloaded from rail trucks on to the ramped goods platform.

It is considered that the district is reasonably provided with crane power with a crane at Leongatha 10 miles on the up side of Meeniyan and one at Toora $25\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant in the down direction.

The Chairman informed the Hon. the Minister accordingly and refused the request.

On tour on 20.10.52 further representations in regard to this matter were made to the Commissioners and it was claimed that if enquiries had been made in regard to the amount of traffic that is coming into the town by road because of the absence of crane facilities, it would have been found that the volume of prospective business fully justifies the provision of a crane.

The Commissioners asked that details of the prospective traffic requiring crane power should be supplied to the Department.

Up to date such information has not been supplied

(52/5572)

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MEENIYAN (Contd.)

PRECUT HOUSE

This location has been listed for the erection of a precut house. Tenders for erection were advertised on 14.4.54.

COMPLETED

64.

63.

14. 2. 53 Provision of a small gate at the manholes in the cattle loading race.

TARWIN

65.

Mrs. L.B. Rhode, Caretaker (Class 1)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951	346	89 7	14	444	6	4	6
1952	505	1105	64	782	10	9	8
1953	55 7	1254	18	845	15	5	2

GOODS PLATFORM

66.

The 25 feet goods platform has been damaged and it has been agreed that it can be reduced to 20 feet when repairs are being effected.

(54/644)

COMPLETED

67.

16. 9. 52 Provision of a reversible type telephone for use of Track Force.

68.

31. 7. 53 Erection of new pumping house and overhaul of equipment.

69,

Removal of 12'6" x 10'6" van goods shed.

KOONWARRA

70.

Mrs. A.F. Holden, Caretaker (Class 5)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales		tock rucks Cattle Horses
1951	356	640	14	630	8	26	10
1952	447	600	13	574	31	33	10
1953	486	694	16	43 7	33	16	3

TOUR NOTE NO. 71 IS A NON-ISSUE

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KOONWARRA (Contd.)

72.

TRANSPORT RAMP

Instructions have been issued for the provision of a heavy duty transport ramp and gang board. It is anticipated work will be commenced by 20.5.54.

(51/4564)

COMPLETED

73.

- 9. 11. 53 Installation of electric light at D.R. 2486.
- 12. 3. 53 Provision of a two-way telephone at station for use of the track force.

LEONGATHA

75.

Mr. D.W. Gleeson, Stationmaster (Class 5)

Rolling Stock Branch: 4 Rail motor men. Senior Driver A. Hunt.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	<u>Tonnage</u> In	Wool Bales	Livestock Out Truck Sheep Cat Pigs Ho	ks
1951 1952 1953	19662 32505 40760	13632 16412 1 7 229	5916 10266 9727	12437 16415 21909	387 1165 618	306 50 5 17 69	05 95 23

RELOCATION OF TELEPHONE LINE POLE.

76.

The Shire of Woorayl has requested that a telephone line pole be relocated to make way for a weighbridge which is being erected by the Shire. The Shire has been advised that the estimated cost is £52 and it has forwarded a letter intimating that it is agreeable to have the work carried out at this cost, but it has not yet lodged a deposit.

(W. & W. 2367/54).

NEW OVERLINE BRIDGE

77.

The replacement of the overline bridge at 78m. 10c. for Country Roads Board (£5,579) is 75% completed; waiting on C.R.B. to do its portion.

(53/3839).

TRANSPORT RAMP AT STOCKYARDS:

78.

A Committee which has recently reviewed the question of provision of dual purpose transport ramps at stock trucking yards has recommended that Leongatha be listed as No.7 in a priority list of 13 stations for such facility in the South-Eastern district.

(50/9884).

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LEONGATHA (Cont).

TRACK TELEPHONE.

79.

Arrangements have been made for provision of a track telephone at 84m. 21c.

(W. & W.4718/54).

D.R. 381

80.

A request for provision of a water tank at D.R. 381 is under consideration.

(W. & W 3977/54)

D.R. 2420

81.

Efforts are being made to obtain a contractor for the installation of a power point in wash house of D.R. 2420.

(W. & W. 15501/53).

PRECUT HOUSE.

82.

This location has been listed for the erection of a precut house. Tenders for erection were advertised on 14.4.54.

COMPLETED :

COMPLETED		
30.9.53	Installation of power point for electric stove in D.R. 381.	83.
5.11.53	Station fireplace improved and modernised.	84.
5.2.53	Installation of 1 additional power point in D.R's 2376 and 3368.	85.
29.1.53	Installation of 1 additional power point in D.R. 2375.	86.
29.5.53	Provision of standard wicket gates at the pedestrian crossing and provision of a scotch blocket.	87.
18.11.53	Painting of road traffic lines at crossing by the Shire.	88.
14.4.54	Provision of new corner slabs for septic tank and renewal of filter bed.	89.

RUBY

90.

Mrs. M. T	ravers,	Caretaker	(Class 5)	1
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Yea r ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Livest Out To Sheep Pigs	
1951	666	428	7	161	9	21	71
1952	891	309	19	183	102	58	60
1953	1213	183	33	251	139	58	58

RUBY (CONTD.)

TREE PLANTING ETC. COMPETITION.

91.

In connection with the 1952 Tree Planting and Decoration of Stations Competition, this station was awarded 2nd prize of £8.0.0 for the Maintenance of Existing Trees and Gardens without piped water supply in the Eastern and South Eastern district and the prize money was paid to Mrs. Gilmore, previous Caretaker.

COMPLETED

92€

30. 1. 53. Renewal of Stockyards (£892).

KARDELLA

Mrs. B.M. Hampson, Caretaker (Class 4)

93.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales		tock rucks Cattle Horses
1951 1952 1953	257 393 536	5 7 9 291 518	6 16 13	367 35 7 399	18 25	12 28 42	1

TREE PLANTING ETC. COMPETITION

94.

In connection with the 1952 Tree Planting and Decoration of Stations Competition, this station was awarded 3rd prize of £5.0.0 for the Maintenance of Existing Trees and Gardens without piped water supply in the Eastern and South Eastern district and the prize money was paid to Mrs. Hampson, Caretaker.

WORKING OF STATION

95.

The Commissioners have approved of this station being worked under No-one-in-Charge conditions and of the withdrawal of the Caretaker as soon as arrangements can be made to erect a precut house at Korumburra for the present Caretaker. The duties of the Ganger stationed at Kardella can be satisfactorily undertaken from Korumburra.

A saving of approximately £80 per annum will be effected by the change. Mr. H.A. Higgs protested per the Hon. the Minister against the change and arrangements were made for a Traffic Inspector to call upon him and other residents to explain the service which will be available to rail users under the altered method of working the station.

(54/1231) (52/10875)

KARDELLA (Contd.)

UNLOADING PLATFORM.

96.

On tour on 20.10.52 representations were made to the Commissioners by Messrs. E.R. Weston and R. Cornall that an unloading platform be constructed alongside the sheep race.

It was stated that farmers in the district were grazing sheep through the Spring and Summer and were selling in the Autumn and large numbers of sheep would be handled in future. If the Department put in a retaining wall, local residents would be prepared to fill it in from the existing bank. The existing race was a very inconventent one at which to unload.

Inquiries disclosed that the district is primarily a dairying one and there was no indication of any substantial increase in sheep raising.

The request was therefore refused.

A single sheep race is provided.

(52/10921)

COMPLETED.

97.

24.8.53 Removal of shrubs and tree to improve view at level crossing and erection of additional crossing signs.

COAL CREEK SIDING

98.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	egannc ^T nI	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs		
1953	596	-	728		Great	***	-	ende

KORUMBURRA

Mr. J. L. Butler, Stationmaster (Class 3)

99.

Refreshment Rooms: Acting Manageress Miss B. Kelly
Rolling Stock Branch: Depot Sub Foreman J. Tomlinson-Total Staff 32

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journey	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks Sheep Cattle Pigs Horses
1951	13087	1322 7	5288	12017	141	110 355
1952	21348	159 7 0	8124	15118	295	158 489
1953	26740	173 7 3	7041	13693	306	154 30 7

KORUMBURRA-WONTHAGGI-MELBOURNE

IMPROVED TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION.

100.

On tour in November 1947 the Commissioners directed that the question of the unsatisfactory telephonic facilities serving the South Eastern district be promptly investigated.

The existing telephonic system consists of a harmonic line Melbourne-Dandenong, thence two sections of Station-to-Station lines to Korumburra and Wonthaggi. Reception from the latter places is bad due to connections having to be made through switchboards at Dandenong and Nyora, and with the increased traffic long delays in getting telephone communications are frequent. At the time about £250 per annum was being paid the Postal Department for trunk calls because of the delays in getting through to conduct urgent railway business.

The Chief Civil Engineer stated that no improvement can be obtained with the existing equipment and the erection of new line wires is essential to provide a new service giving direct communication between Melbourne-Dandenong-Koo-Wee-Rup-Nyora-Korumburra at an estimated cost of £4,700 and a subsequent extension from Nyora to Wonthaggi would cost approximately an additional £2,100.

At a later stage the section between Korumburra-Nyora could be improved by extending the Dandenong-Nyora station service line to Korumburra, thus enabling Korumburra to communicate with all stations to Dandenong without switching at Nyora, estimated cost £750.

It was recommended to the Commissioners that the whole of this work be carried out on the completion of the improved telephonic communication being provided between Dandenong and Sale on the main Eastern line.

(47/14123).

APPROACH ROAD

101.

Arrangements have been made for the Shire of Korumburra to seal the approach road to the passenger side of the Station £798).

(52/11068)

Continued.

KORUMBURRA (Cont.)

BATHROOM FACILITIES AT REFRESHMENT ROOMS

102.

Approval has been given for the provision of a bathroom and internal toilet for use of the Manager also for replacement of the existing portable hand wash basin in the staff
bathroom by a lavatory basin.

Funds are not available for this work at present and it will be carried out when conditions permit.

(50/1359)

OUTLET FROM GOODS YARD TO COMMERCIAL STREET.

103.

In October, 1951 the Shire of Korumburra forwarded to the Commissioners a copy of a letter from the local Chamber of Commerce in which it was suggested that action be taken to provide for: -

- (a) one way traffic through the railway yard;
- (b) the entrance from Commercial Street be transferred to Bridge Street behind J.P. Wills' garage.

After inquiry, the Commissioners replied on 14.12.51 to the Shire Council "that owing to the distance between the goods yard entrances in Elizabeth Street and Commercial Street respectively they are not prepared to accede to the request for one-way traffic in the goods yard.

The suggestion that an entrance be provided from Bridge Street in lieu of that in Commercial Street had been considered previously, but owing to the limited width of land between the water storage tank and leased sites and the obstruction which would be caused by adjacent buildings to the view of roadusers leaving the yard at this location, the proposal is not acceptable."

(51/10576)

POWER DRIVE ON CRANE

104.

On 12.2.54 the Commissioners approved of the installation of an electric power drive on the 6 tons derrick crane. (£500) Instructions are being prepared.

(54/1423)

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ETC.

105.

The Shire made representations on the last tour.

- (1) Requesting a pedestrian crossing on the up side of the level crossing on the up side of the station.
- (2) Requesting repairs to the roadway over the crossing.
- (3) Stating that the Wig Wag signal is frequently out of order.

The question of providing a pedestrian crossing (item 1) is being investigated. Arrangements have been made for the roadway at the crossing (item 2) to be attended to. The wig wag signal (item 3) operates satisfactorily.

(52/10917) Continued -

KORUMBURRA (Contd.)

LOCO STOREHOUSE

106.

Instructions have been issued for concreting the floor of the yard area.

(W & W. 14178/53)

NEW SANDHOUSE

107.

Arrangements have been made for the erection of a new sandhouse at the Loco Depot (£828). Portion of the work has been completed and the balance is awaiting staff.

(51/4534)

ENGINEMEN'S CLASS ROOM.

108.

A 30° x 12° building which was erected some years ago near the loco depot for batching quarters is vacant and the Chief Mechanical Engineer has been advised that there is no objection to its use as a class room for enginemen. Arrangements have been made for provision of electric light.

(W & W. 934/54)

LIGHT UNDER COAL STAGE

109.

A request that a light be provided under the coal stage for cleaning of the ashpit is under consideration.

(W & W. 9453/52)

STOCK YARDS

110.

A scheme for provision of a heavy duty transport ramp, additional stock yard facilities and improved road access to the stock yards has been approved by the Commissioners. (£1281)

Work 25% completed.

(31/4532)

LEASE OF LAND FOR SALEYARDS

111.

In May, 1953 the Shire of Korumburra requested that an area adjoining the railway trucking yards on which to construct portion of its proposed new sale yards be leased to the Shire and also that the railway trucking yards be leased to the Shire temporarily for sales while the Council is erecting the new sale yards.

An area 180° x 60° immediately on the up side of the trucking yards was suitable and the Hon. the Minister was advised the conditions under which the area could be leased to the Council at a rental of £60 yearly and the trucking yards could be leased upon payment of the prescribed charge of £2.18.1 per day.

The Shire Council wrote on 29.9.53 saying that the rental of £60 yearly for the sale yards site is considered prohibitive and asking if it could not be reduced.

The Secretary for Railways replied on 23.10.53 that the rental of £60 yearly "is not considered excessive having regard to the rental received for railway land leased for similar purposes at other locations, and my Commissioners regret that they cannot see their way to reduce it."

Further advise from the Shire Council is awaited. (53/5479)

(Continued)

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KORUMBURRA (Contd.)

PRECUT HOUSES. 112.

This location has been listed for the erection of 10 precut houses.

Tenders for erection were advertised on 14.4.54.

D.R. 3422

A request for replacement of 2-plate electric stove by a 3-plate stove was declined as it was considered the size of the applicants family did not warrant such replacement.

(W & W. 883/54)

D.R. 2804

Painting of D.R.2804 and provision of a bathroom is in hand and 60% completed.

(W & W. 7978/53)

D.R. 2499

A contract has been let for the installation of an additional power point in D.R.2499.

(W & W. 890/54)

COMPLETED

17. 8.53	Re-arrangement of Postal telephone services. Provision of direct line to the goods shed office and direct line to the stationmaster's	116. office.
2. 9.53	Extension of Postal telephone to Clerk's table.	117.
14. 8.53	Asphalting goods shed floor and repairs to platform.	118.
30.10.52	Rewiring of subway lights.	119.
17. 2.53	Improvements at D.R. 367.	120.
17.10.52	Additional power point in D.R. 2925.	121.
2.10.53	New 10,000 gallon tank.	122.
2.10.53	Water supply to two residences.	123.
17. 2.53	Improvements at D.R.370.	124.

JUMBUNNA

COMPLETED

8. 6.53 Abolition of goods platform.

125.

JUMBUNNA - OUTTRIM

DISMANTLING FACILITIES.

12 5a.

Portion of the line has been dismantled, but staff is not available at present to continue the work.

(45/7323)

KORUMBURRA - BENA

LEVEL CROSSING AT 66 M. 47 CH. (WHITELAW).

125b.

As a result of investigation by the Level Crossing Committee in 1945, approval was given for the abolition of D.R. 365 and the provision of cattle pits, with flashing light signals, at the level crossing at 66 m. 47 chs.

It was subsequently ascertained that the road over this crossing is the regular stock route and that stock droving is prohibited along the adjacent main road, and in view of this, it was decided in 1946 that the installation of flashing light signals would be unsuitable and that, instead, a 20° wide overhead bridge be constructed some distance in the down direction in lieu of the existing crossing. However, the local Council was not prepared to assist with the necessary road formation in connection with the bridge, as it was considered the bridge would not be warranted when the Country Roads Board constructed the South Gippsland Highway on the opposite side of the line between Bena and Korumburra, which was approved by the Board in 1948.

The latest advise from the Board is that the survey and investigation are still incomplete.

Pending for review on 1.8.54.

(48/6568)

CLOSING OF WHITELAW STATION.

125c.

Whitelaw station has been closed for traffic. The mallee type shed has been removed and removal of the concrete facing of the platform for re-use at Koo-Wee-Rup is in hand.

(52/10827)

LEVEL CROSSING AT 65 M. 32 CH. (NEAR BENA).

125d.

During their inspection of the South Eastern line on 20.10.52 the Commissioners noted that the road users view of approaching trains at the level crossing at 65m. 32ch. appeared to be obstructed by the adjacent departmental residence.

The Level Crossing Committee inspected the location on 20.4.53 and reported that:-

"Whilst the Departmental residence is an obstruction to view of up trains (the presence of the cutting at the up end is probably a greater hazard in respect of down trains) the only persons using the crossing are residents of the two houses served by the deadend roadway who are familiar with conditions and exercise due caution."

In view of the report of the Committee the Commissioners approved of the residence being allowed to remain in position.

(52/11079)

<u>BENA</u> 126.

Messrs J.R. Craig and J.R. Boal, Asst. Stationmasters (Class 5)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Livestock <u>Out Trucks</u> Sheep Cattle Pigs Horses
1951	589	1965	38	937	37	11 21
1952	1350	2017	32	978	72	55 33
1953	1371	2027	24	1144	52	54 21

MOST IMPROVED D.R.

127.

In connection with the 1952 Competition for the Most Improved Departmental Residences, D.R. 363, occupied by Ganger Johnson, was awarded 2nd prize of £2.15.0 for places without piped water supply in the Korumburra Works Foreman's section

ELECTRIC LIGHT SWITCH

128.

Papers are in course in connection with the recent suggestion of the Asst. Stationmaster to relocate the switch controlling the light under the station verandah from its position inside the office to a suitable position on the platform, so that it can be switched on by the Guard of the down train on Sunday morning and switched off by the Guard of the up train Sunday evening prior to departure at 7.7 p.m. in order to provide lighting for the average number of six passengers who join the up evening train on Sundays and who now must wait in darkness owing to no station staff being booked on duty for the down and up Sunday trains.

(15/94/12)

129.

STOCK TRUCKING YARDS

On tour on 1.5.51 the Commissioners were interviewed by Councillor S.A. Greaves and Messrs. G. Dunstan and A. Hickey who complained about the poor condition of the trucking yards.

The Commissioners stated that the yards would be kept in reasonable order until such time as they could be renewed. Inspection indicated that with some attention to gates, fences and the sheep races they would meet requirements for some time.

The necessary repairs were effected shortly after the Commissioners' visit.

(51/4533)

BENA (Contd.)

CONDITION OF FENCING.

130.

On tour on 21.10.52 Councillor S. Greaves of the Shire of Korumburra and Mr. I. Nation made representations that the railway fence on the up side of Bena was in very poor condition and although a promise had been made previously that requisite posts would be supplied to enable landowners to do the work, nothing had been done.

The fence in question adjoining Mr. Nation's property was inspected by the District Engineer about 19.11.52 and was found to be sound as regards posts and plain wire but the top strand of barbed wire was in need of renewal.

Mr. Nation undertook to carry out this work if the Department would provide the wire and this was done

(52/10834)

9. 10. 53 Installation of Electricity at station buildings and platform. 7. 1. 53 Repairs to approach road on passenger side.

JEETHO

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Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951 1952 1953	163 157 238	332 246 156	4 1 24 92	175 119 59	- 3 4	5 9 5	-

134•

24. 9. 53 Removal of Post Office, Telegraph and Public Telephone notices at station.

JEETHO - LOCH

TRACK TELEPHONE

COMPLETED

Ma one in Change

135.

777

Instructions were issued on 9.4.54 for the provision of a track telephone at 60m. 70c.

(W. & W.15977/53)

LOCH

136.

Mr. A.E. Norton, Stationmaster (Class 3)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journey	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Ba l es	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951	1769	4800	60	1218	19	68	109
1952	2759	4584	210	1247	98	74	151
1953	2725	4972	66	1335	92	78	104

W.S. LEVER

137

Arrangements have been made for the provision of a $W_{\bullet}S_{\bullet}A_{\bullet}$ lever in lieu of existing spur lever on the main line plunger.

Waiting supply of W.S.S. lever.

(W. W. 13793/53)

COMPLETED

28.11.52	Installation of portable light in van goods shed.	138
4. 1.54	Provision of heavy duty transport ramp and crush yard (£114)	139.

NYORA

140.

Mr. L.E. Bayley, Relvg. Stationmaster (Station class 6)

Rolling Stock Branch: Driver-in-Charge W. Sandlant; Total Staff 7.

Refreshment Rooms: Manageress Mrs. E. Padmore.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Out	stock Trucks p Cattle Horses
1951	1609	3125	1004	2706	20	5	11
1952	3385	5232	1616	3225	32	22	19
1953	3399	5205	829	3642	34	14	6

NYORA (Contd.)

REFRESHMENT ROOMS AND STATION BUILDINGS.

141.

The Wonthaggi Council complained in 1946 of the inadequate facilities at the Refreshment Rooms here. The Superintendent Refreshment Services stated the rooms were not only inadequate for the volume of the business but were in an advanced state of deterioration.

Plan and estimate of cost (£3900 in 1949) were prepared for the extension of the Befreshment Rooms and Staff quarters and a separate plan and cost (£975 in 1947) for the alterations and improvements necessary to the station buildings including provision for signalbay and tunnel to accommodate 45 lever machine. The existing auxiliary signal frame at the down end of the yard is unsatisfactory and it is proposed to abolish it and interlock this end leaving sufficient space in the signalbay for the handling of the up end at a later date. Because of the unfavourable financial position this work has not been carried out.

Instructions have been issued for minor repairs to be carried out from time to time to keep the buildings in good order.

In January, 1951, the Sup't. Refreshment Services pointed out that the difficulty of retaining this refreshment room as such is greatly increased by the sub-standard working and living conditions.

(46/1327)

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

142.

This location has been listed for the installation of a public address system (£320). The work will be carried out when staff can be made available.

(48/5589)

LOCOMOTIVE STORE.

143.

When the Commissioners inspected this station and yard on 21.10.52 they found that the housekeeping at the locomotive store at the up end of the platform was not up to the desired standard.

The matter has been corrected.

(52/10855)

ENGINE SHED AND ASHPIT.

144.

The erection of engine shed, ex Koo-Wee-Rup, and lengthening of ashpit (£862) have listed for attention when circumstances permit

(47/15459)

NYORA (Contd.)

REST HOUSE.

Rest house accommodation has been provided for the State Mine enginemen. A plan and estimate of cost are being prepared for provision of sanitary facilities.

(W. & W. 8/53)

146.

PRECUT.

This location has been listed for the erection of a precut house.

Tenders for erection were advertised on 14.4.54.

D.R. 356

Arrangements have been made for attention to be given to leaking copper, leaking tank and chumney of D.R. 356. It is anticipated work will be completed at an early date.

D.R. 3528

The occupant of D.R. 3528 has requested provision of a water tank on account of the unsatisfactory and unhealthy condition of the reticulated water supply. The matter is being investigated.

(W. W. 350/53)

This occupant also requested the relocation of a power point in the kitchen but this was declined. He was advised that he could have the work carried out at his own expense.

(W. W. 9210/53)

COMPLETED.

21.11.52	Erection of two prefabricated houses	149.
25. 5.53	Provision of improved drainage facilities in front of Departmental residences.	1 50
16.12.53	Installation of 1 additional power point in D.R. 3299	151.
5. 9.53	Installation of 1 additional electric light and power point in D.R. 356	152
28. 7.53	Installation of 2 electric lights and power point in rest house.	153
22. 1.53	Installation of additional power point in D.R. 2867.	154.
21. 1.53	Installation of additional power point in D.R. 2460	155.

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NYORA (Contd.)

COMPLETED Installation of electric light and power point in 2 prefab. houses. 156. 23.1.53 Installation of additional power point 25.11.52 157. in D.R's 292 and 1885. Installation of additional power point in Refreshment Rooms. 19.11.52 158. Attention to decking of the coal stage. 159. 12.1.53 160. 20.7.53 Attention to turntable. Provision of W.S. lever in lieu of 161. 25.9.53 existing spur lever on points leading from No. 3 to No. 4 road.

WOODLILIGH

162.

Mr. B.F. Hylard, Asst. Stationmaster, (class 5).

Ycar ended 30th June	Total Revenus	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Cout	<u>Ionnage</u> In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Figs		
1951 1952 1953	3 7 1 694 936	462 921 1056	16 26 33	1.50 310 315	92 8 7 58	17 32 45	23 34 13	
STOCK YARDS:								

Instructions were issued on 12.3.54 for provision of wing fencing at the stock yards. (51/4689)

COMPLETED -

164.

10.3.53. Renewal to stockyards including provision of single bulk loading sheep races and heavy duty transport ramp.

KERNOT

165.

N.T.Martello

Relvg. Porter/(Station Caretaker, class 4).

Ygar ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journcys	Total I	lonnage <u>In</u>	Wool Bales	Lives Out Tr Sheep Pigs	
1951	485	407	2 3 9	169	12	26	56
1952	813	955		213	14	38	68
1953	747	986		255	15	22	29

RABBIT PROOF FENCING:

166.

In November 1952 the Hon. the Minister made representations on behalf of Mrs. A. Henry of Loch who owns a dairy farm alongside the railway line at Kernot that this Department erect wire netting (which she had purchased) along the railway fence adjoining her property. On 22.12.52 the Chairman informed the Hon. the Minister that "there will be no objection to Mrs. Henry attaching wire netting to the railway fence adjoining her property provided that:-

the netting is attached to her side of the fence; the work is carried out by her at her cost and to the satisfaction of the Department's Metropolitan Dist. Engineer. the netting is removed from the railway boundary fence by her, at her expense, if required by the Department to do so."

(52/11962)

ALMURTA.

167.

Mrs. C.E. Bennett, Caretaker (class 4).

Ycar ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage <u>In</u>	Wool Balgs	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951	650	378	7	305	8	15	81
1952	876	691	46	294	74	11	116
1953	941	758	12	308	23	10	52

D.R. 1867

168.

Instructions have been issued for conversion of D.R. 1867 from class 4 to class 3. (£761). Staff not available at present.

(53/4776)

This D.R. has been wired for the installation of electric Waiting S.E.C. to connect power service line. light.

(W. & W. 11840/53).

GLEN FORBER

169.

Mrm. E.M. Taylor, Caretaker (class 4).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total 1	Connage In	Wool Bales	Livesto Out Tro Sheep O Pigs F	icks
1951	400	6 6 2	20	322	18	14	23
1952	762	1495	43	39 7	52	6	35
1953	840	1020	33	396	51	27	24

STAFF LOCKING.

170.

Instructions have been issued for replacement of the plunger locking by staff locking. Staff is not available at present.

(52/5465).

WOOLAMAI

171.

Mrs. H. J. Connor. Caretiker. (class 3).

Ygar cndgd 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total 'Out	I <u>onnago</u> In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951	327	642	4	235	19	11	17
1952	636	1095	21	333	14	19	21
1953	571	974	58	483	8	3	6

SHED ACCOMMODATION.

172.

The 30' x 15' goods shed and the van goods shed provided for milk traffic nearest the down end of the platform are spare and have been listed for removal.

The other van goods shed meets requirements,

(52/3727)

D.R. 2094.

173.

The extension of the verandah at D.R. 2094 is completed with the exception of painting. Arrangements have been made for the P.M.G. to install the switchboard facilities.

(52/11675).

ANDERSON

174.

Mr. D.B. O'Connor, R/Stationmaster, (Station class 8).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage <u>In</u>	Wool Bales		
1951	6 78	647	115	1365	164	12	24
1952	1424	1848	169	1843	311	11	10
1953	2030	20 48	184	22 7 4	386	22	22

MOST IMPROVED D.R.

175.

In connection with the 1952 Competition for the Most Improved Departmental Residences, D.R. 2158, occupied by Mr. Colson, Stationmaster, was awarded 1st prize of £5.15.0 for places without piped water supply in the Korumburra Works Foreman's section

GOODS SHED ACCOMMODATION.

176.

In February last the Stationmaster reported that it was intended to close the ferry service from Stony Point to Cowes on 7.3.54 and in that event a considerable increase in traffic at Anderson would result. He suggested that the spare goods shed Anderson would result. He suggested that at Woolamai be transferred to Anderson. However Mr. Crole of Newhaven purchased the ferry service which is to continue. has not been any increase in traffic at Anderson to warrant increased shed accommodation there.

(52/3727)

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.

In August last the Stationmaster suggested the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the down end of the station for the convenience of some eighty passengers per month who alight from the bus on the highway at the entrance gate to the goods yard and then have to walk approximately 600 yards via the overline bridge to reach the passenger platform.

The suggestion was not agreed to, however, because of the risk of injury to passengers in crossing over four sets of tracks, particularly during shunting operations and at night time, and the difficulty which would arise in keeping vehicles clear of the proposed fact and the difficulty which would arise in keeping vehicles clear of the proposed foot crossing. (15/20/9)

COMPLETED

12.5.53

Installation of electric light and 3 power points 178. in D.R. 's 2158, 2637 and 2007.

MITCHELL'S SIDING

179.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total I	onnage In	Wool Bales	Livest Out Tr Sheep Plgs	
1951 1952 1953	2620 1928 2725	0.0 0.0	5403 3508 25 4 2	out out	040 040 440	010 1100	***

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KILCUNDA

180.

Mrs. Davis, Relvg. Caretaker (Station class 4).

Year ondea 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total T	lonnage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs		
1951 1952 1953	205 52 7 646	909 17 48 1543	6.2 040	25 57 101	CHIRP SWID SWID	040 040	ends ends	

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

181.

On tour on 21.10.52 representations were made to the Commissioners by Messrs. J. Meyer and A.R. Hamilton of the local Progress Association that electric light be installed at the station and to light the footpath between the station and the footbridge. Electric power was expected to be available at an early date. It was explained that the Department had prepared a programme of electric lighting at stations in order of urgency. At present this work was held up owing to lack of funds but the question of installing electric lighting at Kilcunda would be borne in mind when this kind of work was again being undertaken. It was most unlikely, however, that any work could be carried out at Kilcunda for a long time.

(52/10873).

COMPLETED

1.4.54	Dismantling of siding.	182.
12,10,53	Provision of additional accommodation at D.R. 2739.	183.
28.10.53	Replacement of name plates.	184.
12.3.54	Transferring of van goods shed from passenger platform to opposite side of line.	185.
19.8.53	Installation of electricty and 3 power points at D.R. 2739.	186.

DALYSTON

187.

Mr. F.A. Wilson, Relvg. Asst. Stationmaster (class 5).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total To	onnage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheop Pigs	
1951	1228	630	226	3276	52	85	38
1952	1977	1145	563	3336	72	54	23
1953	22 7 8	945	446	3689	68	45	21

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

188.

Several requests have been made for electric lighting to be installed at this station.

On tour on 1.5.51 the Commissioners were requested by Cr. D. McRae of the Shire of Bass, to install electric lighting at the station and departmental residences.

He was informed that it is the policy of the Commissioners to install electric lighting wherever it is justified and when the transmission lines were extended to Dalyston the question of installing electric light at the station and in the residences would be looked into.

The three residences have since been equipped with electric light. On 9.9.52 the Traffic Branch reported that "Whilst electric lighting at the station would be more convenient than kerosene lighting, in view of the reports, an expenditure of £160 for station lighting could not be justified."

No action has therefore been taken in regard to the lighting of the station.

(51/4444) (51/10119).

COMPLETED:

11.11.53 Provision of additional sheepyards at stockyards. 189. Filling provided by residents.

7.3.53. Installation of electricity and 3 power points in 190. D.R's 1741, 1880 and 2160.

STATE COAL MINE

191.

Messrs. T. Johns and A.P. Shea. Asst. Stationmasters (Class 4).

Rolling Stock Branch: Driver-in-Charge H. Trewarne. Total Staff 15 - 2 Engines.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total 3	Fonnage In	Wool Bales		
1951	11916	-	18696 1443	1613 1404	-		-
1952 1953	1383 982	-	48	1306	-	-	•••
			29		Oc	ntinue	d.

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STATE COAL MINE (Contd.)

192.

COAL WATERING SYSTEM.

The possibility of providing a simplified system for water flushing of coal delivered from the coal hopper is under consideration.

(W. & W. 11646/52)

ASHPIT.

193.

Renewal of the 80 ashpit at the State Coal Mine (£1104) has been listed for attention when circumstances permit.

(W. & W. 5485/47).

COMPLETED:

22.1.53. Provision of 2 additional power points in D.R. 284. 194.

19.2.54. Provision of a light in the lobby of D.R. 284. 195.

20.1.53. Provision of 2 additional power points in D.R. 2191. 196.

13.3.53. Provision of an electric light in enclosed lobby 197. and power point in kitchen of D.R. 2188.

10.7.53 Provision of a light on porch of D.R. 2181.

COMPLETED.

30.6.53. Provision of a power point in dining room of D.R. 2190.199.

WONTHAGGI.

200.

Mr. J.W. Moynahan, Stationmaster (class 5).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Livest Out To Sheep Pigs	
1951	7242	92 7 9	490	6413	151	13	27
1952	13880	20361	635	7902	168	22	25
1953	14829	19452	492	7196	153	7	13

As the existing goods office which is inside the goods shed is small and somewhat unsuitable under present day conditions, the question of renewing it outside the down end of the shed is under consideration.

A bench has been transferred from the parcels office to a position outside the goods office for use as a desk and this has relieved the position.

The matter is at present being reviewex.

(W. & W. 3839/52).

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WONTHAGGI (Contd.)

TELEPHONE TO SOUTH DUDLEY SIGNAL BOX.

202.

In August 1953 the Borough of Wonthaggi suggested that a telephone service be provided to the South Dudley signal box to enable inquiries regarding train running to be made by members of the public when station staff are not on duty at Wonthaggi.

The Secretary for Railways replied on 16.9.53 that "facilities already exist for the public at Wonthaggi to communicate by postal telephone with the signal box at State Mine, as connection may be had by ringing State Mine switch No.1 and requesting the operator to put the call through to the signal box." (53/8619).

D.R. 2161.

Arrangements have been made for the provision of a power point in kitchen of D.R. 2161.

(W & W.4242/54)

D.R. 2186
Arrangements have been made for provision of a power point in the wash house of D.R. 2186.

(W.& W.4579/54)

A request for provision of additional accommodation is under consideration.

(W. & W. 4743/54).

D.R. 2190.

This Departmental residence has been listed for the installation of an electric bath heater in connection with the programme of such installations.

D.R. 2195.

Rehabilitation, including provision of an additional room, at D.R. 2195 is complete with the exception of painting, which is in hand by contractor.

(50/9369).

COMPLETED: 14.10.53. Installation of additional electric light in D.R. 2181.

30.6.53. Installation of 1 additional power point in DR.2190.208.

30.6.53. Installation of 2 additional electric lights and 209. 1 power point in D.R. 2179.

3.3.53. Installation of 1 additional electric light and 210. 1 additional power point in D.R. 2188.

23.1.53 Installation of 1 electric light and 2 additional 211.

power points in D.R. 2183.

22.1.53. Installation of 1 additional power point in D.R. 2188.

20.1.53 Installation of 1 additional electric light in 213.
D.R. 2191.

22.1.53 Installation of 2 additional power points in D.R. 2184.

10.12.52 Installation of 3 additional electric lights in 215. D.R. 2195.

10.12.52 Installation of power point and electric bath heater in D.R. 2178.

1.3.54. Provision of a power point in kitchen of D.R. 2195. 217.

AUSTRALIAN GLASS MANUFACTURERS' SIDING

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales			
1951 1952 1953	2632 9148	tina 	4545 10224	- 87 102	-	-	-	

LANG LANG

Mr. L.H. McFarland, Stationmaster (Class 8)

219

218.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journey	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out Ti Sheep Pigs		
1951	1567	4599	60	1739	65	17	58	
1952	2709	7407	39	1999	29	25	69	
1953	2682	8331	112	2073	42	4	5	

OUTSIDE SWITCH FOR LIGHTING.

220.

At an interview with the Staff Board on 20.1.53 representatives of the A.R.U. requested that an outside switch be provided for the platform lighting at Lang Lang to facilitate shunting and the handling of van goods.

Inquiry revealed that the amount of van goods handled at Lang Lang is limited and as the platform lights are of little assistance for shunting owing to obstruction by vehicles shunted on the platform road, the Commissioners considered the provision of an outside switch is not justified.

(53/838)

LIGHTING OF ROADWAY TO PASSENGER ENTRANCE.

221.

On tour on 22.10.52 Messrs. M. Super and A.E. Sparrow requested that some branches be cut off a number of pine trees alongside the roadway leading to the passenger entrance to admit more light to the roadway and a light be provided by the Department about halfway along the roadway.

It was explained that very little money was available for works of this kind and it was regretted an additional electricalight could not be provided but the trees would be lopped.

The deputation also requested that a fence alongside the children's playground be repaired.

The trees have been lopped and fence given attention.

(52/10922)

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LANG LANG (Contd.)

BUS CO-ORDINATING FACILITIES :

222.

After some correspondence between the Commissioners Representative and the Chairman of the Transport Regulation Board, the Commissioners on 3.5.51 directed that early consideration be given the question of providing suitable facilities at Lang Lang for the transfer of passengers to and from road motor services which were to co-ordinate at that station.

They directed that the facilities include covered accommodation for motor buses and additional waiting room accommodation.

A plan (504/51) has been prepared which provides for the following:-

- (a) reshaping, priming and sealing also drainage of approach road and turn about. Capital £6,500
- (b) Extension of existing buildings to provide a general waiting room and small refreshment from kiosk, extension of platform verandah over entrance, improved sanitary accommodation for men and women and electric lighting.

W.E. £250 Capital £2,750

Total

W.E. £250 Capital £9,250

The design has been based on the need for and the desirability of providing individual angular unloading bays into which the buses will back, giving passengers a free and safe exit on to a raised pavement also protection to rear luggage compartment for unloading.

The proposal does not provide for shelter for passengers leaving or entering buses but if required later an umbrella type shelter can be provided.

It was expected that 4 road services, possibly 5, will co-ordinate with the rail at Lang Lang under the Transport Regulation Board's proposals.

It was subsequently pointed out that the Poowong-Leongatha bus service passed through Nyora and it was suggested that Nyora be the co-ordinating point for this service thus reducing congestion at Lang Lang.

The introduction of the Diesel service on the Wonthaggi line has also affected the position as experience has shown that on most occasions the Diesel car will not accommodate any more traffic and it would appear that additional or substitute rail service is necessary.

The papers have been pended the reaching of a decision by the Transport Regulation Board as to whether Lang Lang or Nyora is the more suitable co-ordinating point.

(51/4356)

LANG LANG (Contd.)

W.S. LEVER

223.

In December, 1952, the Chief Civil Engineer was requested to arrange for the spur lever at the main line points at the down end to be replaced by a W.S. lever as early as convenient.

Awaiting supply of W.S. lever.

(W. & W. 14239/52)

REQUEST FOR WARNING DEVICE AT CROSSING.

224.

In February, 1953 the Country Roads Board requested the provision of a warning device at the level crossing on the Westernport Road at the up end of the station yard.

On 10th June, 1953 the Secretary for Railways replied to the Country Roads Board stating that the crossing had been inspected by the Level Crossing Committee who reported that the crossing in question was well defined by approach warning signs, wing fences and two standard crossing signs and that the roadusers' view of down trains from both approaches was satisfactory. The view of up trains would be improved by the removal of ten pine trees and this has been done.

Flashing light signals were not warranted.

(53/5674)

REMOVAL OF PINE TREES

225,

In November, 1953, pine trees which were interfering with the roadusers view of trains approaching the level crossing were removed.

Strong protests agains their removal were made through Members of Parliament and the Hon. the Minister by Mr. Maurice Super, a local chemist, who was interviewed by the Chairman of the Level Crossing Committee.

Papers on tour.

(53.12064)

FLOODING

226,

Mr. A.K.Beveridge complained on 5.11.51 regarding drainage from railway land flooding his property. He was informed that a culvert in the railway embankment functions as an equaliser of the water levels on either side of the line and even if lowered, no real improvement would be made to the drainage unless further and extensive works were undertaken outside railway property.

The fall of the land is from the railway towards Mr. Beveridge's property and the natural outlet for water is through Mr. Beveridge's land to the Lang Lang River.

(51/11069)

LANG LANG (Contd.)

CLEANING AND WIDENING CREEK

227.

A contract has been let for cleaning and widening creek and bridge at 48m 63c. (£80).

(W. & W. 2809/54)

PORTABLE NO. 13049

228.

The question of providing electric light to portable No.13049 is under consideration.

(W. & W. 5081/54)

COMPLETED

229.

8.12.52 Improvements to pedestrian approach to station.

27.4.53 Installation of 2 additional power points 230. in D.R. 353.

16.12.53 Removal of trees from crossing at 47m 16c. 231.

23. 7.53 Repairs to fence and trimming of pine 232 trees at passenger entrance.

CALDERMEADE.

Mrs. P.M. Hill, Caretaker (Class 4)

233.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage nI	Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks Sheep Catt Pigs Hors	le
1951	2 17	860	8	413	-	5 13	
1952	252	978	2	410	3	6 19	
1953	380	1 232	19	165	1	5 29	

CLEANING OF DRAIN.

234

The Shire of Cranbourne requested that attention be given to the drain at the Monomeith Road Crossing. Arrangements have been made for it to be cleaned and it is anticipated the work will be carried out at an early date.

(53/6067)

COMPLETED

235

11. 2. 54. Provision of a power point in wash house of D.R. 352.

MONOMEITH

Mrs. L.E. O'Meara, Caretaker (Class 3)

236

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total T Out	Connage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out Tr Sheep Pigs	
1951 1952 1953	146 295 579	630 917 774	14	214 163 125	1 1 1	4 3	3 43 50

FLOOD PROTECTION

237

Instructions have been issued for extension of the bridge at 42m 28c and regrading and re-alignment of track from 42m 09c. to 42m 50c. at an estimated cost of £86,913, in connection with the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission's Yallock Outfall drainage scheme.

A contract has been let for earthworks for the regrading and it is anticipated the work will be commenced on 3.5.54.

Bridge extension to be carried out by Departmental staff and will be commenced by 17.5.54 and completed by 30.6.55.

(46/14452).

COMPLETED

238

11.2.54. Installation of two additional power points.

KOO-WEE-RUP.

239

Mr. F. R. Coleman, Stationmaster, (Class 5)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total T Out	onnage In	Wool Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951	9827	13198	11017	2458	17	2	26
1952	20794	14508	22471	2540	65	8	18
1953	24097	16738	20965	3057	72	8	10

LAND FOR COMFORT STATION

240

In August last the Shire of Cranbourne asked if some railway land at Koo-Wee-Rup could be made available on an extended lease as a site for a comfort station.

The Secretary for Railways replied on 16.9.53 that "it is not the policy of the Department to lease land for the purpose of erecting comfort stations for the convenience of rate payers and it is regretted that no exception can be made in this instance".

(53/8441)

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KOO-WEE-RUP (Contd.)

RELOCATION OF CRANE

241.

Papers are in course in connection with the relocation of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons platform crane about nine feet in the down direction on the goods platform. The work is in hand.

(W. & W. 2900/54)

REMOVAL OF TREES

242.

The Koo-Wee-Rup and District Progress Association has requested that the nine pine trees fronting Station Street be removed. It is proposed to obtain a contractor for the work.

(54/2620)

ENGINE SHED

243.

The transfer of the engine shed to Nyora has been listed for attention when circumstances permit.

(47/15459)

PRIVATE SIDING

244.

Instructions have been issued for the disconnection of the Plowright Albion Co.Pty.Ltd. siding. The points have been spiked over and the lever removed. It is anticipated the work will be completed by 30.6.54.

(53/6352)

D.R. 349

245.

A request for provision of additional accommodation was declined, the existing accommodation being considered sufficient.

(W. & W. 1665/53).

COMPLETED:

	23.11.53.	Installation of 2 additional power points D.R. 2430	246
	17.9.53	Installation of additional power point in D.R. 2484	247
,	20.7.53	Installation of l additional electric light in yard.	248
	21.7.53	Installation of ladditional electric light in D.R. 300	249
	_	Abolition of coal stage pit.	250

DALMORE

251.

Mrs. I. M. Roberts, Caretaker (Class 4)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	Tonnage In	Wool. Bales	Lives Out T Sheep Pigs	
1951 1952 1953	318 388 355	3200 3162 2684	6 15 9	410 179 229	15 65	=	3

GOODS PLATFORM :

252.

The Commissioners have approved of the 50 feet floating type goods platform being reduced to 15 feet by removal of 35 feet at the down end. An earthfilled platform of 150 feet with ramps is also provided.

Staff not available at present.

(52/9449)

D.R. 2125

253.

It has been recommended that D.R.2125 be converted to class 3 in conjunction with general repairs and painting (£951). The question of necessity for retention is being investigated.

COMPLETED:

254.

16.11.53 Repairs to the road approach to the passenger side.

TOORADIN

255.

Messrs. L.H. Noys and F.C. Rayner, Asst. Stationmasters (Class 5)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Out	<u>Tonnage</u> In	Wool Bales	Livest Out Tru Sheep Pigs	
1951	536	4398	30	246	22	2	30
1952	659	6249	23	148	68	4	11
1953	788	5657	12	162	36	6	10

UP HOME SIGNAL :

256

A request from the A.F.U.I.E. for relocation of the up home signal is being investigated.

(W. & W. 8284/53)

CLYDE

257.

Messrs. F	J. Byrn	e, Rlvg. Sta			R. Teagu		5)
	otal	Outward	Total To		Wool	Livest	ock
ended R	levenue £	Passenger Journeys	Out	In	Bales	Out To	Cattle
June						Pigs	Horses
1951	316	2732	14	347	62	21	7
1952 1953	532 528	3522 4170	31 28	541 520	83 74	14	1
	720	+410	20) E (74		
D.R. 3503							258.
25.2.54	Attenti	on to electr	ic copper	at D.R.	3503•		
COMPLETEL							259•
9.10.53	Install	ation of add	itional po	wer poi	nt in D.I	2. 2222	
9.10.53	Install	ation of ele tform.	etricity a	at stati	on build:	ings	260.
8.5.53	Removal	of dead-end n ends.	extension	as to No	2 road a	at up	261.

CRANBOURNE

Mr. H.	S. Harry.	<u>Station</u> master	(class 7)	1			262.
Year ended 30th	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total To	onnage In	Wool Bales	Out	stock Trucks p Cattle
June 1951 1952 1953	8726 15477 24323	11057 13850 13345	20678 29149 25 1 80	4102 5077 5994	48 64 53	Pigs 2 2 2 5	
LOADING RAMP:							263.

The Cardinia Washed Sands Coy. has requested that attention be given to the loading ramp. The matter is in course.

(54/3594)

D.R. 344							264.
	Λ	contract	has	peen	let	for	painting of D.R. 344. (W.W. 3374/53)
							(WeWe33 (4/53)

COMPLETED	265.
5.1.53	Provision of an additional standard crossing sign and
	renewal of existing crossing signs, and cutting scrub,
	etc. at the Frankston-Cranbourne Road P.C.R. crossing.

12.2.54 Provision of a light in the back porch of D.R. 344. 266.

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LYNDHURST

Mrs. E.M	l.G. Hall.	Caretaker (lass 4)			267.
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total To	onnage In	Wool Balcs	tock rucks Cattle Horses
1951 1952 1953	994 970 2099	390 7 3684 4608	1862 1450 2299	441 432 407	5 5 1	 =
D.R.343						268.

Rehabilitation of $D_{\bullet}R_{\bullet}.343$ has been completed with the exception of painting.

(W. & W.14055/51)