

*Dist. Capt.,  
Flinders Street*

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COMMISSIONERS' TOUR OF INSPECTION.

NOOJEE TO TEXAS OIL CO. SIDING  
DARNUM TO MOE AND THORPDALE  
GOODING TO ERICA  
HAZELWOOD TO MIRBOO NORTH  
MORWELL TO TINAMBA  
MAFFRA TO ORBOST  
MONTGOMERY TO HERNE'S OAK AND YALLOURN  
WARRAGUL TO HALLAM

Monday, 12th to Friday, 16th October, 1953.

Train departs from Spencer Street (No. 8 Platform) at 7.45 p.m. on  
Sunday, 11th October, 1953.

TOUR \_\_\_\_\_ PERSONNEL.

Mr. R. G. Wishart	-	Chairman.
Mr. O. G. Moyer	-	Commissioner.
Mr. A. P. Taylor	-	Chief Civil Engineer. (Thursday and Friday)
Mr. G. Rogers	-	Chief Traffic Manager.
Mr. G. F. Brown	-	Acting Chief Mechanical Engineer.
Mr. H. R. Tonkin	-	Assistant Chief Civil Engineer. (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
Mr. A. C. Stockley	-	Actg. Assistant Chief Electrical Engineer. (Friday only)
Mr. P. E. Cooper	-	Auditor of Revenue.
Mr. J. Randles	-	District Rolling Stock Superintendent.
Mr. J. Clarke	-	District Superintendent.
Mr. W. Fox	-	Acting Metropolitan District Engineer.
Mr. G. L. Rayment	-	Commissioners' Secretary.
Mr. J. B. Gwillim	-	Tour Clerk.

TRAIN \_\_\_\_\_ STAFF.

Driver	-	F. Myers.
Fireman	-	J. Williams.
Conductor	-	J. Freeland.
Guard	-	H. Davidson.
Steward	-	A. Portwood.
Cook	-	F. Williams.
Kitchen Lad	-	L. Dixon.

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GIPPSLAND LINE

DUPLICATION, ELECTRIFICATION AND RELAYING OF LINE :

1.

These works are proceeding and periodical reports respecting progress of major items are forwarded to the Commissioners.

A detailed statement of the present position will be available to the Commissioners on tour.

NOOJEE

Mrs. M.L. Morris, Carotaker (class 4)

2.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Balos	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	12739	-	15104	550	-	-	-	-
1951	4141	-	4591	299	-	-	-	-
1952	3000	-	2300	531	-	-	-	-

CRANES :

3.

In June last advice was received that the crane at Goodwood Siding and the two cranes at Noojee were being used for the loading of timber on to road transports.

The jib of the Goodwood crane was broken during these operations and has recently been repaired. Messrs. J. Ryan & Sons will load the logs at present scattered around the crane for despatch by rail.

When this has been done consideration will be given to the question of removing the Goodwood Siding crane and withdrawing one of the two cranes at Noojee. Messrs. J. Ryan & Sons will then load any future log consignments at Noojee.

(W. & W. 8578/53)

COMPLETED :

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|----------|--|----|
| 5. 2.53  | Provision of water supply to D.R. 2838.  | 4. |
| 10.11.52 | Installation of two scotch blocks, to permit of loading at passenger platform. | 5. |
| 1.10.53  | Repairs to jib of 6 tons crane at Goodwood Siding.                             | 6. |

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7.

NAYOOK

Mrs. Thomas, Relief Carotaker

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Balos	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle Horses
1950	2660	-	2794	1074	-	1	-
1951	1553	-	1588	778	-	-	-
1952	1580	-	1268	994	-	-	-

D.R.2315

8.

Instructions have been issued for provision of a 12' x 10' portable at D.R.2315 and work will be carried out when staff is available in the area.

(W & W. 9087/53)

COMPLETED :

- 28. 1.53 Provision of one electric light and one power point in portable occupied by migrants. 9.
- 21. 4.53 Installation of additional power point in D.R.2315. 10.

(No.11 note is a non-issue)

NEERIM

12.

Mrs. R. Mulholland, Carotaker (class 4)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Balos	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle Horses
1950	1615	-	1655	515	-	12	1
1951	983	-	886	396	-	-	-
1952	1428	-	1047	476	-	-	-

COMPLETED :

- 6. 8.52 Transfer of shed to Morwell to house Fordson tractor. 13.
- 28. 2.53 Installation of power point in D.R. 2314. 14.

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NEERIM - NEERIM SOUTH

P.C.R. CROSSING :

15.

Instructions have been issued for the relocation of the P.C.R. crossing at 78 m. 14 ch. for the Buln Buln Shire Council. Departmental work is practically completed. Waiting on Shire to relocate the fencing.

(51/5106)

NEERIM SOUTH.

Mrs. P.M. Nowby, Carotaker, (class 3)

16.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs
1950	1565	-	839	1998	-	14	147	
1951	924	-	82	1549	-	4	130	
1952	962	-	185	2101	-	1	108	

COMPLETED :

23. 1.52 Provision of a telephone at the Carotaker's residence.

17.

CROSSOVER

No-one-in-Charge

18.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs
1950	822	-	384	31	-	-	-	
1951	645	-	362	70	-	-	-	
1952	823	- v	320	44	-	-	-	

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ROKEBY

Mrs. M.R. Coulson, Caretaker (class 4) 19.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Horses
1950	1154	-	1520	698	-	-	-	-
1951	822	-	896	272	-	-	-	-
1952	1666	-	1647	731	-	-	-	-

COMPLETED :

28. 2.53 Provision of a power point and light in washhouse and an external light outside back door of D.R.409. 20.

16. 2.53 Erection of a 26' pole by P.M.G. Department. 21.

BRAVINGTON

No-one-in-Charge 22.

(no traffic)

BULN BULN

Mr. E. Freckleton, Vol. Caretaker. 23.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Horses
1950	379	-	674	810	-	-	-	-
1951	112	-	120	514	-	-	-	-
1952	218	-	180	737	-	-	-	-

LILLICO

No-one-in-Charge 24.

(no traffic)

WARRAGUL - DARNUM.

CROSSING AT 63 m. 22 ch.

25.

In April, 1952, Mr. L. Cochran, correspondent for State School No.2712 at Nilma wrote the Hon. the Minister regarding the danger to school children in particular at the P.C.R. crossing at 63 m. 22 ch.

The Level Crossing Committee inspected the crossing on 15/5/52 and on 28/5/52 the Hon. the Minister was advised that the crossing is clearly defined, that an advance warning sign is provided on the Northern approach, that satisfactory views of trains approaching the crossing are obtainable by roadusers and that the provision of flashing light signals is not warranted.

The Commissioners regretted they could not see their way to provide flashing light signals. The School Committee subsequently made further representations to the Hon. the Minister and, as a result the Shire of Warragul removed some trees in a plantation in the roadway on the Northern side of the line.

(52/4383)

DARNUM

Messrs. D.J. Hanson and T. White, Asst. Stationmasters  
(class 5)

26.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Sheep	Cattle
						Pigs	Horses	
1950	875	686	40	823	16	49	99	
1951	306	574	16	667	10	-	12	
1952	479	1256	100	874	29	-	1	
1953	974	1614	233	854	31	8	27	

CROSSING OF LINE :

27.

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line, the Commissioners minuted the papers on 26/1/51 as follows:-

"In the original plan provision was made for a crossing at this station to enable pedestrians to cross from one platform to the other. This was not a good arrangement as the view of trains is not satisfactory, and, as an alternative, it is proposed to provide an entrance to each platform from the adjoining roadways and pedestrians would require to use an overhead road bridge which had been erected as close as possible to the station. The Commissioners said that they were agreeable to the proposed arrangement being tried out. In any case they were not disposed to agree to the provision of a foot crossing at this location and if a separate foot crossing were found later to be justified, a footbridge would have to be erected."

Papers on tour.

(51/1083)

D.R.414

28.

A contract has been let for the relocation of the electric motor at D.R.414.

(W & W.7342/51)

COMPLETED :

15. 8.53 Erection of new station buildings on up platform and van goods shed on down platform. 29.

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YARRAGON

Mr. T. McMahon, Stationmaster (class 8) 30.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1950	4483	4000	3247	6294	28	20	81
1951	2895	3818	1175	4247	22	19	39
1952	3578	3617	1099	5853	18	42	43
1953	4267	4521	947	6621	20	8	33

OFFICE STOVE: 31.

Owing to the unavailability of briquettes for use in the stove in the station office, arrangements have been made to supply firewood in one foot lengths which is considered to be the best substitute fuel.

(15/1233/16)

PASSENGER ROAD APPROACH: 32.

Arrangements have been made for the Shire of Narracan to repair and seal the approach road to passenger platform (£570).

The work will be carried out after November, 1953.  
(46/9942)

D.R. 2397 33.

Efforts are being made to obtain a contractor to provide a power point in wash-house of D.R. 2397.

(W & W. 7607/53)

COMPLETED:

15.8.53 Re-arrangement of station buildings including provision of general waiting room and accommodation for additional signalling equipment. 34.

30.10.52 Installation of additional power point in D.R. 2397. 35.

20.4.53 Installation of 2 additional power points in D.R. 248. 36.

YARRAGON - MOE

COMPLETED:

10.10.52 Provision of miniature electric staff exchanging apparatus. 37.



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TRAFALGAR

Mr. G.C. Ryan, Stationmaster (class 6)

38.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1950	10820	10730	2901	10542	-	50	527
1951	9449	9355	1821	8440	-	38	594
1952	14167	9985	3356	11086	223	84	644
1953	13983	10413	2489	11563	114	64	453

PASSENGER PLATFORM:

39.

Instructions have been issued for renewal of timber portion of passenger platform (£800).

Material has been ordered.

(W & W.7277/53)

SUBWAY:

40.

On 10/7/52 the Minister of Health made representations to the Minister of Transport that a pedestrian subway be provided at this station.

On 1/8/52 the Chairman replied to the Hon. the Minister that "No alteration is contemplated to the existing overline footbridge at Trafalgar until the section between Yarragon and Moe is duplicated and in view of the restricted loan funds available for railway works, it will be a considerable time before this can be done.

The final plan for Trafalgar has not yet been determined but when it is being dealt with, due consideration will be given to the request for a pedestrian subway".

(52/7036)

MILK LOADING PLATFORM:

41.

The Commissioners have approved of the low milk loading platform 66 feet in length being abolished as it is not used.

(51/4059)

WIG WAG SIGNAL AT CROSSINGS IN SHIRE:

42.

On 22/11/50 the Shire of Narracan (Council Chambers at Trafalgar) stated in a letter to the Secretary for Railways that the Princes Highway within the Shire territory does not cross the railway line but some of the minor roads do and as they carry heavy traffic, the Council believes that consideration should be given to the provision of warning signals of the wig wag type at such crossings.

The Secretary replied that if particulars of the crossings within the Shire of Narracan at which it is considered flashing light signals should be provided were supplied, arrangements will be made for our Level Crossing Committee to inspect and report upon them.

The papers have been filed pending receipt of further advice from the Shire.

(50/11971)

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TRAFALGAR (Contd.)

P.C.R. CROSSING:

43.

A plan and estimate are being prepared for relocation of P.C.R. crossing from 74 m. 16 ch. 30 lk. to a more suitable site at 74 m. 22 ch. 80 lk.

(W & W.1099/48)

COMPLETED:

30.10.52	Installation of additional power point in D.R.3223.	44.
30.6.52	Installation of 3 additional power points in D.R.313.	45.
30.6.52	Repairs to D.R.3223.	46.
12.3.53	Provision of "Parking Prohibited" notices in area adjacent to passenger platform.	47.
2.4.53	Rewiring of D.R.1870.	48.
8.9.53	Alteration to station master's office to provide a door and parcels delivery adjacent to booking office.	49.
4.6.52	Repairs to ramp at trucking yards.	50.

MOE

Mr. G.H. Gullick, Stationmaster (class 3) 51.

Rolling Stock Branch: Driver in charge G. Mangan. Total Staff 30.  
3 engines.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs
1950	28385	50668	4235	10243	63	17	16	
1951	26205	49629	1574	9335	65	9	32	
1952	29441	47322	2214	12188	-	6	25	
1953	39651	55732	1809	13208	-	6	5	

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM:

52.

This station has been listed for the installation of a public address system.

(48/5589)

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MOE (Contd.)

ADDITIONAL GATE:

53.

In connection with a revision of the crane facilities in East Gippsland, the Commissioners directed on 15/9/53 that an additional access gate be provided at Moe urgently to facilitate the movement of road vehicles in the gantry crane area.

{53/5429}  
{53/8514}

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF STATION YARD :

54.

A scheme of the proposed re-arrangement of this station in connection with duplication and electrification has been prepared and includes the following features:-

- (a) Provision of island passenger platform and new upside to be incorporated in the existing platform.
- (b) Crossover immediately at down end of platform for possible passenger shuttle service between Moe and Yallourn.
- (c) Loop for eight car electric train at up end for the same purpose.
- (d) Passing loops for side tracking coal trains or other through goods trains, in both the up and down directions.
- (e) Relocation of the stock yards and N.G. stock transfer to permit of alterations to sidings.
- (f) Increase in goods siding capacity and additional loading area.
- (g) Sorting sidings and shunting movements performed mainly at the down end.
- (h) Heavy loading transfer. This is the same as the existing arrangement.
- (i) Narrow gauge transfer at goods shed.
- (j) Level crossing at the up end to be relocated.
- (k) Overhead footbridge extended and a pedestrian subway is possible. The Government has agreed to reimburse the Commissioners the cost of providing a pedestrian subway in lieu of extending the overhead bridge.

The scheme also includes the provision of a signalbox on the island platform to operate the large number of signals and interlocked points.

It was subsequently stated that there were later proposals and the passing loops mentioned in (d) above are not of sufficient length to accommodate the longest trains which will operate on the line. The Chief Traffic Manager and the Chief Civil Engineer visited Moe when it was indicated that the planning authority had requested removal of the goods facilities from the vicinity of the station in order to fit in with the bus terminal arrangements. In connection with the relocation of the goods shed it will be necessary to extend it to meet the greatly increased traffic.

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{52/7036}

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MOE (Contd.)

YARD FACILITIES:

55.

On 16/3/53 the East Newborough Progress Association's Co-ordinating Committee requested that steps be taken immediately to improve facilities in Moe station yard.

On 9/6/53 the Committee was advised by the Secretary for Railways - "It is realised that with the existing yard facilities at Moe congestion occurs at times and that loading and unloading operations are occasionally interrupted by shunting movements. Investigation discloses, however, that everything practicable is done to obviate delays and that, in fact, very little inconvenience is occasioned.

It is intended to provide improved facilities, including a larger and re-arranged yard and increased goods shed accommodation, as soon as funds can be made available for the purpose. In the meantime, every effort will be continued to provide the best practicable service with the existing facilities".

(53/3111)

DESK IN GOODS SHED:

56.

Papers are in course in connection with the question of the provision, in the goods shed, of a portable desk on which to place waybills and facilitate the checking of goods from trucks to shed floor, similar to the one in use at Bairnsdale goods shed.

(15/1144/55)

COMFORT STATION AND BUS SHELTER:

57.

In March 1952, representations were made by the Transport Regulation Board that an area of land about 120' x 10' on the south side of George Street opposite Kirk Street be made available to the Shire of Narracan for the erection of a comfort station and bus shelter.

On 3/4/52 the Commissioners replied that the Shire of Narracan had not made an application to lease the area mentioned and "the provision of a site in the locality referred to has been investigated but owing to the rapid development taking place at and in the vicinity of Moe, a considerable re-arrangement of railway facilities will be necessary and it is extremely unlikely that the area referred to will be available for leasing. In any case, it is not the policy of the Commissioners to make railway land available for comfort stations. It is regretted therefore, that we are unable to meet the wishes of the Board in the matter",

(52/2778)

VISIBILITY AT OVERHEAD BRIDGE:

58.

Following a complaint regarding the dangerous conditions which exist at the overhead bridge, the wing fences were replaced and a tree cut down. Arrangements have been made for the removal of an outbuilding at an adjacent D.R. to improve the view.

(52/10938)

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MOE (Contd.)

BOUNDARY FENCE :

59.

Messrs. Beulke and Marcus of the "Narracan Shire Advocate" made representations to the Hon. the Minister in February, 1952, that this Department erect a fence or contribute to the cost of a fence between their property and railway land at Moe.

The property in question adjoins the Moe-Walhalla line and this Department is not obliged to maintain fencing on this line. The Hon. the Minister was informed accordingly on 18/2/52.

(52/1309)

DAMAGE TO FENCING :

60.

The railway boundary fence between 82 m. and 83 m. 20 ch. was damaged in some places by State Electricity Commission employes while using a bulldozer to clear firebreaks. The Commission has been requested to arrange for repairs to be effected.

(53/6989)

STOCK TRUCKING YARDS :

61.

In February 1952, the Minister of Health wrote the Minister of Transport stating that the cattle trucking yards at Moe were "not only dilapidated, but were placed in a most unsuitable position off the main shopping road and centre".

The Hon. the Minister referred the matter to the Commissioners who replied on 1/7/52 that - "Although it had been planned to make a start with the yard re-arrangement proposals at Moe, including the relocation of the livestock trucking facilities, during the current financial year, owing to the drastic reduction in the amount of loan funds that will be allotted to the Department this year, it will not now be practicable to do so.

Arrangements have been made to maintain the existing yards in reasonable working condition in the meantime".

(52/1330)

PRIVATE SIDING :

62.

In December 1951, the Moe Co-operative Dairying Co. Ltd. made representations to the Hon. the Minister that a siding to serve that Company and also W.A. Purvis Stores Pty. Ltd. was desirable. The matter was discussed by Departmental Officers with representatives of both firms and the Hon. the Minister was informed on 11/8/52 that detailed estimates had not been prepared but a scheme had been drawn up which would cost in the vicinity of £12,000, more than half of which should be borne by W.A. Purvis Stores Pty. Ltd. and the balance by the Dairying Company.

If the Companies mentioned desired that the matter be investigated more fully they should lodge with this Department a joint deposit of £70 and undertake to bear the actual cost of the investigation. However, nothing further has been heard and the papers have been pending receipt of further advice in the matter.

(51/12680)

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MOE (Contd.)

D.R. 894

63.

The Chief Civil Engineer was recently requested to instal a power point in the laundry of D.R. 894, occupied by Mr. Fitzgerald, Asst. Stationmaster.

(15/734/56)

D.R. 3292.

64.

D.R. 3292, which is comparatively new and is occupied by Yard Porter, Colyer-Evans, has been under notice from time to time in connection with its dirty condition and on 8/8/53 Works Foreman Waring, who inspected the D.R. in company with the Traffic Inspector, stated that owing to the abuse he received from Mrs. Colyer-Evans he was not prepared to make any more inspections of this residence while it is occupied by the present tenant.

The District Superintendent has recently stated that Mrs. Colyer-Evans, who has suffered a breakdown in health, is a most difficult woman to interview and that it may be necessary to transfer Yard Porter Colyer-Evans in the near future.

(15/734/58)

COMPLETED:

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| 8.6.53   | Installation of additional power point in D.R. 251.                 | 65. |
| 30.6.53  | Installation of additional electric light at Loco. Depot.           | 66. |
| 25.8.53  | Abolition of shelter shed at narrow gauge transfer siding.          | 67. |
| 8.5.53   | Installation of 2 additional electric lights in goods shed.         | 68. |
| 24.7.53  | Installation of 2 additional electric lights on station approach.   | 69. |
| 14.7.53  | Erection of 4 trespass boards and repairs to boundary fencing, etc. | 70. |
| 22.6.53  | Provision of separate telephone line to goods shed.                 | 71. |
| 24.7.52  | Provision of bus parking area at rear of station buildings. (£308). | 72. |
| 23.4.52  | Extension of goods shed by 20'.                                     | 73. |
| 20.11.52 | Installation of electric light in sleep-out at D.R. 2947            | 74. |
| 10.4.52  | Replacement of electric stove at D.R. 3342 by a larger one.         | 75. |
| 11.8.53  | Installation of power point in detached washhouse at D.R. 894.      | 76. |
| 30.6.52  | Repairs to D.R. 3302.   | 77. |
| 2.6.52   | Provision of Rail "X" signs at George Street crossing.              | 78. |
| 26.3.52  | Provision of a screen over electric light at coal stage.            | 79. |
| 29.2.52  | Improved hot water supply at barracks.                              | 80. |
| 21.1.52  | Replacement of defective valve on tank at Loco Depot.               | 81. |

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MOE - YALLOURN

COMPLETED :

82.

7.9.53 Construction of spur line.

MOE - DANDENONG

PROVISION OF POWER SIGNALS :

83.

The provision of power signalling between Moe and Dandenong is being carried out in conjunction with the duplication and electrification of the line.

(52/4126)

DAVID

No-one-in-Charge

84.

No Traffic.

COALVILLE

Miss. I. Ashton, Vol. Caretaker

85.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	6	10	2	555	-	-	-	
1951	2	-	-	386	-	-	-	
1952	5	-	2	69	-	-	-	

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NARRACAN

No-one-in-Charge

86.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1950	550	1	73	304	-	76	-
1951	185	-	124	255	-	8	3
1952	529	-	241	197	30	33	-

THORPDALE

Mr. W.H. Gunn, Vol. Caretaker.

87.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1950	7665	1	8352	3121	332	157	18
1951	5813	-	6399	2082	348	54	4
1952	7548	-	7509	2582	362	39	5

REDUCTION IN LENGTH OF GOODS PLATFORM :

88.

Instructions have been issued for reduction in length of the goods platform. Staff is not available at present.

(49/12286)

CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS :

89.

In February 1953, the Victorian Dairyfarmers' Association wrote to Cr. H. Stoddart, M.L.A. stating that the weed known as ragwort was in full bloom on railway property at Thorpdale and little or nothing was done about it. This letter was referred to the Minister of Transport. Inquiries disclosed that three railway men were employed for the period from 12/1/53 to 13/3/53 with the assistance of four men from the Lands Department in spraying and pulling ragwort between Thorpdale and Coalville.

(53/2252)

COMPLETED :

90.

6.6.52 Reconstruction of stock yards.



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GOODING

No-one-in-Charge

91.

(No Traffic)

GOULD

No-one-in-Charge

92.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	38	1	23	117	-	-	-	
1951	55	-	57	70	-	-	-	
1952	18	-	18	76	-	-	-	

MOONDARRA

No-one-in-Charge

93.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	1153	4	1296	124	-	8	-	
1951	801	-	700	59	-	-	-	
1952	762	-	598	81	-	-	-	

WATSON

No-one-in-Charge

94.

(No Traffic)

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COLLINS SIDING

No-one-in-Charge

95.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1950	1899	-	2028	9	-	-	-
1951	1024	-	837	-	-	-	-
1952	1713	-	1473	1	-	-	-

ERICA

Mrs. M. Burton, Caretaker (Class 4)

96.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1950	5348	2	5858	543	-	1	1
1951	5068	6	4784	449	-	-	-
1952	5242	-	4275	587	-	-	-

PUMPING PLANT

97.

The question of abolition of old pump and replacing it with a modern type one is being investigated.

(W & W. 9134/52)

ERICA - PLATINA

COMPLETED :

98.

14.10.52 Line closed for traffic.

MORWELL

Mr. H.T. Hosking, Stationmaster (class 4) 99.  
Rolling Stock Branch: Rail Motor Driver C.M. Brody.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock	
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Cattle Pigs Horses
1950	12753	21419	1390	13211	575	75	197
1951	17281	27885	674	12591	251	88	158
1952	32264	33993	1249	28921	400	77	228
1953	39038	33827	2767	28604	415	42	176

NEW STATION BUILDINGS 100.

On 12.12.51 on tour representatives of the Morwell Shire Council asked that improved accommodation be provided at the station.

It was explained that due to the shortage of staff and materials many urgent jobs were awaiting attention throughout the State and that until the locoway was overtaken other desirable improvements could not be undertaken.

In any case it was intended to erect new station buildings at Morwell in connection with the duplication and electrification works and when these were completed Morwell would have a station of which local residents could be proud.

(51/12707)

GENERAL RE-ARRANGEMENT

101.

In connection with the proposed general re-arrangement at Morwell a commencement has been made on construction of the new bridge at McDonald Street. The scheme also provides for a pedestrian subway and reconstruction of the bridge at Jane Street. The P.C.R. crossing at Church Street will eventually be closed.

Details respecting financial arrangements for reconstruction of the Jane Street bridge and construction of that portion of the subway outside the railway boundary have not been finalised but this aspect is being followed up to permit of the works proceeding as early as practicable.

Funds have not been provided to enable trackwork alterations to be put in hand.

The Morwell Shire has agreed to the pedestrian subway being located at a point 135 feet on the up side of the centre of the P.C.R. crossing at Church Street.

(51/8256)

GOODS YARD AND STOCK TRANSPORT RAMP

102.

Duplication of the line and development of the town area will necessitate transfer of goods yard and stock yards to some other site and a scheme for this is under consideration.

To meet requirements pending relocation of the yards, arrangements have been made for provision of a heavy duty transport ramp in lieu of existing light duty type. (£73).

(W & W.9421/53)

MORWELL (Cont.)

CRANE POWER.

103.

In connection with a revision of the crane facilities throughout the State, the Commissioners on 5.8.53 approved of tenders being invited for the supply of 14 derrick electric cranes of 8 tons capacity and 10 post type electric cranes of 5 tons capacity.

Morwell is No. 6 in priority order for an 8 tons electric crane.

In connection with the report by a Committee appointed by Cabinet to investigate rail facilities for the handling of timber in the East Gippsland area, the Commissioners recently approved of the existing crane at Morwell being converted to electric operation in its present position.

The work is in hand (£603).

(50/12222)  
(53/5429)

DESK IN GOODS SHED

104.

Papers are in course in connection with the question of the provision, in the goods shed, of a portable desk on which to place waybills and facilitate the checking of goods from trucks to shed floor, similar to the one in use at Bairnsdale goods shed.

(15/1144/55)

ABATTOIRS SITE :

105.

The Latrobe Valley Development Advisory Committee informed the Commissioners in 1950 of the intention to construct central abattoirs to serve all towns in Morwell area.

At discussions between the abovementioned Committee and railway officers it was arranged that a site in allotments 16 and 17 to the east of Tramway Road and adjacent to the railway on the southside should be set aside for abattoirs, sale-yards and railway stock trucking yards, and it was so arranged in the Latrobe Valley Sub-Regional Planning Scheme 1949.

The Victorian Inland Meat Authority has recommended the acceptance of a site for abattoirs in allotment 84 which is about two miles north of the main Gippsland railway and east of the siding leading to the A.P.M. works. The A.P.M. are reluctant to allow their busy line to be used for serving other industrial areas and it is considered that an additional siding leaving the main line near Maryvale sidings and parallel with the existing A.P.M. line would be necessary to serve the abattoirs if they were established in allotment 84.

An additional expenditure of about £70,000 would be required for such a line. The cost of this line and any sidings at the works, together with a charge for maintenance, would require to be met by the authority operating the abattoirs. In addition, placing charges for railway trucks used in the service would be imposed. The cost of operating rail sidings for stock traffic will be much less if the abattoirs site be on allotments 16 and 17 than if on allotment 84.

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MORWELL (Cont.)

ABATTOIRS SITE (Cont.)

105.

It is desirable that facilities for rail stock trucking, sale yards and abattoirs should be in close proximity to each other and the approved site on allotments 16 and 17 is preferable from a railway point of view.

The matter has been discussed with Messrs. Oakloy and Parkes, Architects for the Inland Meat Authority and advice from them is awaited.

(50/6137)

PRIVATE SIDING

106.

A scheme for provision of a siding for the Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria (£57,000) to serve Lurgi Pressure Gasification Plant has been prepared and submitted for transmission to the Corporation.

(53/5933)

SIDING FOR AUSTRALIAN PAPER MANUFACTURERS LTD.

107.

The Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd. requested the construction of a direct rail connection from the raw coal loading area at Morwell works to its works at Maryvale.

The estimated cost of the work in March 1951 was £107,149. This estimate is based on the use of Australian steel, but should it be necessary to use imported steel, additional cost will be incurred.

On 30.11.51 the A.P.M. asked that the construction of the line be deferred to a date to be fixed.

(50/744)

BRIDGE FOR S.E.C.

108.

The State Electricity Commission requested on 5.11.51 that the work of constructing bridge for the 90 centimetre railway over the main line west of Morwell be suspended for that financial year.

On 12.5.52 an account for £2060 for work done to date was rendered to the S.E.C.

On 19.8.53 the S.E.C. advised that owing to the continued insufficiency of loan money it is most unlikely that they will require work on the abovementioned bridge to be resumed during the current financial year.

(50/1573)

ADDITIONAL SIDINGS FOR S.E.C.

109.

Due to financial stringency the S.E.C. has requested that provision of additional siding accommodation involving considerable alterations to the existing layout of the yard be postponed until funds become available.

(49/11326)

MORWELL (Cont.)

LEVEL CROSSING AT CHURCH STREET

110.

On several occasions requests have been made for a flashing light warning signal to be provided at the level crossing at Church Street at down end of Morwell station but all have been refused.

In reply to representations made by the Morwell Shire to the Hon. the Minister the latter was advised on 1.5.53 that "the location is not suitable for the installation of the standard type of flashing light signals because of the shunting movements carried out in the adjacent yard.

It is proposed to close the crossing following the construction of an overhead bridge at McDonald Street and the provision of a pedestrian subway but it will be some time before these works can be completed.

Conditions at the crossing are considered by the Level Crossing Committee to be satisfactory provided road users exercise ordinary care, and the Commissioners regret they cannot see their way to authorise the installation of flashing light warning signals."

(52/8700)

DRAINAGE AT PRE-CUT HOUSES

111.

Arrangements have been made for the Shire to carry out alterations to the outlet pipes to suit the level of the new gutter at the pre-cut houses in James Street.

(W & W. 10045/53)

CONCRETE FOOTPATH IN AVONDALE CRESCENT.

112.

The Shire of Morwell enquired if this Department would bear half the cost of construction of concrete footpath, east side of Avondale Crescent and was advised that the Commissioners are not liable for any portion of the work and are not prepared to make a contribution towards such cost.

(52/6909)

DRAINAGE OF ROADWAY AND LEASED SITES.

113.

The drainage of roadway and leased sites has been listed for attention when circumstances permit (£303).

(52/4059)

MORWELL (Cont.)

COMPLETED.

29. 6.53	Installation of electric light and power points for hot water service at Special Works Camp.	114.
18. 5.53	Installation of (1) gallon electric urn and power point in station office.	115.
24.12.52	Extension of goods shed by 30 feet.	116.
30.10.52	Provision of parking accommodation at the passenger yard entrance.	117.
26. 8.52	Provision of spur siding 23' long and shed for Fordson tractor.	118.
21. 2.52	Painting of station buildings (£548)	119.
19.12.52	Relocation of D.R. 2421.	120.
13. 9.52	Construction of siding to cement store for S.E.C.	121.
12. 8.52	Erection of warning signs at level crossing where S.E.C's. siding crosses Commercial Road.	122.
12. 2.53	Provision of a postal telephone at goods shed office.	123.
1. 6.53	Repairs to station platform.	124.
25. 3.53	Improved lighting in station office.	125.
8. 9.53	Transfer of P.M.G. and Departmental telephones from Yallourn to Special Works Camp, Morwell.	126.
9. 3.53	Erection of a portable at D.R. 3425 and provision of electric light therein.	127.
15. 7.52	Painting of D.R. 2421.	128.
10. 9.53	Construction of drainage works by Council on railway land in White Street.	129.
-	Provision of cattle pits on down side of line adjacent to S.E.C. sidings.	130.

MIRBOO NORTH LINE

INSPECTION  
per  
ROAD CAR  
from  
MORWELL  
13/10/53

Hazelwood, Yinnar, Boolarra, Darlimurla  
and Mirboo North  
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HAZELWOOD

<u>No-one-in-Charge</u>								131.
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs Horses	
1950	-	2	-	261	-	-	-	
1951	-	-	-	84	-	-	-	
1952	-	-	-	187	-	-	-	

COMPLETED 132.  
 19.6.53.            Dismantling of siding facilities.

HAZELWOOD - YINNAR

COMPLETED 133.  
 18.6.53.            Filling of scour between piers  
 18 and 21 of the bridge at  
 95m 44c 39lks.

YINNAR

<u>Mrs. L.V. Herrington, Carctaker (Class 3)</u>								134.
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs Horses	
1950	1882	559	395	4497	101	14	73	
1951	1175	451	170	2858	120	12	106	
1952	2330	489	139	3648	71	36	237	

TOWN PLANNING SCHEME 135.

The Shire of Morwell in connection with its Town Planning Scheme for Yinnar proposed to incorporate in the adjoining roadway a strip of railway land approximately 40 feet wide in the goods yard.

The whole of the railway land between the goods siding and the boundary fence is required for the efficient conduct of railway business and the Shire Council was advised on 21.8.52 that the proposal to incorporate this land in the public roadway cannot be agreed to.

(52/4906)

D.R. 418 136.

A request for a light over back door of D.R. 418 was refused as circumstances do not warrant the installation.

(W & W.6168/53)

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YINNAR (Contd.)

COMPLETED

16.1.53.	Installation of 2 additional power points in D.R. 418.	137.
23.6.53	Conversion of pig holding yard at the stock yards to a cattle holding yard by provision of cattle proof fencing.	138.
15.9.52	Improvements to view at level crossing.	139.

BOOLARRA

Mr. W.J. Rodgers, Asst. Stationmaster (Class 5) 140.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	1085	1271	257	2059	74	16	40
1951	897	1060	185	1638	87	6	10
1952	1483	1258	551	1366	60	23	27

LEVEL CROSSING DOWN END OF YARD 141.

This crossing was inspected on 10.9.53 with the object of improving the view and arrangements are to be made for termination of certain leases of land adjacent to the crossing, eventual removal of all buildings and obstructions on this land, provision of additional crossing sign at down side down end, removal of trees and stumps between platform and P.C.R. and the carrying out of certain earthworks.

(W & W. 6873/53)

COMPLETED

20.6.52	Repairs to road approaches in station yard.	142.
21.5.53	Replacement of broken urinal bowl in gent's lavatory.	143.
25.6.52	Repairs to approach road to station.	144.

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DARLIMURLA.

<u>No-one-in-Charge</u>						145.	
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	899	21	1303	-	-	-	-
1951	773	13	1004	1	-	-	-
1952	253	24	535	5	-	-	-

MIRBOO NORTH

<u>Mr. W.J. Best, Stationmaster (Class 8)</u>						146.	
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	11394	1249	8215	6189	395	110	127
1951	8837	1462	5355	4562	195	77	118
1952	13993	1711	8051	5722	319	70	164

COMPLETED

11.9.52	Provision of electric light at station.	147.
27.6.52	Attention to electrical wiring and provision of a power point at D.R. 423.	148.

MORWELL - MARYVALE

COMPLETED

20.12.52	Under pass under railway at 90m 65c 231, (Jeeralang West Road) for Country Roads Board. (£15,787).	149.
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MARYVALE

<u>No-one-in-Charge</u>						150.	
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	103145	-	63338	143934	-	-	-
1951	77027	-	37783	105040	-	-	-
1952	134821	-	55801	146520	-	-	-
1953	138361	-	55468	129910	-	-	-

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MARYVALE (Contd.)

SIDING FOR A.P.M.

151

A scheme for provision of a siding for the Australian Paper Manufacturers Limited was prepared and submitted to the Company. It advised that it was not possible to say when the additional track would be required and requested that the proposal be deferred for the time being.

(51/7749)

SIDING FACILITIES

152

The construction of siding facilities for the Atlantic Union Oil Company Ltd. has been deferred at the request of the Company.

(52/7514)

TRARALGON

Mr. P.J.A. Gough, Station Master (Class 2)

153

Rolling Stock Branch: Depot Foreman G. Muhlhan

Total Staff 96 - 11 Engines

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock	
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Sheep-Cattle Pigs Horses
1950	22121	27504	3158	15512	1020	135	270
1951	20515	27367	1643	13899	327	75	189
1952	27431	30834	1801	17253	1033	399	321
1953	31411	34211	1619	18074	926	317	174

MOST IMPROVED D.R.'s

154

In connection with the 1952 Competition for Most Improved Departmental Residences, D.R. 3409, occupied by Repairer Merritt, and D.R. 3391, occupied by Repairer Delaney, were awarded first and second prizes of £5.15.0 and £2.15.0 respectively, for places with piped water supply in the Sale Works Foreman's Section.

APPEARANCE OF RAILWAY PROPERTY

155

On 27.8.53 the Shire of Traralgon wrote stating that in view of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to Traralgon on 3.3.54, the ground area adjacent to the station and in the railway reserve requires considerable improvement and some fences require attention.

The Secretary for Railways replied to the Shire on 21.9.53 saying that arrangements will be made for the station area generally to be in a tidy condition on the occasion of the Royal Visit next year.

(53/9059)

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TRARALGON (Contd.)

RELOCATION OF LAMP ROOM

156

The question of relocation of the lamp room to a position on the 'up' side of van goods shed is under consideration.

(W & W. 8281/52)

PARKING FACILITIES AND BOWLING GREEN

157

Negotiations were commenced with the Traralgon Shire respecting the leasing of an area for beautification purposes between the station approach and the street but 100' x 130' of the area referred to has been set aside as a site for a proposed bowling green for the V.R.I. The Institute has advised that construction of the green will not be commenced until after erection of the new Institute buildings has been completed. Instructions for this have just been issued.

Arrangements are in hand to further negotiate with the Shire Council respecting the leasing to it of the remaining portion of the area.

{51/7025}  
{53/8920}

V.R.I. BUILDING

158

Instructions were issued on 28.9.53 for erection of a new V.R.I. building (£13961). Staff is not available at present and the question of having the work carried out by contract is being considered.

(52/9150)

CRANE POWER

159

In connection with a revision of the crane facilities throughout the State the Commissioners on 5.8.53 approved of tenders being invited for the supply of 14 derrick electric cranes of 8 tons capacity and 10 post type electric cranes of 5 tons capacity.

Traralgon is No.2 in priority order for an 8 tons electric crane.

(50/12222)

DESK IN GOODS SHED

160

Papers are in course in connection with the question of the provision, in the goods shed, of a portable desk on which to place waybills and facilitate the checking of goods from trucks to shed floor, similar to the one in use at Bairnsdale goods shed.

(15/1144/55)

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PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL STORAGE SIDINGS AND REMODELLING OF YARD.

On 27.9.50 the Operating Improvement Committee submitted a report to the Commissioners in which it was stated that shunting operations in the Traralgon yard are hampered by insufficient sidings for storing trucks, passenger stock and vans and by the inadequacy in number and length of passing loops and of sidings for making up trains. The shed accommodation is inadequate and loading and unloading operations on the siding are too confined and subject to interruption through movements of trucks. The passenger facilities reasonably serve requirements. The population of the town is increasing and with the development of the brown coal resources in the Latrobe Valley and the industries in the district the town will further expand. Although nothing definite has been reported there is an immense brown coal field within two miles of Traralgon and it is thought that considerable development involving the operation of briquette plant will take place after the Morwell project has been put into operation.

A plan has been prepared of the proposed railway facilities catering for the prospective development of the brown coal resources and for industries that may be started in the district and providing for duplication and regrading between Traralgon and Morwell and possible duplication to Sale. The goods shed and yard rearrangement which will necessitate the termination of certain business leases should be adequate for a considerable time and provision can be made for increasing their extent if necessary.

The Committee said the existing stock yards facilities need not be interfered with at present but a new site for the yards is available on railway land on the down side of Traralgon Creek when required. By the time this is found to be necessary the position, the extent and nature of business to be catered for and the effect of proposed district stock yards and abattoirs near Morwell will be known. The Committee considered that the most urgent requirement is the construction of two additional storage roads at the immediate up end of the passenger platform leading off the main line in the up direction, estimated cost £5482, and that the yard be remodelled in accordance with the plan at cost £50,000 and carried out as early as practicable.

On 9.11.50 the Commissioners approved of this report and its recommendations and stated provision had been made in the new Loan Bill for the sum of £10,000 towards the cost of the work including a proposed mechanical coal handling plant.

On 5.2.52 the Commissioners approved of an appropriation of £8,000 towards this work.

It has not been practicable to put the work in hand to date.

Papers on tour.

(50/2641)

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TRARALGON (Contd.)

STORAGE ROAD FOR BREAKDOWN TRAIN 162

The question of relocating the storage road for breakdown train is under consideration.

(W & W. 13276/52)

OIL ROAD 163

Instructions have been issued for paving of the oil road (£273). Material is coming to hand.

(W & W. 5652/53)

TURNTABLE 164

This station is listed for provision of a 70 feet twin span motorised turntable to replace the existing girder turntable.

(50/12100)

COVERING SIGNAL WIRES 165

Instructions have been issued for signal wires to be covered for a distance of 30 feet between the gas tank and the point where the existing protective covering ends (£247).

Work will be carried out as soon as staff is available in the area.

(49/13617)

PORTABLE FOR ELECTRIC FITTER 166

A 20' x 12' portable has been provided for the Electrical Fitter in Charge, Signal and Telegraph Maintenance Depot. Plumbing work is to be done to complete.

(52/10437)

LIGHTING 167

Arrangements have been made for provision of additional lighting at Loco Office and attention to yard lighting.

(W & W. 8883/50)

LOCO WATERING FACILITIES 168

The loco watering facilities were re-arranged and are available for use. Removal of pipe and stop valve will be completed when staff can be made available.

(52/3725)

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TRARALGON (Contd.)

LOCO DEPOT CONVENIENCES

169.

New conveniences at the Loco Depot are in use. Spouting and downpipes will be completed when plumber can be made available.

(46/14214)

BICYCLE SHELTER FOR LOCO STAFF

170.

This work has been held up owing to lack of funds but instructions have now been issued and the shelter will be provided this financial year.

(50/9615)

PRIVATE SIDING

171.

The Gippsland Cement and Lime Co. Pty. Ltd. made application in March, 1953 for a small private siding at the up end of Traralgon station yard to lead off the main line as near as possible to the road which passes underneath this line, the siding to be at the existing rail level supported by timber structure.

The Company proposed to unload coal and other loose materials by gravity from rail trucks into road vehicles.

On 23.3.53 the Company was requested to forward a deposit of £40 towards the expenditure involved in making a preliminary survey and preparing a plan and estimate of the cost of the proposed siding but has not yet replied to that letter.

(53/2489)

STOCK YARDS

172.

The Shire Council has made representations on many occasions during the last 14 years in regard to the condition and location of the stock yards and requested their removal to a site at the down end of the station which site was purchased some time ago for the erection of a locomotive depot but not used for that purpose.

It was stated in 1939 by the Council that it intended to erect municipal sale yards adjacent to this land and, in accordance with the usual practice, the railway stock yards should be situated close by.

On tour in April, 1949, the Shire Council indicated to the Commissioners that it was still desired that the stock trucking facilities be transferred as they were most unsatisfactory and renewal was long overdue. The Commissioners replied that they had been prepared for a long time to either attend to the stock yards on their existing site or replace them on a site adjacent to the proposed sale yards if the Council would pay for the additional siding required in connection with the latter proposal.

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STOCK YARDS (Contd.)

TRARALGON (Contd.)

172.  
(Ctd.)

To require the Council to pay this was in accordance with a long standing practice from which there was no justification for the Commissioners departing in this case. If the Council decided to abandon its proposal to erect sale yards and would furnish a plan showing where it was now desired that the trucking facilities be located, the matter would be given further consideration.

On tour in May 1950 the Shire Council again mentioned the condition of the trucking yards and urged that some action be taken. The Commissioners explained that developments at Traralgon might necessitate relocation of the stock yards. A comprehensive investigation was at present being made of probable yard requirements, and when this was completed the Commissioners would be in a position to make a decision in regard to the renewal of the stock yards. In the meantime an effort would be made to keep the existing facilities in reasonable working order.

On tour on 12.12.51 the Shire Council again inquired as to the intentions of the Commissioners respecting the live stock yards.

The deputation was informed that if it was desired that very early improvements be made to the existing facilities, the proposal previously outlined to the Council would be retained i.e. that the Department would bear the cost of the trucking yards and the Council would be required to pay the cost of the connecting sidings.

If, however, the Council was prepared to wait until it could be seen more clearly what the future development is likely to be in connection with the handling of stock on the Morwell - Traralgon area, the matter could be reviewed then.

The deputation said that in these circumstances the Council would be quite willing to defer the matter for consideration at a later date. Papers on tour.

(51/12457)

BATCHING CAMP

173.

Arrangements have been made for provision of rubber flooring in corridor of Batching Camp.

Material has been ordered.

COMPLETED

15.	1.	53	Repairs to two swinging lights in yard.	174.
20.	3.	53	Erection of two precut houses.	175.
3.	4.	52	Lighting of foot-bridge	176.
17.	12.	51	Shelving in loco storehouse for storage of diesel rail car lubricants.	177.
2.	4.	53	General re-arrangement of D.R.258.	178.
30.	6.	53	Additional light near wood heap at Loco.	179.
12.	9.	52	Provision of an annexe adjoining the engine shed for accommodation of engine metallor.	180.

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TRARAIGON (Contd.)

COMPLETED

3. 9. 53	Replacement of portable telephone in break-down van.	181.
20. 5. 53	Erection of new pumping shed and duplicate pumping plant and connection of closets to septic tank system.	182.
20. 5. 53	Repairs to turntable.	183.
30. 6. 53	Installation of electricity and 8 power points in each of 2 prefabricated houses.	184.
30. 6. 53	Installation of electric light on approach to Loco Depot Drivers Rest Room.	185.
5. 5. 53	Installation of additional electric light for cupboard at Loco. Depot.	186.
16. 4. 53	Installation of 2 additional electric lights in D.R. 258.	187.
30.12. 51	Installation of 1 additional electric light at coal stage.	188.
30. 3. 53	Installation of additional power point in D.R. 2473.	189.
21. 4. 53	Provision of direct telephonic communication between the passenger and goods offices.	190.
8.10. 52	Installation of 1 additional electric light and 1 additional power point in D.R. 258.	191.
29. 9. 52	Installation of additional electric light in D.R. 2581.	192.
25. 6. 52	Installation of 2 lights in staff living quarters.	193.
28. 5. 52	Provision of 1 light in Loco Depot oil pump house.	194.
3. 4. 52	Installation of 2 electric lights at overhead footbridge.	195.
16. 1. 52	Erection of portion of goods shed ex Alberton to increase shed accommodation.	196.
11.11. 52	Provision of 27-men prefabricated bedroom unit at Migrant Hostel.	197.
7. 8. 52	Painting of station buildings, fencing hoardings and crane. (£1676)	198.
10.10. 52	Provision of two 12' x 10' portable huts as additional accommodation for resting enginemen. (£720.)	199.

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COMPLETED

20. 1. 53 Removal of D.R. 425 from crossing at 200.  
99m 72c 911ks. Sold to Ex Ganger  
Maguire (£200).

GLENGARRY

<u>Mr. J.A. Ward Asst. Stationmaster (Class 5)</u>							
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle Pigs Horses
1950	3814	1620	1108	2828	141	52	210
1951	2888	1556	506	2265	92	42	174
1952	4311	2012	662	2895	252	38	245

6 TONS CRANE

202.

The Burwood Timber Mills Pty. Ltd. requested that:-

- (1) The chain on crane be replaced by a suitable wire rope.
- (2) that a power drive be provided on the crane.

The first matter has been attended to. In regard to the second, the Company was informed that the Department would not fit the drive but there was no objection to its doing the work. The Company agreed but has been unable to make the installation owing to the shortage of electric motors. The correspondence has been filed pending further advice from the Company.

(47/7003)

CONTRIBUTION TO COST OF ROADS

203.

In March 1952 the Shire of Rosedale requested that consideration be given to this Department contributing to the cost of construction of roads leading to Glengarry which would give access to those landholders who were previously using the road blocked by the embankment constructed by this Department near Eaglehawk Creek.

After inquiry the Secretary for Railways replied on 1.7.52 that the Commissioners regretted they would not be justified in contributing towards the cost of constructing the roads in question.

(52/3168)

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GLENGARRY (Cont.)

SOIL EROSION

204.

A complaint from Messrs. T.H. and F.E. King regarding soil erosion taking place at the excavation this Department made for Eaglehawk Creek embankment, is being investigated.

(53/8777)

COMPLETED

- 29.9.52. Provision of (2) additional cattle holding yards at the stock yards and water supply at pig yards. 205.
- 28.2.52 Installation of additional power point in D.R. 2744. 206.
- 28.12.51 Repairs to culvert under approach road near entrance gate. 207.

GLENGARRY-TOONGABBIE

18. 2.52 Cleaning out of water ways between Eaglehawk Creek and Toongabbie. 208.

TOONGABBIE

Mrs. N.L. Grimme, Caretaker (Class 3) 209.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs	Horses
1950	1337	1031	135	999	617	67	29	
1951	669	725	53	694	229	26	10	
1952	865	1196	83	617	340	30	21	

PAINTING STATION BUILDINGS AND D.R. 1839. 210.

Departmental staff is not available for external and internal painting of station buildings and D.R. 1839 and efforts are being made to obtain a contractor to undertake the work.

(51/12397)

STOCK TRUCKING YARDS 211.

On 2.8.52 Messrs. F. & G. Coleman complained to the Commissioners of the condition of the stock yards and asked if a ramp could be provided for the unloading of heavy pigs and cattle from motor trucks.

The stock yards were repaired and as most of the pigs and calves despatched were driven to our yards from short distances a transport loading ramp was not warranted.

Messrs. F. & G. Coleman were advised accordingly on 26.9.52.

(52/8779)

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TOONGABBIE (Cont.)

COMPLETED

25.8.52	Cleaning of stock yards and repairs to gates.	212.
31.1.52	Installation of two additional lights and a power point at D.R. 1839	213.

COWWARR

214.

Messrs. J. Hosie and F. Blackburn, Asst. Stationmasters (Class 5)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	2607	2378	860	852	119	67	29
1951	2269	2094	575	943	141	40	64
1952	2557	1780	715	1048	244	50	63

HOUSE FOR A.S.M.

215.

On tour on 10.12.51 Councillor C. Jones of the Shire of Rosedale and Mr. F. Holmes, Shire Engineer, requested that the Department provide a residence for the Assistant Station Master.

It was stated the Officer concerned was a married man with two children and his living accommodation comprised one room 10' x 13' and a verandah 30' x 7' at the back of a shop which is used as a bank. It was promised the matter would be investigated.

Mr. L.F. Taylor the A.S.M. concerned was replaced by Mr. Blackburn A.S.M. who had previously been at Cowwarr and had made application for retransfer there. He secured an "outside" house so an additional house is not now necessary.

(51/12345)

DAWSON

No-one-in-Charge

216.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	149	58	409	48	51	-	-
1951	10	22	-	26	70	-	-
1952	60	14	46	83	26	-	-

Continued.

DAWSON (Contd.)

FENCING.

217.

On 18.6.53 Mr. L.A. Sunderman complained of the condition of the fencing between the 117 and 118 mile posts adjoining his property, a portion of the fencing having been replaced by two barbed wires which do not stop his cattle wandering on to the line.

Inspection of the fence disclosed that it was in very poor condition and needs to be completely renewed.

Pending renewal the fence has been repaired.

(53/6200)

DAWSON - HEYFIELD

TRACK TELEPHONE.

218.

Arrangements have been made for provision of a track telephone at 118 m.

(W & W. 9926/53)

HEYFIELD

Mr. L.V. Rogan, Stationmaster (Class 8).

219.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs -Horses
1950	9236	4668	3675	4740	420	123	292
1951	10031	5317	2642	4894	193	54	254
1952	30189	6427	13688	5208	354	59	419
1953	67891	6834	27668	4522	329	59	331

AREA FOR BEAUTIFICATION PURPOSES.

220.

On tour on 10.12.51 the Commissioners were interviewed by Councillor F. Zacher representing the local Progress Association, who requested that the Department improve the triangular piece of land at the approach to the passenger side so as to avoid the lodgment of water which takes place in the area after heavy rain.

The Commissioners stated they were prepared to lease the area at a nominal rental for beautification purposes if the local Council is interested, but the Department could not undertake to carry out any work in the area.

(51/12718)

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HAYFIELD (Contd.)

GANTRY CRANE

221

The crane attendant has recently reported that the return spring does not work on both travel and hoist and that the cog on the motor shaft has shifted slightly. Action is being taken to have the necessary repairs effected.

Arrangements have been made for provision of blinds in cabin of gantry crane. The blinds are on hand and will be fitted at an early date.

(W & W. 5194/53)

WEIGHBRIDGE

222

The Stationmaster recently brought under notice the poor condition of the cartweighbridge in the station yard.

As this weighbridge is owned by the Maffra Shire and is on land leased to it, the Estate Officer has been requested to take the matter up with the Shire Secretary.

(15/489/26)

VIADUCT

223

On 13.8.53 the Shire of Maffra wrote stating that the roadway under the railway viaduct over the Heyfield - Seaton road is dangerous as the piers in the viaduct are clost together giving a clearance of less than 13 feet for road traffic.

The Council desired that one pier be completely removed to reduce the danger.

On 17.9.53 the Secretary for Railways replied to the Shire that "The cost of replacing the 4-pile timber pier of the railway bridge over the Heyfield-Seaton road with steel beams and a skeleton type deck, to provide a 30 feet span is estimated at £1450.

The elimination of the pier is not necessary for railway purposes and in the circumstances my Commissioners would not be prepared to contribute to the cost of the work".

(53/8440)

COMPLETED

12. 5. 53.	Installation of electricity and power point in portable for Truck Gang.	224
2.12. 52	Installation of convector type radiator in gantry crane cabin.	225
19. 8. 52	Construction of siding, gantry track and roadway.	226
11. 8. 52	Repairs to trucking yards and provisions of ball cock on water trough.	227
21. 7. 52	Provision of a tilley lamp for use by drag line operator.	228
5. 3. 52	Provision of water tanks at D.R's 3278, 3286 and 3297.	229

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HEYFIELD (Contd.)

COMPLETED

18. 1. 52. Erection of three prefabricated houses. 230.

HEYFIELD - TINAMBA

CROSSING at 122m 39c 52 1 231.

On 27.2.52 the Engineer, Shire of Maffra, advised that the Shire proposed to reconstruct the road adjacent to the above crossing and asked that arrangements be made for the existing cattle pits to be moved back in line with the edge of the road reserve.

After investigation the Secretary for Railways replied on 3.4.52 that "having regard to the sharp angle (approximately 20 degrees) of the roadway to the railway at this location adoption of your Council's suggestion to relocate the cattle pits in line with the edge of the road reserve would be contrary to the interests of safety and as it is considered that the present width of the roadway is adequate, my Commissioners regret they cannot see their way to accede to the request".

(52/3360)

TINAMBA

Mr. E.L. Storer, Stationmaster (Class 8) 232.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	<u>Total Tonnage</u>		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u>		
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1950	5638	1646	1265	1457	299	50	394	
1951	4421	1292	759	1089	143	36	259	
1952	5417	1534	707	1491	173	98	292	

DRAIN AT WEST END OF STATION YARD 233.

It was brought under notice that the Shire of Maffra had excavated a trench across railway land under railway bridge at 126 M, 30 C at west end of station yard for laying a pipe-drain under the bridge.

The work was commenced without permission from this Department and the Shire has been written and requested to submit details for approval before work will be permitted to recommence.

The matter has been pended waiting a reply from the Shire.

(51/11088)

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TINAMBA (Contd.)

LIVESTOCK TRUCKING FACILITIES.

234.

On tour at Maffra on 10.12.51 the Commissioners were interviewed by Councillor N. McInnes regarding the livestock trucking facilities at Tinamba.

He stated that a ramp for pigs and sheep had been provided but it was not suitable for cattle, numbers of which were brought to the station by motor transport.

Investigation disclosed that cattle are brought to our yards in small lots in motor transports which are unloaded at the ramp at Goldsborough North's Yards nearby when access can be obtained to those yards. This is not always possible as those yards are sometimes locked against such use and, in some instances, it is necessary for the cattle to be conveyed to Maffra for trucking from there to Newmarket.

The Commissioners approved on 25.2.52 of the provision of a dual purpose ramp and a small forcing yard to such ramp and Councillor McInnes was so advised on 25.2.52. The new ramp will lead into the sheep and cattle yards nearest to the crossing while the existing pig ramp at the rear of the yards is to be retained as pigs and calves are loaded on the same day as sheep and cattle.

It has not been practicable to make funds available for the work to date but it has been listed for attention when circumstances permit.

(51/12721)

COMPLETED

24. 9. 52      Installation of "W.S." levers in lieu of existing spur levers on main line and plunger locked points at 'up' and 'down' ends.      235.

TINAMBA - MAFFRA

COMPLETED

236.

Relaying and reconditioning of track from 127 M, 12 C to 125 M, 12 C. (£22,157)

MAFFRA

237.

Mr. J. Quirk, Stationmaster (Class 4)

Rolling Stock Branch: 2 railmotor drivers, Messrs. Dunlop and Dwyer

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Figs	Cattle Horses
1950	77055	7750	38529	64053	476	85	348
1951	66872	7057	28970	46803	390	79	290
1952	82074	7629	32524	65343	421	110	258
1953	108348	7821	31450	76410	569	60	323

BEST KEPT D.R.

238.

In connection with the 1952 Competition for Best Kept Departmental Residences, D.R. 443, occupied by Acting Ganger Proctor, was awarded first prize of £8.8.0 in the Eastern and South Eastern District.

RELOCATION OF STATION BUILDINGS

239.

On tour on 8.5.50 Councillor J.A. Johns asked the Commissioners that consideration be given to transferring the station buildings and platform to the other side of the line. All of the passenger business came from this side of the line and had to cross the line to get to the station.

In reply the Commissioners said that, although the proposed transfer might be an advantage, it could not be even considered until urgent new construction and overdue maintenance works were attended to. These works would involve labour and materials to the order of many millions of pounds and until they were dealt with it would be impossible to undertake work such as that desired.

(50/4791)

GOODS OFFICE TELEPHONE :

240.

Arrangements have been made for the provision of a table telephone in lieu of existing wall telephone in goods office.

Pending completion of more urgent work.

(W & W. 14704/52)

CRANE

241.

On 14.4.53 the Commissioners approved of the 6 tons derrick crane being equipped for power operation at the Department's expense.

The estimated cost of conversion to electric operation is £635. The manufacture of the necessary gearing and brackets is in hand. The motor is available and work will be commenced on completion of crane at Morwell.

(52/10690)

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MAFFRA (Contd.)

SIDING EXTENSIONS

242.

Alterations to Maffra Co-operative Milk Products Company siding were completed on 31.8.53. Advice has recently been received from the Company, requesting that further alterations be proceeded with. The Company is being requested to forward the estimated cost of the work, when arrangements will be made for it to proceed.

(48/8876)

SUBWAY UNDER SIDING

243.

Advice has been received from the Maffra Co-operative Milk Products Company that it does not intend to proceed with the construction of a subway under its siding.

(52/5113)

MAINTENANCE CHARGES FOR SIDING

244.

In 1950 the Cereal Processors (Victoria) Pty. Ltd. agreed to a proposal that whilst its siding was being used by this Department, certain maintenance and interest charges payable by the Company would be waived. This Department ceased to use the siding prior to 1.7.53 and accordingly the Company is now required to pay maintenance charges annually in advance as from that date.

(53/8745)

ELECTRIC BELL

245.

Provision of an electric bell to aid the Gatekeeper who operates the gates on up side of Macallister River Bridge has been listed for attention when staff can be made available.

(W & W. 454/51)

PURCHASE OF LAND

246.

Arrangements are in hand for the purchase of land on the south side of the siding serving Dehydration Factory to provide standard track clearances.

(50/12057)

LEASE OF LAND

247.

Advice has been received from the Maffra Co-operative Milk Products Company that circumstances have arisen which prevent it from proceeding with its proposal to lease land from this Department for beautification purposes.

(52/10967)

LEVEL CROSSING AT 131 m. 41 c. 27 l.

248.

In order to preserve the view at the level crossing at Sale Road on the down side of Maffra station, a triangular piece of ground on the down side of the crossing and up side of line has been purchased from Mr. G. Christou and the boundary fence realigned.

(52/12062)

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MAFFRA (Contd.)

D.R. 3666.

249.

Correspondence is in course in connection with a request by Porter Miatke that a wood shed be provided at his residence.

(15/659/22)

D.R. 443.

250.

Instructions have been issued for provision of sewerage facilities to D.R. 443 and tenders are being invited for the work (£274).

(53/9147)

A contract has been let for the provision of an additional power point.

(W & W.13731/52)

COMPLETED

4. 7. 52	Provision of an extra power point in D.R.440.	251.
5. 3. 52	Enclosing back verandah at D.R. 443.	252.
4. 7. 52	Installation of 2 additional power points in D.R. 2828.	253.
18. 2. 53	Erection of new goods office outside down end of shed and removal of office from inside shed.	254.
27.10. 52	Provision of 2 new goods sidings each holding 30 trucks, between Cereal Processors Sidings and the road approach behind station buildings.	255.

MAFFRA - BRIAGOLONG.

CLOSING OF LINE

256.

This section of line was closed for traffic as from 16.9.52 and arrangements have been made for the recovery of any material of value to the Department, and for tenders to be invited for the balance. Tenders were invited for the purchase of the facilities at Boisdale, Bushy Park and Briagolong. None was received for Boisdale and those for Bushy Park and Briagolong are under consideration.

(52/6398)

STRATFORD

257.

Mr. F. Byrne, Stationmaster (class 8).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1950	5120	2588	2546	1532	1961	87	85	
1951	4062	2367	1265	1465	1017	107	51	
1952	4961	2064	1266	1699	1865	72	107	
1953	10330	2679	2201	1929	1956	81	68	

FENCING

258.

Following a request from Mrs. M. Svenson for erection of a new 5' paling fence between her property and railway land, she was advised that a standard dropper fence would meet Departmental requirements and as the fence is in need of repairs, there is no objection to her erecting a better type fence to our satisfaction under the usual conditions to which the Department would contribute the sum of £10.

No reply has been received to date.  
(52/7656).

PREFABRICATED HOUSES

259.

This location has been listed for erection of two prefabricated houses and in due course arrangements will be made for inclusion in a suitable contract.

COMPLETED:

12.2.53.	Renewal of stock yards and regrading stock siding.	260.
3.7.53.	Relocation of power point in kitchen of DR.279.	261.

MUNRO

F. W. Delaney, Vol. Caretaker.

262.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1950	214	228	155	337	-	-	-	
1951	78	105	17	269	-	-	-	
1952	112	62	88	268	-	-	-	
1953	261	125	103	249	-	-	-	

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MUNRO (Contd.)

TRAIN CROSSING FACILITIES

263.

In 1951 a plan and estimate of cost were prepared for train crossing facilities at this place as well as at Bumberrah to make provision for anticipated heavy timber traffic from the Orbost line.

The estimates for Munro were on 9.8.51:—

- (a) For an attended station with electric staff switching facilities.

Trackwork	£8400
Signalling	<u>2175</u>
Total	£10,575

- (b) For an unattended station with automatic electric staff working (similar to Mysia)

Trackwork	£8400
Signalling	<u>2350</u>

Total £10,750

The proposed trackwork provides for a No.2 road of 464 yards between fouling points independent of the present loop siding. As the timber traffic has not yet developed as expected the matter has been pended for later consideration.

(W & W. 2465/50)

FERNBANK

264.

Mr. E. W. Richardson, Asst. Stationmaster (class 5).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Horses
1950	1796	483	1795	257	465	1	-	-
1951	1625	604	1595	368	146	6	-	-
1952	2138	239	1802	407	464	9	-	-
1953	1643	351	588	454	405	17	-	-

LINDENOW

265.

Mr. T.F. Smith, Stationmaster, (Class 8).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs -Horses
1950	8420	1922	5959	1997	1218	51	73
1951	10417	1519	8734	1591	640	40	94
1952	11004	1660	6702	2070	1000	28	179
1953	10675	2083	4429	1905	967	37	114

MOST IMPROVED D.R.

266.

In connection with the 1952 Competition for the Most Improved Departmental Residences, D.R. 2128, occupied by Ganger Bending, was awarded first prize of £5.15.0 for places without piped water supply in the Sale Works Foreman's Section.

DIVERSION OF DRAINAGE.

267.

Following a request from the Shire of Bairnsdale to divert surface water into drain on south side of the railway, a licence was forwarded to the Council for execution. Advice has been received that the Council has been endeavouring to arrange an agreement with landholders over whose property the water will flow. It is hoped to have the matter finalised at an early date.

(51/12708)

COMPLETED.

- 12.2.53. Provision of an electric light in bathroom and 12' x 10' portable at D.R. 286. 268.
- 2.10.53. Reduction in length of timber goods platform from 129' to 60'. 269.

HILLSIDE.

Mrs. A.M. Stanley, Caretaker (Class 3).

270.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs -Horses
1950	1686	272	1148	420	36	14	60
1951	1790	182	1439	323	80	4	31
1952	1973	174	1127	361	130	1	42
1953	2405	309	1018	397	146	4	22

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BAIRNSDALE

271.

Mr..A. C. Dawson, Stationmaster (class 3)  
Rolling Stock Branch : Total Staff 14. Driver-in-charge, A. Timms -  
4 engines.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle Pigs Horses
1950	53681	19504	11463	24015	3376	477	1189
1951	47364	17866	8535	19346	1891	397	1100
1952	62967	17342	9315	23081	4390	702	1618
1953	73338	20158	6674	24007	4301	544	1203

GOODS SHED ACCOMMODATION AND STAFF

272.

In order to overcome the disability our customers have been experiencing in obtaining delivery of goods at the shed due to the necessity to withdraw staff for duty on the passenger side at certain periods of the day and to the inadequate accommodation at the goods shed, arrangements have been made to increase the staff at the shed and to review the necessity for increasing the goods shed accommodation.

RECONSTRUCTION OF PASSENGER ROAD APPROACH

273

The Shire of Bairnsdale has advised that it is prepared to carry out the reconstruction of the passenger approach road, and is preparing an estimate of cost for submission as early as possible.

(46/15220)

CROSSING WORK

274

Instructions have been issued for the renewal of crossing work at the up end of yard between 170m. 77c. 42 lk. and 171m. 01c. 64 lk. (£7077).

Work will be carried out when staff can be made available.

(52/7349)

SIDING TO POLE STORE FOR S.E.C.

275

The S.E.C. requested that a siding be provided to its pole store at Bairnsdale on the basis of the Commission carrying out the work and this Department providing the material.

The S.E.C. has material available and has requested an up to date estimate for it to provide both labour and material this Department to supply a Ganger to supervise.

(51/1991).

TURNTABLE

276

A 70 ft. girder turntable which will be released from Traralgon when a 70 feet twin span motorised turntable is installed there has been listed for installation at Bairnsdale.

(50/12100).

CRANE POWER

277

In connection with a revision of the crane facilities throughout the State the Commissioners on 5.8.53 approved of tenders being invited for the supply of a total of 14 derrick electric cranes of 8 tons capacity and 10 post type electric cranes of 5 tons capacity delivery to be spread over a period of three years from the placing of orders.

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BAIRNSDALE (Contd.)

CRANE POWER (Contd.)

277  
(Ctd.)

Bairnsdale is No.1 in priority order for an 8 tons electric crane.

In connection with the report by a Committee appointed by Cabinet to investigate rail facilities for the handling of timber in the East Gippsland area, the Commissioners have recently approved of the 6 tons manually operated crane on the timber siding being converted to electric operation as soon as possible. This work will be undertaken on completion of similar work at Morwell and Maffra.

(50/12222)  
(53/5429)  
(48/10047)

CLEANING OF STOCK TRUCKS.

278.

Instructions have been issued for the provision of a short platform between loading races and dead-end to facilitate cleaning of stock trucks. Staff is not available at present.

(W & W. 2940/49)

BUCHANAN STREET CROSSING.

279.

On tour in April, 1949, the Shire Council requested that flashing light signals be installed at the Buchanan Street crossing at the down end of the station. It was stated that most of the 1,500 children who attend the High School passed over this crossing daily. The view of the crossing was obscured by the engine shed and it was considered that there was a considerable element of danger for pedestrians having in mind the shunting and train movements over the crossing. This, it was considered by the Council, justified the provision of warning signals.

The Commissioners considered that if reasonable care were exercised by road users, there was very little danger at the crossing in question. When shunting movements were made over the crossing, there was always a railway employe in attendance to warn road traffic of the presence of an engine or moving vehicles, and apart from this, the crossing was no different from many others throughout the State where road users had simply to be on the lookout.

It was considered that there was no justification for the provision of flashing light signals and the request was therefore declined.

(49/4573)

D.R. 290.

280.

An application for provision of a light at the back door of the Stationmaster's residence is under consideration by the Inter Branch Housing Committee.

Efforts are being made to obtain a contractor for provision of an additional power point in kitchen.

(W & W. 7083/53)

A request for re-connection of gas supply to D.R. 290 was declined, as a fuel stove is provided for cooking purposes and it is not usual to provide a duplicate service.

(W & W. 1858/53)

D.R. 3497.

281.

Arrangements have been made for the provision of 20 yards of garden loam at D.R. 3497.

(W & W. 5671/53) (Continued)

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BAIRNSDALE. (Contd.)

COMPLETED

16.10.52	Re-arrangement of Train Examiner's Cabin	282.
5.1.53.	Erection of a new sand house adjacent to sub-depot building.	283.
21.5.52	Transfer of wall telephone from Booking Office to Parcels Office.	284.
22.10.52	Removal of disc signal, quadrant and Annett lock, and fittings in connection with closing of wharf line.	285.
23.5.52	Abolition of wharf line beyond 171M 21C 66 lks.	286.
30.3.53	Installation of 1 additional electric light in D.R. 290.	287.
29.10.52	Provision of new timber loading siding at up end of yard and relocation of 6 tons crane thereon.	288.
25.7.52	Installation of electric light and 2 power points in new goods office.	289.
9.4.52	Extension of selector telephone to telegraph bench, direct Postal telephone line to the goods shed office in place of extension telephone from passenger office, local telephone service between Loco. Shed and station.	290.
14.9.53	Cleaning of ashpit and provision of baffle stops.	291.
20.10.52	Repairs to floor of goods shed.	292.
1.6.53	Attention to faulty gas hot water system at DR.3497.	293.
14.1.53	Erection of a bicycle rack inside the loco. shed.	294.
22.10.52	Replacement of Taylor lever at 170m. 73ch. 56 lks. with a W.S.A. lever.	295.
22.9.53	Provision of two additional lights in goods shed.	296.
23.5.53	Acquisition of necessary land and realignment of the dividing and wing fences to improve roadusers' view at P.C.R. crossing 172m. 12Ch. 32lks. - about one mile down side of station.	297.

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NICHOLSON

298.

No-one-in-Charge

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1950	131	--	143	198	54	3	--
1951	13	--	15	124	51	--	--
1952	27	--	6	172	48	--	--
1953	270	--	152	244	50	--	--

CLAYBANK

299.

No-one-in-Charge

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1950	1	--	--	6	--	--	--
1951	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
1952	2	5	--	--	--	--	--
1953	10	2	1	--	--	--	--

BUMBERRAH

300.

Mrs. M. R. Gale, Caretaker, (class 4).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1950	2037	7	1645	876	80	30	12
1951	984	--	333	874	75	12	16
1952	2182	--	291	1114	49	64	73
1953	3638	--	1105	1272	82	57	55

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BUMBERRAH (Contd.)

TRAIN CROSSING FACILITIES.

301.

In 1951 a plan and estimate of cost were prepared for train crossing facilities at this place as well as at Munro to make provision for anticipated heavy timber traffic from the Orbost line. The estimates for Bumberrah were on 9.8.51 -

Trackwork	£8,000
Station	300
Buildings	
Signalling	600
	<u>        </u>
Total	<u>£8,900</u>

The proposed trackwork provides for a No.2 road of 380 yards between fouling points independent of the present loop siding. As the timber traffic has not yet developed as expected the matter has been pended for later consideration.

(W & W. 2465/50)

COMPLETED.

22.1.52      Extension of telephone from station to      302.  
                  Caretaker's Residence.

MOSSIFACE.

303.

Mrs. Hadwick, Relvg. Caretaker.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs-Horses
1950	4245	1	2460	33	-	-	-
1951	2979	-	1402	28	-	-	-
1952	2394	-	1025	63	-	-	1
1953	4216	-	1309	36	-	-	1

COMPLETED.

23.4.53      Drainage at D.R. 2251.      304.

BRUTHEN

305

Mr. W. C. McKee, Stationmaster, (Class 8).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	<u>Total Tonnage</u>		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u>	
			<u>Out</u>	<u>In</u>		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1950	13482	13	6777	4131	5556	17	81
1951	10114	3	4626	3745	1201	18	87
1952	13265	15	4961	4132	5400	6	82
1953	27773	1	8260	3425	5821	19	76

ALTERATIONS TO STOCK YARDS :

306

On 27/1/48 the Commissioners approved of the renewal of the stock trucking yards including concrete surfacing of cattle race and crush and pig yard, provision of pig shelter in new position, water trough in pig yard with tank water supply, light type transport ramp leading into pig yard and renewal of fencing and gates.

Due to shortages and other urgent works, it has been found impracticable to carry out this work.

On tour at Bruthen on 11/12/51 representatives of the Shire of Tambo interviewed the Commissioners regarding these yards. The deputation stated that in wet weather it is impossible to drive a motor vehicle in to unload pigs. It is only a dirt track and request was made that a road be formed and gravelled and the fences on each side of the roadway to the yards be given attention as they are not stock proof.

The deputation was informed that it was proposed to move the unloading ramp to a more suitable position facing the end of the stock lane where transports would have no difficulty in turning. Arrangements would be made for the fences to be put in order but the Commissioners could not agree to provide a road as stock could be unloaded at the ramp and driven to the yards.

The Council anticipated that a local water supply scheme would be in operation in about 12 months' time and requested that the water supply be extended to the trucking yards.

It was explained that it is the Department's policy where there is a reticulated water supply and a reasonable amount of traffic to provide watering facilities at the trucking yards.

The fences were repaired and on 14/8/52 the Chief Civil Engineer reported that the proposed renewal of the yards had been listed for attention as soon as circumstances permit.

On 1/6/53 the Shire of Tambo wrote saying that "owing to the state of disrepair of the yards owners are forced to transport stock to Bairnsdale and unless prompt action is taken to effect urgent improvements required the position will be serious".

On 2/7/53 the Chief Civil Engineer reported that "some repairs were effected to the yards recently and they are in workable order. Extensive renewals are due, however, and it is proposed to provide a new cattle race and renew approximately 30 posts in about 3 months' time".

Paper on tour.

(53/5633)

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BRUTHEN (Contd.)

CRANE POWER.

307.

In connection with the report by a Committee appointed by Cabinet to investigate rail facilities for the handling of timber in the East Gippsland area, the Commissioners directed on 15.9.53 that the anticipated increased timber milling in this district as mentioned in the Committee's report should be reviewed regularly with a view to the recommendation of additional crane facilities when justified.

(53/5429)

CHARGES FOR LOADING TIMBER WITH CRANE.

308.

Mr. Enright who loads timber with the railway crane on which he installed a power drive some years ago, makes the following charges for loading timber into rail trucks -

- (a) 10d. per 100 super feet of timber when loaded from road vehicle direct to railway truck
- (b) 1/2d. per 100 super feet of timber when loaded from the ground to railway truck
- (c) when the timber is wire bound or strapped a reduction of 10/- per truck on the abovementioned charges is allowed.

In view of the work which has to be done by the loaders and present day costs these charges are considered to be reasonable.

(53/4465).

COLQUHOUN

309.

No-one-in-Charge:

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs-Horses
1950	877	-	791	-	-	-	-
1951	517	-	704	32	-	-	-
1952	105	1	153	36	-	-	-
1953	775	2	562	16	-	-	-

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ORBOST

Mr. J.M. Maher, Stationmaster (Class 6) 310.

Rolling Stock Branch : Total Staff 4, Driver in Charge  
W. Coad One engine.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle Pigs Horses
1950	57533	72	25914	7554	5030	78	818
1951	52725	42	24173	7506	1044	43	443
1952	63895	18	23036	7846	2848	208	877
1953	77539	22	19243	8077	2799	155	676

POWER DRIVE FOR CRANE ON TIMBER SIDING. 311.

Mr. J.F. McMahon has been granted permission by the Commissioners to motorise the 6 tons derrick crane located on the new siding at Orbost but has not yet done so.

On 30/9/53 the District Superintendent reported that the present traffic is being satisfactorily handled by the two power driven cranes, that the crane on the timber siding has not been used and it is not necessary to convert it to power operation just now.

(49/7546)

CHARGES FOR LOADING TIMBER WITH CRANES 312.

Alstergren Pty. Ltd. and Mr. J.F. McMahon load timber with two railway 6 tons cranes on which they installed power drives some years ago. Each loader makes the following charges for loading timber into rail trucks :-

(a) 10d. per 100 super. feet of timber when loaded from road vehicle direct to railway truck.

(b) 1/2d. per 100 super feet of timber when loaded from the ground to the railway truck.

These charges were approved by the Commissioners on 12/8/52.

Recently Mr. Enright who loads timber with the crane at Bruthen agreed to make a reduction of 10/- per truck on the above-mentioned charges when the timber is wire-bound or strapped and it is considered that a similar reduction should be made by the timber loaders at Orbost. They are being advised accordingly.

{47/7520}  
{53/4465}

ORBOST (Contd.)

STOCK YARDS:

313.

Reconstruction of the stock yards including provision of four additional holding yards is in hand and 65% completed. (£7900).

(W & W.12392/52)

RESTORATION OF WATT'S GULCH BANK.

314.

The Snowy River Improvement Trust has long range proposals under consideration for improving the Snowy River and one of these is the sealing off of Watt's Gulch to prevent overflow from the River during floods. The estimated cost of this work is between £4000 and £6000 and the Trust requested that this Department contribute one third of this cost because of benefits which would be derived by the railways from such sealing.

On 25/8/53 the Trust was advised that "The Commissioners do not agree that considerable benefit will be derived by this Department. It is considered that the proposed sealing work might not be effective in the event of an early major flood or of any flood which might overtop the new bank and that owing to the greater inrush of flood waters, failure of the bank would cause more damage to railway property than would occur under present conditions. In the circumstances, my Commissioners cannot see their way to contribute towards the cost of the proposed work".

(53/2185)

D.R. 3262.

315.

Following a request for additional accommodation at D.R. 3262 it was recommended that the sun room be converted to a bedroom. Arrangements have been made for suitable blinds to be provided.

(W & W.10241/53)

D.R. 3655

316.

Arrangements have been made for provision of a tap in front garden of D.R. 3655.

(W & W. 4068/53)

COMPLETED.

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|-----------|--|------|
| 23. 5. 53 | Drainage of area of land, adjoining station yard, owned by Mr. R.C. Morgan.                              | 317. |
| 22.10. 52 | Provision of a woodshed at D.R. 3262.  | 318. |
| 6. 3. 53  | Improved lighting adjacent to trucking yards and repairs to wiring for electric lighting at engine shed. | 319. |



ORBOST - BAIRNSDALE

STRENGTHENING OF LINE.

320.

The Greater Gippsland and Snowy River Protection and General Development League made representations in May 1951 to the Hon. the Minister for Public Works that the Bairnsdale-Orbost line be strengthened.

On 26.4.51 the Chairman of Commissioners reported as follows to the Hon. the Minister:-

"The Bairnsdale-Orbost line is 60 miles long, and in common with many other branch lines throughout the State is laid with light rails and with bridges suitable for the types of locomotives used on light lines. To strengthen the Orbost line for use by heavy engines would involve extensive rebuilding of bridges, widening cuttings and embankments and relaying the track with heavier rails. This would involve an expenditure of upwards of a million pounds, and, as the existing track is quite capable of handling all the traffic offering on the line, this would obviously not be justified".

(51/4226)

COMPLETED .

19. 1. 53                      Repairs to bridge over railway on the                      321.  
    Mossiface - Swan Reach road.

WAYGARA

Mrs. M.E. Potter, Voluntary Caretaker.

322.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	61	4	29	17	-	-	-	-
1951	874	-	497	6	-	-	-	-
1952	1363	15	722	60	-	-	-	-
1953	4128	30	1088	5	-	-	-	-

CRANE .

323.

Early in 1952, Messrs. Gibbs Bright and Coy. purchased on behalf of the Waygara Sawmilling Coy. the Departmental 6-tons crane at Waygara which was transferred there from Noojee. The total price paid was £505 representing £350 as the value of the crane and £155 as cost of its erection at Waygara by this Department.

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WAYGARA (Contd.)

CRANE (Contd.)

323 (Contd.)

On 10.11.52 Gibbs Bright and Coy. stated that the Waygara Sawmilling Coy. now finds that it does not require the crane any longer as it has made more satisfactory arrangements and asks that the Department buy the crane back for the price paid, viz. £505.

On 23.12.52 the Secretary for Railways advised Gibbs Bright & Coy. that the value of the crane to this Department is £350 but, if purchased, it would require to be dismantled for use elsewhere. This work is estimated to cost £100, and the Commissioners are prepared to purchase the crane from the Company for the sum of £250.

The papers have been filed pending receipt of further advice from the Company.

(51/1693)

WAYGARA - TOSTAREE

OCCUPATION CROSSING AT 215 M. 16 CHS.

324.

On 12.9.52, Mr. R. Cavagna of Orbost made application for an occupation crossing to be provided at 215 M. 16 C. to give him access to his property each side of the line.

On 10.2.53 he was given full particulars of the conditions under which such a crossing would be provided and was requested to forward the sum of £74.

He called on the Estate Officer on 19.5.53 and stated he felt the high cost of the crossing is not warranted but he desired to further consider the matter and would then reply to the letter of 10.2.53. To date he has not done so.

(52/9434)

TOSTAREE

No-one-in-Charge.

325.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle Pigs Horses
1950	45	-	34	55	-	-	-
1951	51	-	24	85	-	-	-
1952	74	5	41	49	-	-	-
1953	925	-	689	94	-	-	-

NOWA NOWA

Mr. J.J. O'Keefe, Asst. Stationmaster (Class 4) 326.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Sheep	Cattle Horses
1950	12423	20	8258	2076	1286	40	25	
1951	13003	10	6998	2159	574	20	16	
1952	19447	20	9286	2002	1241	40	23	
1953	46252	4	14209	1714	847	16	23	

CRANE POWER. 327.

In connection with the report by a Committee appointed by Cabinet to investigate rail facilities for the handling of timber in the East Gippsland area, the Commissioners directed on 15.9.53 that the anticipated increased timber milling in this district as mentioned in the Committee's report should be reviewed regularly with a view to the recommendation of additional crane facilities when justified.

(53/5429)

CHARGES FOR LOADING TIMBER WITH CRANE. 328.

Mr. W.K. Quint, who loads timber with the railway crane on which is installed a power drive owned by him, makes the following charges for loading timber into rail trucks :-

(a) 10d. per 100 super feet of timber when loaded from road vehicle direct to railway truck.

(b) 1/2d. per 100 super feet of timber when loaded from the ground to the railway truck.

These charges were approved by the Commissioners on 8.12.52.

Recently Mr. Enright, who loads timber with the crane at Bruthen, agreed to make a reduction of 10/- per truck on the abovementioned charges when the timber is wire-bound or strapped and it is considered that a similar reduction should be made by Mr. Quint. He is being advised accordingly.

(47/13907)  
(53/4465)

JIB OF CRANE 329.

A complaint that the jib of the crane is too heavy to swing is being investigated.

(W & W.9211/53)

STOCK TRUCKING YARDS. 330.

On 1.6.53 the Shire of Tambo wrote and drew attention to the condition of the stock trucking yards.

Inquiries indicated that these yards were in good order and the Shire was so informed on 6.7.53.

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NOWA NOWA (Contd.)

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(Contd.)

STOCK TRUCKING YARDS (Contd.)

However, on 23.9.53 the Shire of Tambo again wrote saying that an inspection of the yards had been made by the Council and "the inspection revealed that the yards are in a quite unsatisfactory condition and incapable of holding stock".

The Shire requested that arrangements be made to have the whole trucking yards renewed.

Papers on tour.

(53/5633)

SLEEPER LOADING AREA.

331.

Complaints have been received that the area for loading sleepers is inadequate. Various schemes for improvements have been prepared and these will be investigated on tour.

Papers will be available on tour.

(W & W.4984/53)

SLEEPER PROJECT.

332.

In August 1952 arrangements were made for a departmental sleeper project to be operated in an area at Nowa Nowa allotted by the Forests Commission to this Department. A camp, consisting of fifteen - 20 x 12 portables as living accommodation and a recreation hut has been provided.

The work of cutting sleepers commenced in September 1952 and up to 26.9.53 - 19,587 had been supplied at a price equivalent to stock rates.

At present a staff of 23 men is employed.

An application has been received for provision of blinds to the portables and the matter is receiving attention.

D.R. 2256.

333.

A request for provision of a sleepout at D.R. 2256 was refused as the accommodation provided is sufficient for the occupants of the house.

(W & W.4942/53)

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NOWA NOWA (Contd.)

COMPLETED.

29.10.52	Hot water service at migrant workers' camp.	334.
20.10.52	Repairs to crane.	335.
2.9.52	Alterations to pumping main serving migrant workers' camp.	336.

(Note No. 337 is a Non Issue)

MONTGOMERY

No-one-in-Charge. 338.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	<u>Total Tonnage</u>		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u>	
			<u>Out</u>	<u>In</u>		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs-Horses
1950	267	-	255	177	-	-	-
1951	204	-	209	217	-	-	-
1952	84	-	55	278	139	-	-
1953	237	-	137	232	62	-	-

MONTGOMERY - SALE

COMPLETED.

2.7.53 Improvements to view of level crossings at 130 M 79 C. 41 L and 129 M 39 C. 41 L. 339.

SALE (Contd.)

CRANE POWER.

346.

In connection with a revision of the crane facilities throughout the State, the Commissioners on 5/8/53 approved of tenders being invited for the supply of 14 derrick electric cranes of 8 tons capacity and 10 post type electric cranes of 5 tons capacity.

Sale is No.4 in priority order for a 5 tons post electric crane.

(50/12222)

D.R.2469.

347.

A request has been received for provision of a new bathheater at D.R.2469.

The question of installation of electric bath heaters in areas where electricity is available is under review by the Commissioners.

(W & W.9513/53).

ELECTRIFICATION OF LINE TO SALE.

348.

On tour on 9.5.50 representatives of the local Council stated that the Council was anxious that the proposed electrification of the main line be extended to Sale instead of terminating at Traralgon. The Mayor, Cr. G. Valentine, stated that Sale was about to be proclaimed a city, recently two English firms had completed arrangements to establish factories there and during the next two years the expenditure on these would be in the vicinity of a million pounds. East of the town there were 28 timber mills operating and it was considered that the traffic likely to be offering would more than justify the expenditure on extending the electrification scheme. Councillor Jones stated that at the present time there was a large amount of haulage of logs done by road through Sale and he felt that if this were diverted to the rail, it would go a long way towards providing the revenue required to meet the cost of electrification.

The Commissioners outlined what is being done to improve the Department's capacity to give still better service. Electrification of the main line as far as Sale was principally a matter of economics. There was no doubt about it being a payable proposition as far as Traralgon due to the enormous brown coal and briquette traffic arising from the development of the Morwell brown coal deposits. Beyond Traralgon, however, they were afraid that the traffic at present in sight would not be sufficient to justify the high outlay involved.

They assured Councillor Jones that the Department was fully aware of the extent of the road traffic referred to by him and this was taken into consideration when looking into the question of electrifying the line.

They agreed with the view of the Council that rail traffic from Sale would increase considerably as the area was further developed, and said that when the stage was reached that the prospective revenue would be sufficient to justify it, they would have no hesitation in recommending that the electrification of the line be extended as requested. They were sorry, however, that they would not be justified in doing this at present."

(50/5209)

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SALE (Contd.)

COMPLETED.

7.10.52	External painting of station buildings, goods shed and signal box (£1197)	349.
19.4.52	Provision of 1 additional light each in D.Rs. 3212 and 3213.	350.
2.3.53	Repairs to D.R. 3195	351.
8.8.53	Repairs to D.R. 3156	352.
1.4.53	Extension of postal telephone to Road and Works Foreman's Office.	353
1.5.52	Raising water column to take "R" class locomotives.	354

SALE, WARRAGUL AND MELBOURNE

IMPROVED TELEPHONE SERVICE.

355.

Instructions were issued on 20.1.49 for the provision of improved telephone service between Melbourne, Warragul and Sale, (£7823).

The work from Melbourne to Warragul has been completed and the question of the carrying out of the work beyond Warragul has been pended for review of 1.4.54.

(47/14553)

FULHAM

No-one-in-Charge.

356.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs-Horses
1950	417	544	131	176	26	--	--
1951	726	1332	99	254	--	--	--
1952	930	2043	28	233	34	--	--
1953	607	973	48	193	42	--	--

KILMANY

357

Mr. G. B. Taylor, Asst. Stationmaster (Class 5)

Mrs. S. Taylor, Caretaker(Class 5)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	<u>Total Tonnage</u>		Wool Bales	<u>Livestock Out Trucks</u>	
			<u>Out</u>	<u>In</u>		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1950	3585	842	1616	818	569	135	135
1951	2876	665	734	749	172	122	98
1952	3155	718	740	858	530	148	88
1953	3840	511	345	753	260	145	95

STOCK YARDS.

358

A layout for the renewal of the stock yards has been prepared and approved by the local graziers and stock agents concerned, the estimated cost being £1487 in 1951.

Provision will be made for a transport ramp for the unloading of sheep from both top and bottom decks of transports when the work approved on the plan is being carried out.

Necessary repairs and renewals have been carried out from time to time and the question of the reconstruction of the whole of the yards as per the plan (No.409/50) has been pended for review when funds can be made available.

(49/13532)  
(50/5200)

COMPLETED.

15/12/52	Conversion of bathroom to bedroom and provisions of bathroom on back verandah at D.R.271.	359
12/1/53	Installation of two additional electric lights in D.R.271.	360

KILMANY - ROSEDALE

OCCUPATION CROSSING

361

Mr. A. Huffer, who owns land adjoining the railway between 112 M. 78 C. and 112 M. 24 C. made application on 16/6/52 for an occupation crossing, but as a Government road exists along the south boundary of his property the application was refused.

(52/6226)



KILMANY - ROSEDALE (Contd.)

DRAINAGE.

362.

Instructions were issued on 30.9.53 for drainage of morass at the down end of Latrobe River flats (£461).

ROSEDALE

363.

Mr. E.L. Pitts, Stationmaster (Class 8).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs-Horses
1950	4756	4213	1041	1677	1901	182	140
1951	3320	4148	438	1377	1241	72	73
1952	5763	4625	493	1735	1890	175	147
1953	7126	5070	492	2016	1897	200	128

TREE PLANTING ETC. COMPETITION.

364.

In connection with the 1952 Tree Planting and Decoration of Stations Competition, Rosedale was awarded second prize of £8 for the maintenance of existing trees, gardens etc., at stations with piped water supply in the Eastern and South Eastern District and the prize money was paid to Mr. Pitts, Stationmaster.

STOCK TRUCKING FACILITIES.

365.

On tour on 11.12.51 the Shire Council requested that the stock trucking yards be replaced by modern facilities, and a motor transport ramp suitable for both sheep and cattle be provided.

The Commissioners stated that the Department was short of men and materials and there were many jobs awaiting attention throughout the State which were more urgent than the renewal of the yards at Rosedale.

When they became due for replacement modern yards would be provided and in the meantime they would be maintained in working condition. The question of the provision of a heavy duty transport ramp would be looked into.

There is a steady traffic in both sheep and cattle at Rosedale and stock are freely conveyed to and from our yards by road transports.

A standard dual purpose transport ramp and necessary crush yard are warranted. Plan and estimate of cost for a ramp and crush (£283) and roadway (£275) have been prepared but to date it has not been possible to make funds available for the carrying out of the work.

(51/12712)

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ROSEDALE (Contd.)

D.R. 3653.

366.

Arrangements have been made for repairs to cylinder of hot water unit. It is anticipated this work will be completed at an early date.

(W & W.5201/53)

D.R. 266.

367.

The condition of D.R.266, which is occupied by the Stationmaster, was brought under notice in April of last year, when it was urged that if alterations to the layout of the residence could not be undertaken at an early date, urgent attention should be given to its roof which allowed the rain to leak through in some of the rooms.

Attention has been given to the roof.

(W & W. 9632/51)

D.R.269.

368.

A request for provision of an additional 600 gallon tank at D.R.269 was declined. In addition, to a reticulated water supply, one tank is provided and, having regard to the rainfall in this district, another tank is not considered necessary.

(W & W.9762/51)

COMPLETED.

23.1.53	Repairs to roadway on passenger side of station.	369.
27.3.52	Provision of a light in sleepout and repairs to bathroom light at D.R.269.	370
6.2.52	Attention to level of tracks at level crossing.	371.
17.12.52	Provision of watering facilities at stock yards.	372.

FLYNN

<u>No-one-in-Charge</u>								373.
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1950	856	208	28	501	159	25	85	
1951	676	264	2	277	59	26	58	
1952	1228	483	23	380	-	35	110	
1953	1377	140	14	336	-	20	56	

LOY YANG

<u>No-one-in-Charge</u>								374.
Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1950	5	8	-	32	-	-	-	
1951	-	1	-	17	-	-	-	
1952	5	39	-	11	-	-	-	
1953	9	64	-	17	-	-	-	

HERNE'S OAK

Signal Porters E.V. Clohesy and A. Chuk 375.

AUTOMATIC STAFF EXCHANGING APPARATUS: 376.

Instructions are being prepared for provision of automatic staff exchanging apparatus for both 'up' and 'down' trains.

(53/4841)

PREFABRICATED HOUSES: 377.

The erection of two prefabricated houses was completed on 22/11/52. Water supply and drainage will be carried out when staff can be made available.

(W & W.12080/51)

COMPLETED:  
14.4.53 Provision of a power point in D.R.3124. 378.

28.11.52 Reconstruction of bridge at 84m. 33ch. 471ks. 379.

HERNE'S OAK - YALLOURN

SIDING FOR S.E.C.

380.

A revised scheme has been prepared for provision of a siding in connection with the Melbourne Swamp-drainage Scheme between Herne's Oak and Yallourn. The estimated cost of the work, chargeable to S.E.C., is £13,800 the Commission to provide the crossing timbers.

The matter is pending advice from the S.E.C. as to whether the scheme meets its requirements and when it desires the work be commenced.

(48/11476)

YALLOURN

Mr. W.J. Prior, Stationmaster (class 2)

381.

Rolling Stock Branch: 3 train examiners, 2 engines.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle
1950	794,761	2	1,318,033	41,965	--	--	2
1951	773,016	2	1,133,977	40,998	--	--	1
1952	1,161,583	4	1,548,023	31,862	--	--	1
1953	2,107,064	1,261	1,698,355	22,516	--	--	--

COMBINED OFFICES:

382.

The Governor in Council approved in July last of the Department entering into an agreement with the State Electricity Commission to lease from the Commission portion of the combined offices in the railway marshalling yards at Yallourn for a term of 10 years commencing on 1/12/52 at an annual rental of £1120. Payment was made of the first year's rental in August 1953.

Recently the Chief Civil Engineer reported that the offices are available for occupation by this Department and he suggested that the District Superintendent and District Engineer inspect the accommodation and bring under notice any matters affecting the proposed lease which might arise out of the inspection.

(49/1860)

TRAIN CONTROL SELECTORPHONE:

383.

Installation of a train control selectorphone in the new station buildings and signal box is 60% completed.

(W & W.8762/53)

Continued.

YALLOURN (Contd.)

LAMP ROOM :

384

A lamp room about 5'9" x 6' has been erected by the S.E.C. for this Department adjacent to the combined new offices.

It was considered at one stage that the lamp room should be 8 feet instead of 6 feet long as Yallourn is the bulk kerosene storage depot for Herne's Oak as well as for local requirements and two 44 gallon drums of kerosene are at times stored there. However, after reviewing the matter of lamp requirements on the ground, the Chief Traffic Manager reported on 18/9/53 that supplies can be regulated to conform to the space available and he recommended that the S.E.C. be advised that it is not now intended to proceed with the proposed extension of the lamp room by 2 feet.

The S.E.C. was advised accordingly on 1/10/53.

Papers on Tour.

(53/9028)

SIGNALLING :

385

Erection of a signal box and necessary signalling arrangements (£5460) is 60% completed. Pending completion, temporary signalling facilities have been provided and the spur line is in use for loading.

(W & W.5921/52)

REMOVAL OF SIGNAL BOX :

386

Instructions have been issued for removal of up home signal and plunger locking on points at down end. Work will be carried out when staff can be made available.

RECONDITIONING AND RE-ARRANGEMENT OF TRACKS :

387

A scheme for the re-conditioning and re-arrangement of tracks at the S.E.C. sidings in the vicinity of the Power House was prepared. Verbal advice was received from the Commission that the work was no longer required and it has been written to for confirmation.

(47/11153)

TRAIN EXAMINER'S CABIN :

388

A plan and estimate of cost are being prepared for the provision of an additional Train Examiner's cabin in the new yard.

(W & W.8037/53)

LOCO TANK :

389

Arrangements have been made for attention to be given to the 3" ball valve controlling the water supply to the loco. tank.

(W & W.4998/53)

CATCH PROTECTION :

390

A request from the S.E.C. for provision of a catch protection on the exit of the marshalling yard is being investigated.

(Continued) (W & W.12038/53)

YALLOURN (Contd.)

SIDING FOR S.E.C. OIL STORAGE : 391

The State Electricity Commission requested construction of a siding to provide access for rail delivery to the Commission's bulk oil storage.

Instructions were issued for the work to be carried out, (£2840) but the S.E.C. does not desire the work to be proceeded with at present because of the unfavourable financial position.

(50/11805)

REPAIR SIDING FOR S.E.C. 392

Instructions have been issued for construction of a spur line for S.E.C. to accommodate trucks for local repairs (£536). It is anticipated that the work will be carried out this financial year.

(51/6617)

SIDING FACILITIES TO POWER STATION : 393

Provision of siding facilities to the Power Station for the S.E.C. has been completed with the exception of construction of track between 'B' Turbine House and buffer stops, and sluing and extending the existing siding. These were deferred at the request of the Commission.

(47/14821)

WARNING SIGNALS : 394

This Department is to supervise the installation of flashing light signals at Eastern Road crossing by the S.E.C. The Department is to supply and install rail joints and rail connection terminals.

(52/687)

COMPLETED :

8. 9. 53	Installation of loud speaker system in new marshalling yard.	395
21. 4.53	Installation of additional electric lights in Fuelman's cabin.	396
29.10.52	Installation of two additional power points in D.R.2796.	397
18.9. 52	Sluing tracks at Briquette Factory.	398
25. 9.52	Pulling up 225' of track and replacing buffer stops on S.E.C. sleeper siding.	399
21. 6.52	Installation of a "W.S" lever in lieu of existing spur level on points leading from new deviation line to Brown Coal Mine.	400
22. 7.53	Cleaning, testing and overhauling weighbridge, located in "A" briquette factory.	401
11. 8.53	Cleaning, testing and overhauling Yallourn North Open Cut weighbridge.	402

Mr. R. W. Jenkins, Stationmaster, (Class 2)

Refreshment Room Manager Mr. C. Dart.

Rolling Stock Branch: Depot Sub Foreman V. Bartels, Total staff 95  
2 Engines.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	38929	67449	6908	42181	280	160	1037	
1951	35586	66131	3352	26705	141	106	897	
1952	44691	72067	4055	35495	459	254	1266	
1953	39795	51708	4492	33337	630	115	629	

KEROSENE SUPPLY :

404

In November last representations were made by the A.R.U. that:- (1) a drum of kerosene fitted with a tap be provided for the use of the guards and shunters in the filling of their lamps and (2) that a shelf be provided along the inside wall of the brick van goods shed on No.1 platform on which to place their kits and lamps when cleaning and filling the latter.

These requests were refused as (1) the practice is to leave a one-gallon font of kerosene in the lamp box located in the van shed referred to for the use of employes during night shifts and a porter is available to replenish this supply if this is necessary. This arrangement also assists in conserving the use of kerosene, and (2) the lamp box is suitably placed in the van goods shed of which frequent use is made for storage of goods. If a shelf were provided it would be an obstruction and restrict the use of the shed.

The A.R.U was so informed

(15/1144/53)

REFRESHMENT ROOMS:

405

Arrangements have been made for attention to the range at Refreshment Rooms.

(W & W.11923/53)

"B" SIGNAL BOX LOCKERS :

406

A request by the Signalmen in "B" signal-box that the existing three wooden lockers be replaced by three steel lockers has been refused as the wooden lockers are in serviceable condition and do not occupy excessive space.

(15/1144/54)

IMPROVED ACCOMMODATION FOR GOODS TRAFFIC :

407

In order to provide improved accommodation for the handling of the increased goods traffic a re-arrangement of tracks and surfacing of roadway have been almost completed.

(49/4034)

DESK IN GOODS SHED :

408

Papers are in course in connection with the question of the provision, in the goods shed, of a portable desk on which to place waybills and facilitate the checking of goods from trucks to shed floor, similar to the one in use at Bairnsdale goods shed.

(Continued)

(15/1144/55)

WARRAGUL (Contd.)

CRANE POWER :

409

In connection with a revision of the crane facilities throughout the State, the Commissioners on 5/8/53 approved of tenders being invited for the supply of 14 derrick electric cranes of 8 tons capacity and 10 post type electric cranes of 5 tons capacity. Warragul is No.10 in priority order for an 8 tons electric crane.

(50/12222)

CART WEIGHBRIDGE :

410

On 10/12/52 the Warragul Shire advised that its weighbridge was very old, unsuitable for weighing modern vehicles and had been condemned. It suggested that this Department install a weighbridge in the goods yard.

On 13/1/53 the Secretary for Railways replied that the railway truck weighbridge installed in Warragul station yard meets this Department's requirements and it is not proposed to provide a cart weighbridge.

(52/12543)

SIGNAL AND TELEGRAPH DEPOT :

411

Instructions are in course of preparation for the erection of a Signal & Telegraph Depot to enable better distribution of staff in connection with maintenance of improved signalling arrangements on the line (£287).

(53/6355)

FIRE DANGER FROM SPILT BROWN COAL :

412

On tour on 12/12/51 inspection by the Commissioners of the brown coal unloading area revealed an unsatisfactory state of affairs. Brown coal spilt during unloading operations had been ground to dust by vehicles and constituted a serious fire danger.

On 8/2/52 the Chief Traffic Manager reported that "brown coal and briquettes are received at Warragul for Messrs. Holdenson and Nielson, James Miller & Coy., Dents' Tyre Service and Park Avenue Laundry, who have been advised that it is the responsibility of the consignee to have any accumulation of coal and dust removed promptly and the yard left in a clean condition each day. Higgs. Bros., Carriers cart the fuel for these firms from Warragul yard and use an elevator to load their motor trucks. They have since cleaned the yard of coal dust and have promised to regularly do so in future".

The matter has been reviewed on several occasions since and when reported on in April last the unloading area was being maintained in a clean and satisfactory condition.

(51/12699)

TURNTABLE REPAIRS :

413

Attention will be given to the turntable abutment wall when staff is available.

(W & W. 7977/45)

LOCO OFFICE :

414

Instructions are being prepared for provision of additional office space at the Locomotive Depot. (£275)

(53/8289) (Continued)



WARRAGUL (Contd.)

- EXTENSION OF ASHPIT. 415.  
A plan and estimate of cost are being prepared for extension of the ashpit by 27 feet.  
(W & W.11021/53)
- COAL STAGE WATER SUPPLY. 416.  
The question of deferment of alterations to the water supply at the coal stage until completion of the electrification is being investigated.  
(W & W.6621/53)
- ACCESS TO DISCHARGING POINT FOR C.O.R. 417.  
Permission has been granted to the Commonwealth Oil Refineries Ltd. to construct a timber cat-walk and install a gate to provide access to its tank discharging point.  
The cat-walk has been completed but the gate has not been erected.  
(51/12116)
- SITE FOR TOWN HALL. 418.  
The Warragul Shire has made application to erect a new Town Hall partly on land at present leased to the Shire for beautification purposes and the papers will be available on tour.  
(53/2464)
- SEWERAGE OF DEPARTMENTAL PRE-CUT RESIDENCES. 419.  
Specification etc., for the invitation of tenders for sewerage of the Departmental Residences are being prepared.  
(53/8135)
- GAS SUPPLY TO PRE-CUT HOUSES. 420.  
Following a request for conversion of gas facilities to electric facilities at pre-cut houses, attention was given to gas services and the position is now satisfactory.  
(W & W.535/53)
- D.R.3207. 421.  
Necessary repairs to D.R.3207 will be carried out when staff is available.  
(50/477)
- D.R. 3324. 422.  
A 12'x 10'hut has been erected at D.R.3324 and electric light has yet to be connected. Instructions have been issued.  
(W & W.6397/53)

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WARRAGUL (Contd.)

LOT 39 PHILLIP STREET.

423.

Arrangements have been made for supply of filling for back yard at Lot 39 Phillip Street.

(W & W.11921/53)

EMPLOYEE'S CAMP.

424.

In consequence of a complaint regarding the condition of the Electrical Engineering Branch camp by the Electrical Trades Union of Australia an inspection was made and necessary attention is being given as opportunity offers.

(53/344)

BRIDGE AT 61 m. 9 ch. 44 lks.

425.

The strengthening of the bridge over the line at 61 m. 9 ch. 44 lks., Smith Street (£902) for the S.E.C. is in hand. Bases for supports have been poured and steel work is on hand.

(53/9426)

COMPLETED.

24.6.53	Installation of additional electric light in D.R. 241.	426.
20.6.53	Installation of electric light and 4 power points in Traffic Branch staff portables.	427.
30.3.53	Installation of pie warmer in shunters' cabin.	428.
11.10.52	Installation of loud speaker system in goods yard. (£625)	429.
17.9.52	Installation of 2 additional power points in D.R. 241.	430.
10.7.52	Installation of power point for clothes drying locker in Shunters' cabin.	431.
12.3.52	Installation of power point in basement of "B" signal box.	432.
10.10.52	Painting of station buildings, signal box, footbridge and goods shed. (£1100).	433.
20.5.52	Plumbing work on station buildings (£299).	434.
12.2.53	Regrading of sidings at up end of station yard (£2191).	435.
1.5.52	Erection of paling fence on three sides of V.R.I. tennis courts.	436.
5.6.53	Improvements to gas pressure at Refreshment Rooms.	437.
24.6.53	Provision of a light in the bathroom of D.R.241.	438.
14.10.52	Provision of two standard stores racks at Signal and Telegraph Depot.	439.
29.9.52	Provision of a standard cupboard for Enginemen's kits.	440.
15.5.53	Replacement of five sinks at Refreshment Rooms.	441.
20.7.53	Attention to "Refreshments" sign on platform.	442.

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WARRAGUL (Contd.)

COMPLETED. (Contd.)

3.9.53	Attention to boiler at Refreshment Rooms	443.
7.7.53	Replacement of electric light pole between coal stage and station yard.	444.
15.5.53	Disconnection of Warragul Shire Council's siding and making good main line.	445.
2.12.52	Power point in Refreshment Rooms for pie warmer.	446.
16.9.52	Provision of a lock-up system on section of material rack at Loco. Storehouse.	447.
8.10.52	Extension of telephone from S.M's office to Refreshment Room.	448.
29.9.52	Provision of locks on bedroom doors at living quarters.	449.
17.6.52	Power point for refrigerator at Refreshment Rooms.	450.
11.9.52	Lowering of Automatic Water Column and 9" feed pipe at "up" end.	451.
-	Provision of millcock and stand pipe for fire protection at staff quarters.	452.
19.8.52.	Raising "C" class water column at up end 12".	453.
21.4.53	Provision of timber stock bridge over Hazel Creek.	454.
5.10.53	Asphalting of goods shed floor.	455.
27.9.52	Relocation of goods platform.	456.
9.9.52	Provision of accommodation for shunters and train examiners.	457.
8.4.52	Reticulated water supply to stock yards.	458.
9.9.52	Direct telephone communication between the external "T" box at the loco. depot and Warragul "B" signal box.	459.
1.10.53	Repairs and renovations to D.R.3246.	460.
17.9.53	Improvements to flow of water from column at down end of platform.	461.

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DROUIN

Mr. W. Wilson, Stationmaster (class 7) 462.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1950	9377	11841	4918	11932	34	11	38	
1951	6757	11237	2345	10131	30	16	16	
1952	8547	12851	2484	15539	-	9	32	
1953	11627	13085	2982	18791	-	31	42	

PROVISION OF SIDING AND RELOCATION OF CRANE: 463.

Instructions have been issued for provision of the siding, loading platform and relocation of 6 tons derrick crane (£1703). The crane has been relocated, earthworks for siding completed and loading platform is well advanced.

(51/3336)

<u>COMPLETED</u>		
24.6.53	Installation of 2 additional electric lights and 2 power points in D.R.1830.	464.
16.4.53	Installation of 6 electric lights in subway.	465.
21.5.53	Relocation of down home signal 5 yards nearer platform.	466.
30.6.52	Provision of tie and single sub-station by Contractor (£2500).	467.

LONGWARRY

Mr. H.L. Gaylard, Stationmaster, (class 8) 468.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses	
1950	5418	6024	3521	16279	59	-	2	
1951	3533	5643	1292	8909	13	1	-	
1952	6722	6094	1984	11410	5	12	3	
1953	4709	5270	1281	10776	3	3	8	

STATION FACILITIES: 469.

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line the Commissioners minuted the papers on 26/1/51 as follows:-

"At this station there have been many requests for a foot crossing and there is evidence of regular use being made of an unauthorised crossing place. It is proposed therefore, to provide a footbridge. This was approved as was also the proposal to relocate the station and stock yard and convert the level crossing adjoining the existing station to a P.C.R. to obviate opening and closing of the gates".

Continued.

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LONGWARRY (Contd.)

STATION FACILITIES (Contd.)

469.  
Cont.

Instructions are being prepared for the provision of the footbridge which will give access to the platforms and pathways across the goods yard to gate entrances. (£3300).

(51/1083)  
(W & W.5666/52)

SIDING FOR DISTRICT DAIRYMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY:

470.

On tour on 13/12/51 representatives of the Longwarry and District Dairymen's Co-operative Society requested that a section of the station yard where their brown coal is unloaded be concreted or sealed.

The Commissioners pointed out that it is the responsibility of consignees to clean up any spilt coal at the end of each day and while they would provide a reasonably good surface they were not prepared to put down a sealed or concrete area.

When the re-arrangement of the station yard was undertaken a new site would be prepared for discharging and the Company would require to keep it clean.

Enquiry was then made as to whether the Company could put down a small area of concrete at which the unloading of coal could be carried out. As this would involve the Department sorting trucks to enable them to be placed at the site, Messrs. Ryan, Manager, and Sadler, Works Manager, of the Company were advised that the Commissioners could not agree to the proposal.

A plan of a proposed siding to serve the factory was examined and the Commissioners were requested to supply a copy and an estimate of cost to enable the Company to investigate the matter.

Plan 139/51 for a siding to serve the Society's factory at an estimated cost of £6,500 was supplied but on 29/7/52 the Society advised the Secretary for Railways "We do not wish to proceed any further at present with this scheme. It is possible that at a later date we may wish to do something about it and if so, we will contact you again."

FLASHING LIGHT SIGNALS:

(51/12694)

471.

Instructions have been issued for the provision of flashing light signals at P.C.R. crossing at 51 m. 12 ch. 53 lks. (£1,715). This matter is pending the erection of the new station buildings.

(49/8006)

COMPLETED

31. 8.53 Provision of two additional power points at D.R.2410.
19. 8.53 Provision of a power point in lounge room of D.R.442.

472.

473.

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LONGWARRY - NAR NAR GOON

ROADWAY :

474.

Complaints have been received regarding additional maintenance and waterways required on the roadway between Longwarry and Nar Nar Goon due to Departmental clay trucks using the road.

Suitable road maintenance has been carried out and the question of additional waterways under roadway is being investigated.

(53/672)

BUNYIP

Mr. T.J. Gray, Stationmaster (class 8)

475.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage Out		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
				In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs
1950	4891	6348	3079	3174	144	13	50	
1951	4557	7208	2456	2317	-	7	25	
1952	6064	7566	3037	2537	85	2	67	
1953	5617	7274	1803	2959	43	12	38	

FLASHING LIGHT SIGNALS AT CROSSING :

476.

The Berwick Shire made representations per the Hon. the Minister in July, 1952, that flashing light signals should be installed at the level crossing at the up end of this station or a bridge provided in lieu of the crossing.

The Level Crossing Committee discussed this request with representatives of the Shire to whom they explained that the crossing is clearly defined, with crossing boards prominently located and that excellent views are obtainable from all directions of trains approaching the crossing and that it was considered that the crossing is safe provided roadusers exercise ordinary care. The Commissioners informed the Hon. the Minister as above and regretted they would not be justified in acceding to the request for flashing light signals or an overhead bridge in lieu of the crossing.

Proposals for duplicating the main line at Bunyip include the provision of a ramped overhead pedestrian bridge from the north side of the line to the island platform and a connecting ramped subway under the main line and sidings on the opposite side with exit at the southern boundary fence. These facilities will be located opposite the main shopping and residential area on the north side of the line and the sports ground on the south side.

(52/7591)  
(51/12695)

COMPLETED

- |     |       |   |      |
|-----|-------|---|------|
| 23. | 7.53  | Provision of an additional power point at D.R.2368.                       | 477. |
| 4.  | 3.53  | Repairs to D.R's. 3198 and 3199.  | 478. |
| 18. | 3.53  | Installation of 2 additional power points in D.R's. 3198 and 3199.        | 479. |
| 14. | 12.51 | Installation of additional electric light and 2 power points in D.R. 237. | 480. |

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GARFIELD

Mr. W.J. Graham, Stationmaster (class 8) 481.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock	
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Cattle
						Sheep	Horses
1950	5226	10394	3089	1995	18	3	41
1951	5060	9553	2808	1547	49	2	12
1952	7176	10999	4058	1606	53	10	18
1953	5449	8854	1836	1807	47	2	7

LEVEL CROSSING FACILITIES, BRIDGE ETC. 482.

This Department is to bear the cost of regrading the roadway necessary as a result of the construction of the proposed bridge over the railway in lieu of the two existing level crossings and the Country Roads Board has been advised accordingly.

Arrangements have been made for the proposed livestock subway to be included in the layout plan and a plan indicating land available for leasing in the vicinity of the station is being prepared.

Papers will be available on tour.

(50/5201)  
5741

LEVEL CROSSINGS TO BE ABOLISHED 483.

In connection with the duplication and electrification of this line it is proposed to replace two level crossings at Garfield with an overhead bridge and a pedestrian pathway over the line by a subway.

(52/7591)

COMPLETED

14.12.51 Rewiring electric installation and provision of 3 power points in D.R. 2481. 484.

GARFIELD - TYNONG

COMPLETED

18. 2.52 Provision of new roadway in lieu of road taken over for railway purposes. Work done by Berwick Shire at cost of Department. (£1,179) 485.

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TYNONG

Messrs. F.G. Tighe, C.J. Williams and J.A. Tulloch, 486.  
Asst. Stationmasters (Class 5)

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep-Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	2830	9253	1587	1300	98	9	6
1951	3275	5780	2214	1230	3	4	3
1952	5464	7623	3762	1416	36	4	1
1953	4683	7053	2059	1446	93	5	4

ENTRANCE TO STATION AND TREES NEAR ENTRANCE 487.

On tour on 13.12.51 representatives of the local Progress Association stated that, in the event of a footbridge being provided for access to the island platform, ramps would be preferred to steps. Trees had been planted along the edge of the station grounds on the passenger side to commemorate Her Majesty's 21st birthday and the birthdays of Prince Charles and Princess Anne. One of the trees had been interfered with during departmental work in the vicinity and it was requested that if these trees had to be moved when the line was duplicated, ample notice be given so that they could be moved in the dormant stage during the winter.

The Commissioners stated an Officer would visit Tynong and explain the Department's proposals generally.

On 12.3.52 the Department's proposals for Tynong were explained to local representatives and following general discussion, it was agreed that they were satisfactory.

(51/12697)

WATER SUPPLY

488.

On tour on 13.12.51 representatives of the local Progress Association sought the assistance of the Department to secure a water supply for the township. It was stated the Mornington Peninsula supply passed Tynong and only six miles of piping would be required.

The Commissioners stated that the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission would be requested to advise the position in regard to the supply of water.

The S.R. and W.S. Commission was contacted and advice received that, although a scheme for water supply to the township had been approved, no indication could be given as to when the work would be put in hand.

Departmental requirements for three residences, the station and stock yards are estimated at 180,000 gallons per annum. The information received was passed on to the Progress Association.

(51/12697)

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TYNONG (Contd.)

STOCK TRUCKING YARDS AND POTATO LOADING PLATFORM

489.

On tour on 13.12.51 representatives of the local Progress Association requested that the stock trucking yards be not removed when the line is duplicated and the potato loading platform be not interfered with.

The Commissioners stated that it was not proposed to abolish the stock trucking yards or the potato loading platform.

(51/12697)

STOCK YARDS, ETC.

490.

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line, the Commissioners minuted the papers on 26.1.51 as follows:

"In view of the fact that stock yards will be available  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles away in one direction and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles in the other, consideration was given to their abolition at Tynong. The Commissioners directed, however, that facilities be provided on a new site but they are to be no larger than is necessary for the business offering".

The stock yards are to be relocated 150' on the up side of the goods platform on the shed road.

Papers on tour.

(51/1083)

PROVISION OF P.C.R. CROSSING ON DOWN SIDE AND WARNING SIGNAL AT UP SIDE CROSSING:

491.

On 11/5/50 on tour at Tynong the Commissioners were interviewed by members of the local Progress Association who urged that a crossing be provided at the down end of the station and a warning signal installed at the level crossing at the up end.

The Commissioners said they could not agree to the provision of a crossing at the down end as it would be dangerous because of the extremely limited view of approaching trains, and they would have the crossing at the up end inspected to ascertain whether there was any change since the matter was previously reviewed. On 15/8/50 the Secretary for Railways advised the Progress Association. "Our Level Crossing Committee has inspected the crossing and advises that the provision of flashing light signals is not warranted. The Committee states, however, that the roaduser's view of down trains on the station side of the crossing would be improved by cutting back to ground level for the full width of the roadway from the crossing to a point approximately 200 feet on the Melbourne side of it, the ti-tree and scrub growing on an unused roadway on that side of the line".

The Shire of Berwick was requested to have this scrub cut back and this was done.

On 9/5/53 the Progress Association asked if the Department would consider installing warning light signals at the up end crossing now that the line has been duplicated. The matter was reviewed by the Level Crossing Committee who reported on 26/5/53 that with adequate views of trains from both approaches the provision of flashing light signals is not warranted.

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TYNONG (Cont.)

491 (Contd.)

PROVISION OF P.C.R. CROSSING ON DOWN SIDE AND WARNING SIGNAL AT UP SIDE CROSSING: (Contd.)

The Committee pointed out, however, that the view of the down trains from the down approach is dependent on the unused roadway at the down side up end of the P.C.R. being maintained clear of ti-tree and other scrub which had regrown and should be again cut by the Shire. This has since been done and the Progress Association suitably advised.

(53/4708)

NAR NAR GOON

Mr. R.S. Gillespie, Stationmaster (class 8)

492.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep Pigs	Cattle Horses
1950	1925	12205	236	1918	181	20	8
1951	1777	11079	120	1283	66	17	4
1952	2179	10722	256	1436	130	8	27
1953	1956	8773	110	1744	121	10	3

STOCK YARDS ETC.

493.

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line, the Commissioners minuted the papers on 26/1/51 as follows:-

"It was agreed to relocate the stock yards". They are to be placed on the down side of goods platform shed road.

The track plan has been examined and approved by the Traffic Branch.

Papers on tour.

(51/1083)

D.R.161

494.

In connection with the duplication of the line it is necessary to relocate D.R.161, and instructions are being prepared for its relocation and rehabilitation.

(W & W.11562/53)

D.R.233

495.

Efforts are being made to obtain a contractor for provision of a power point in the wash-house of D.R.233.

(W & W.11142/53)

COMPLETED

21.1.53

Provision of two additional power points at D.R.233. 496.

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PAKENHAM.

Mr. W.D. Duncombe, Stationmaster, (Class 7).

497.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock	
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Cattle Sheep Pigs
1950	4849	21704	808	3822	81	19	36
1951	4673	19069	1223	2655	35	17	17
1952	5265	19557	840	3290	31	20	19
1953	5002	17437	465	3882	123	16	9

STATION NAME.

498.

On tour on 13/12/51 the Secretary of the local Progress Association asked that the name of the station be altered to Pakenham East and if that could not be done he suggested signs be erected reading "Alight here for Pakenham East".

He alleged that in many cases passengers had been over-carried on to Nar Nar Goon expecting the next station to Pakenham to be Pakenham East.

Inquiries disclosed that there was no record during the past 5 years of any passenger having been overcarried beyond Pakenham and the Commissioners considered they would not be justified in acceding to either request.

(51/12696)

PROPOSED RE-ARRANGEMENT.

499.

Proposals relative to the improved facilities and layout at Pakenham in connection with duplication of the main line have been discussed with Shire Officers and plans and report of the Level Crossing Committee are contained in correspondence 52/7792.

Papers on tour.

SUBWAY.

500.

The Berwick Shire made representations per the Hon. the Minister in July 1952 that a subway be provided to the proposed island platform at this station.

The Level Crossing Committee visited Pakenham and discussed the request with representatives of the Shire.

The Committee explained that the footcrossing to the proposed island platform would only cross the "down" track, that by reason of the design of the crib, the persons using the crossing were obliged to face in the direction of approaching trains prior to crossing the line, that the crossing would be similar to many others in use in the suburban area and that, in the circumstances, the provision of a subway was not necessary.

(52/7591) Continued.

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PAKENHAM (Cont'd.)

LIGHTING OF ROADWAY

501.

In connection with the installation of a light on roadway between the station and Main Street, the poles have been re-located and advice has been received from the S.E.C. that connection will be made at an early date.

(50/1970)

PRIVATE SIDING.

502.

A scheme for the provision of a private siding for Raleigh Preserving Company has been drawn up but is pending availability of the site on which a works camp is erected.

(51/11686)

SAWMILL LEASE:

503.

On tour on 13/12/51 the Secretary of the Progress Association drew the Commissioners' attention to the fact that a sawmill is erected on railway land adjoining a park and stated that it was felt that no further lease should be granted when the current lease expired and the area should be incorporated in the other park lands.

After inquiry, the Progress Association was notified on 31/3/52 that the lease of the land used for sawmilling purposed does not expire until 31/7/1956, but the request of the Association that the area be utilised for plantation purposes has been noted and will be borne in mind when the question of granting a further lease of the area is reviewed about that time.

(51/12696)

LEVEL CROSSINGS.

504.

On tour on 12/12/51 the Secretary of the local Progress Association stated that conditions at the two level crossings would be accentuated when the line is duplicated and it was urged that an overhead bridge or subway be provided.

On 31/3/52 the Secretary for Railways replied to the Progress Association :

"With regard to the level crossings at both ends of the station yard, the matter has been investigated by our Level Crossing Committee which advises that the flashing light signal protection at the Main Street crossing will be retained under the duplication proposals, i.e. two pairs of flashing lenses on each standard, on both sides of the crossing, will be retained and focused to give adequate warning indication of trains to road-users approaching from either direction from Main Street and/or along the roads paralleling the railway enclosure.

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PAKENHAM (Cont'd)

LEVEL CROSSINGS (Cont'd)

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Contd.

Proposals as regards the crossing at the opposite end of the yard provide for the removal and re-erection elsewhere of the departmental residence now located at the southeast corner of the crossing, the erection of an additional crossing sign at the north east corner and the acquisition of triangular areas of land at the north east, south east, and south west corners of the crossing in order to ensure that adequate views of trains will be obtained by roadusers when approaching the crossing from any direction. It is considered that these safeguards will afford adequate protection for roadusers and that the provision of subways or overhead bridges is not warranted".

On 10/4/52 the Progress Association informed the Berwick Shire Council that, in connection with the reply from the Railways (as set out above), it was of the opinion that the Main Street crossing fully warrants gates because of the restricted vision and asked that "the Council give serious consideration to asking the Victorian Railways for gates to be installed at this dangerous crossing." The Council accordingly referred the matter to this Department for consideration.

The Level Crossing Committee recommended that the Council be given a reply similar to that given the Progress Association on 31/3/52 and informed that the provision of gates at Main Street crossing is declined.

The Secretary replied accordingly to the Shire of Berwick on 16/5/52.

(51/12696)

FIRE PRECAUTIONS :

505.

Instructions have been issued for the installation of a fire plug near the three Departmental residences (341).

Material has been ordered.

(53/7178)

COMPLETED.

22/6/53.	Installation of two additional power points in D.R's. 2248 and 2455	506.
17/3/53	Provision of works siding on down side of Main line at the down end and alterations to signalling.	507.
18/4/52	Provision of electric lighting and 5 power points in pre-fabricated house.	508.
20/3/53	Removal of D.R.231 (sold to Mr. D.F. Wallace)	509.
13/4/53	Balancing of water crane at down end.	510.
7/8/52	Erection of a pre-fabricated house.	511.

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OFFICER

512.

Mr. J.A. O'Donnell, Stationmaster (Class 8).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock	
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Cattle Horses
1950	893	5730	220	1235	175	16	2
1951	812	6661	136	827	34	9	3
1952	1088	9006	84	691	6	6	2
1953	1343	7154	182	503	68	2	-

TREE PLANTING ETC. COMPETITION

513.

In connection with the 1952 Tree Planting and Decoration of Stations Competition, Officer was awarded first prize of £13 for the maintenance of existing trees, gardens, etc. at stations without piped water supply in the Eastern and South Eastern District and the prize money was divided equally between Mr. O'Donnell, Stationmaster, and Messrs. Campbell and Bruce, Asst. Stationmasters.

MOST IMPROVED D.R.

514.

In connection with the 1952 Competition for the Most Improved Departmental Residences, D.R. 229, occupied by Mr. O'Donnell, Stationmaster, was awarded first prize of £5.15.0 for places without piped water supply in the Oakleigh Works Foreman's Section.

STATION FACILITIES

515.

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line, the Commissioners minuted the papers on 26.1.51 as follows in regard to this station -

"The livestock business is not heavy and duplication will necessitate relocating the stock yards about 500 feet from the existing site. It was proposed to relocate the station also in order to obviate having gates at an adjoining crossing which would be converted to P.C.R.

The Commissioners approved of the proposed relocation of the station, of the conversion of the level crossing and of the provision of livestock trucking facilities on the proposed new site. These are to be as small as possible having regard to the limited volume of livestock traffic at this station."

The track plan has been examined and approved by the Traffic Branch.

Papers on tour.

(51/1083)

D.R. 3237

516.

The present occupant of D.R. 3237, Mr. Chambers, A.S.M., has requested that a portable or additional bedroom be provided to meet the requirements of his family.

This house, however, which was purchased when accommodation was badly needed, is not first class and as no great expense is to be incurred on it, arrangements are in course to transfer Mr. Chambers and replace him with an officer whose family will be suitable for the residence at Officer.

(W & W.7273/53)

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OFFICER - BEACONSFIELD.

517.

CULVERT AT 28M. 77C.

Following a request from the State Rivers & Water Supply Commission for construction of a culvert at 28M. 77C., a scheme has been prepared and submitted to it. (£1972).

The Commission's reply is awaited.

(W & W.1743/52)

BEACONSFIELD

518.

Mrs. P.I. Excell, Booking Porter (Class 1).  
Miss B.G. Excell, Caretaker, (Class 3).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks		
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle	Pigs Horses
1950	1176	10938	69	606	73	-	7	
1951	1717	10388	674	486	45	-	1	
1952	1449	10935	388	523	10	-	1	
1953	1782	7530	569	508	6	-	1	

STATION FACILITIES

519.

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line, the Commissioners minuted the papers on 26.1.51 as follows in regard to this station :-

"Expenditure on alterations to the goods siding, etc. could be obviated if they were abolished on the ground that goods facilities exist at Berwick only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles distant. The Commissioners decided, however, that the goods siding should be retained but worked only in the down direction. This will be a much cheaper proposition than working on the up side as it would involve cross-overs, etc."

Papers on tour.

(51/1083)

COMPLETED :

19. 6. 52      Repairs to drinking fountain.

520.

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BERWICK

521.

Mr. A. Hammond, Stationmaster (Class 8).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock	
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Cattle Pigs
1950	1365	12388	39	1586	83	34	39
1951	1191	10750	33	1312	10	10	27
1952	1809	14165	38	1308	51	23	25
1953	1993	16063	26	1071	62	17	4

MOST IMPROVED D.R.

522.

In connection with the 1952 Competition for Most Improved Departmental Residences, D.R. 2417, occupied by Mr. Hammond, Stationmaster, was awarded second prize of £2.15.0 for places with piped water supply in the Oakleigh Works Foreman's Section.

LOADING FACILITIES

523.

Permission was granted to the Bayview Quarries Pty. Ltd. to erect a loading platform and ramp in the station yard. Portion of the work was carried out but as the metal is at present being transported by road, the Company has held over completion.

(W & W.12220/49).

COMPLETED :

12. 6. 53 Removal of hawthorn hedge and two trees on each side of level crossing at Clyde Road, provision of additional crossing sign and removal of 3 trees on private property up side of crossing. 524.
30. 8. 52 Installation of electricity and power points in special works camp. 525.
- 18.12. 52 Provision of a power point in washhouse of D.R. 2417. 526.
6. 6. 52 Provision of a porch at D.R. 2417. 527.



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NARRE WARREN

528.

Mr. W.A. Grant, Stationmaster (Class 8).

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock Out Trucks	
			Out	In		Sheep	Cattle Horses
1950	1071	6398	160	1349	64	24	39
1951	796	7070	76	1141	121	24	39
1952	1157	7737	120	1032	41	2	18
1953	992	5540	55	1234	47	1	3

LIVESTOCK FACILITIES, ETC.

529.

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line, the Commissioners decided on 26.1.51 that as no alteration is involved to the livestock facilities and as conditions justify it they are to be retained.

The track plan has been examined and approved by the Traffic Branch.

Papers on tour.

(51/1083)

COMPLETED :

7. 9. 53      Installation of one electric light and one power point in portable for relief staff.      530.
- 5.10. 52      Relocation of signal posts Nos. 3 and 4 down departure home signals further out from track.      531.

HALLAM

Mrs. R.E. Canny, Caretaker (Class 2). 532.

Year ended 30th June	Total Revenue £	Outward Passenger Journeys	Total Tonnage		Wool Bales	Livestock		
			Out	In		Out Trucks	Sheep	Cattle Horses
1950	117	2743	9	97	4	-	-	-
1951	105	1965	-	19	-	-	-	-
1952	111	2004	-	40	-	-	-	-
1953	100	1500	-	94	-	-	-	-

STATION FACILITIES. 533.

In connection with the electrification and duplication of the line the Commissioners have approved of the abolition of the goods facilities.

Although the passenger business is not heavy it is larger than at many other stations and for that reason the Commissioners were not prepared to agree to the withdrawal of the passenger facilities.

The track plan has been examined by the Traffic Branch and approved.

Papers on tour.

(51/1083)

OPERATION OF STATION. 534.

In response to inquiries by the Hampton Park District Progress Association, the Secretary for Railways replied on 22/1/53 that "the passenger facilities will be retained at Hallam station, but when electric traction is introduced on the Gippsland line the station will be closed for the receipt and despatch of goods.

In reaching this decision my Commissioners were influenced by the high cost that would be involved in the electrification of the goods facilities, the paucity of the goods traffic at Hallam and the fact that Narre Warren station is only 2 miles distant".

(53/572)

HALLAM - DANDENONG

COMPLETED : 535.

26. 9. 52                      Construction of private siding at 20 M.  
33 Chs. for International Harvester Coy.