

Place name Precinct - Sale Railway

Survey Date:

Other name

Id:

889

Street Macarthur & Reeve streets

Last Update

Locality Sale

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No NA

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Precinct: Precinct - Sale Railway

Easting

Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer NA

Builder

Ownership

Built Date NA

Change Date

Description The Sale Railway Precinct comprises a small area of land along Reeve Street between the former railway alignment and Macarthur Street. It includes the railway features now set within the Gippsland Centre car park.

The precinct contains the remaining elements of the railway - the signal box, gates and two sets of signals (now set within the car park of the Gippsland Centre). The housing along Reeve Street is predominantly nineteenth century, built in timber and modest in scale and detailing.

The railway station was demolished and the railway yards redeveloped a few years ago. This has changed the nature of the centre of the town. Some railway elements remain, along with houses developed in the years prior to and soon after the railway was developed.

Condition

Integrity

Artefacts
Buildings

History The railway was constructed in 1875-77, and the section from Sale to Morwell opened in 1877. The remaining sections to Melbourne were completed over the subsequent two years. The railway was linked to coastal and Lakes shipping via the Sale Canal, creating a vital transport network (1).

The railway station and yards occupied a large site within the centre of the town, with a siding down to the canal. The site contained the station, goods shed, signal box, railway crossing gates on Reeve Street, a multitude of lines, storage and parking areas. Sale was originally the terminus of the line, and the position of the station, which required trains to be shunted back out to continue on to Bairnsdale, reflects this (2).

Houses had been built along Reeve Street by the 1860s, and several appear to survive within this precinct. The construction of the railway line appears to have led to the development of several houses close to the line in the 1890s. Railway employees and those with related trade skills (such as mechanical engineer, engine fitter) lived in these houses during the nineteenth century (3).

Sources

(1) Synan, P., 'Highways of Water', pp.48, 51, 53-57

(2) Material on the redevelopment of the Sale Railway Station prepared by Sale City Council and Wilson Sayer Core Pty Ltd

(3) Rate Books

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	x		Recommended

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking

Assessed: Sale Heritage Stu

Stage 2 priority

Planning Scheme: Precinct

Final Ranking

Local significance

Final Recommendation

Statement of significance

The Sale Railway Precinct, comprising the signal box, level crossing gates and two sets of signals as well as the houses at 63-79 Reeve Street, Sale is of local historic significance to Wellington Shire. It provides evidence of the development and growth of the railway system, an important stage in the development of Sale, and it is also significant for the associated housing which demonstrates the scale and quality of housing available to workers and a typical nineteenth century adjacency of home and work. (RNE criteria A.4 & D.2)

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography

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