

Victorian Heritage Database place details - 6/3/2015

LITTLE RIVER RAILWAY STATION AND GOODS YARD



Location:

19-27 RIVER STREET LITTLE RIVER, WYNDHAM CITY

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H1572

Listing Authority: VHR

Extent of Registration:

1. All of the buildings known as the Little River Railway Station, including the station building and associated platforms (B1), lamp room/ toilet block (B2), the goods shed (B3), as marked on plan 602935 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land surrounding the station buildings marked L1 on plan 602935 held by the Executive Director, being part of Crown Land vested in the Public Transport Corporation.

Statement of Significance:

The Little River Station and Goods Shed was built in 1864 by Samuel Amess on the Geelong-Melbourne line, for the Victorian Railways architects. It comprises a basalt station building, asymmetrically composed, with decorated bargeboard to the gables and a decorative timber platform verandah. Other structures include a basalt lamp room/toilet block and a rusticated goods shed featuring a trabeated decorative system, pedimented gables and rum through. Several features of note include the basement holding cells and the Victorian Railways plaques to the end of the gables. The former signal box, van goods shed and toilet block have been removed. While the station platform is still in use, the station buildings are currently closed.

The Little River Railway Station is historically and architecturally significant to the State of Victoria.

Little River Railway Station and Goods Shed are historically significant as a rare example of buildings erected during the initial phase of railway building in the colony. Constructed in 1864 of a unique design, the Little River Railway Station was one of the earliest station buildings to be built in Victoria. Built during the period of the 'main trunk lines', c.1857 - c.1869, the formative years of railway development in Victoria.

Little River Railway Station is architecturally significant for its planning, design and detailing, and is a notable example of a country railway station. The goods shed is architecturally significant as a rare example of its type.

Heritage Study	
Year Construction Started	1864
Architect / Designer	Snell & Kawerau
Architectural Style	Victorian Period (1851-1901) Picturesque Gothic
Heritage Act Categories	Heritage place
Municipality	["WYNDHAM CITY"]
Other names	
History	