



I hope everyone had a good break over the Christmas and New Year period, and look forward to hearing from you with your research questions or field reports large and small. fieldreports@lrrsa.org.au or to P.O. Box 21, Surrey Hills, Vic 3127. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, either directly, or via the Yahoo group. Scott Gould

Langley Vale Tramway, NSW

The Bulahdelah historical society recently digitized a seven minute silent film of Langley's tramway and sawmill taken in the 1920s. Ian McNeil has provided a copy to the society which can be seen on the LRRSA website at: http://www.lrrsa.org.au/Lr_videos.htm

Recent discussion on the Yahoo group covered an interesting range of topics, some of which are:

Tramways of the Mornington Peninsula

Michael Milway initiated a lengthy discussion of tramways which once operated on the Mornington peninsula, southeast of Melbourne. Thanks to Phil Rickard and others, a well referenced summary of tramways identified is:

Frankston – public jetty [*PWD drwg HWJ 3337 – Addn to jetty & tmy, 3346 – Tmy truck etc]

Whistle Stop near Frankston. This was built as part of a tourist destination.

Mt Eliza quarry

Mount Eliza – slipway from Ranelagh Club – Motor Boat Squadron boathouse about 85m, 3ft 6ins gauge.

Mornington – Mornington Yacht Club - traverser/slipway

Mornington – Timber yard in Barkly St

Mornington (Schnapper Point)/Mount Martha/Osborne – Patent Septaria Cement Co. works jetty –

incomplete at time of sale of works and tramway in 1863.

Dromana – public jetty [PWD drwg HWJ 3316, 3326 – Altn of Tmy, 3328 – Addn/Altn Tmy etc]

Rosebud – public jetty

Rye (2 jetties) – public jetty; Tramway jetty – [PWD drwg HWJ 3713,22 etc] see <http://vhd.heritage.vic.gov.au/vhd/heritagevic#detail_ships;345> for details of the Port Phillip trade vessel *Eivion* wrecked here whilst loading.

Rye (or Tootgarook). Truemans Rd, Tramway for the transport of limestone from a quarry to a Lime and fertiliser/plaster works at the intersection of Point Nepean Rd and Truemans Rd.

Blairgowrie Canterbury Road [PWD drwg HWJ 3725 etc]

Blairgowrie – Yacht Club slipway [pre-1952 to present, 5ft 3ins, 212m length]

South Channel Fort – jetty and tram for coal to boiler room

Mud Islands – (a.k.a Flat Islands), guano extraction [1860s]

Sorrento – public jetty [PWD drwg HWJ 4011- 4055] Narrow-gauge tram to near the steam tram, and the well-known steam tram to Ocean Beach.

Portsea – (3 jetties) Victoria Lime and Cement Co. jetty; Duffy's lime kiln jetty; public jetty [PWD drwg HWJ 3734 etc]

Point Nepean/Portsea Quarantine station – jetty [PWD drwg HWJ 3748, 3751 etc]

Nepean Fort – jetty [PDW drwg HWJ 3750 etc]

Western Port

Flinders – public jetty. Blt 1870. [PWD drwg HWJ 4261-4279]

Shoreham - ? "a timber industry, harvesting piles and sleepers, was established at Shoreham in the 1850s. . . . the timber was either floated out to waiting vessels or run out on temporary tramways" - Byrne, G. 1932 *Early days of the Mornington Peninsula* p.193

Flinders Naval Base – Torpedo School jetty

Sandy Point (Hann's Inlet) – public jetty [PWD drwg HWJ 4419 etc]

"There was also a tramway, at least in the 1870s, to the jetty at Hanns Inlet and this may well have been used for transporting timber" - 58 Victorian Government Gazette, September 5, 1873

Stony Point – public jetty [PWD drwg HWJ 4416-18, 4420-23, 4427-4440]

Crib Point – "Woolley's jetty" Mornington Peninsula Shire H0322

Woolley's Cool Room, Woolley's Beach, Off The Esplanade, Crib Point. "The cellar and land within nominally 5m of its perimeter, with emphasis on the fabric from or near the construction date c1903, plus any related fabric such as the jetty and tramline remnants."

www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Documents/SE/PlanStrategic/43_01s_morn.pdf
Balnarring/Stony Creek – public jetty [PWD drwg HWJ 4424-26] Hastings – public jetty (Are these two places one and the same, under different titles?)

Perry Locomotives of the SR&WSC VIC

The SR&WSC of Victoria used a number of 3ft 6in gauge Perry 0-4-0T locos on the Hume Dam construction. A number (if not all) were auctioned in September 1939 and I have photos of two of these, photographed in November 1939 standing in VR's Spencer Street Goods Yard. I would appreciate any help in identifying them.

One has 94 roughly painted on it (I assume this to be the auction lot number), 36 painted neatly on the cab back and 9/22 painted neatly inside the cab. The other has lot number 95, with 118 painted neatly on the right-hand cab side and 9/24 in the cab.

Richard Horne

The Perry locomotives from the Hume Dam saw re-use in Queensland, Tasmania and Victoria. The Hume Dam 3ft 6in gauge Perrys were:

- 247/1923
- 265/1925 – this was supposedly number 7
- 266/1926 – this was supposedly number 21
- 267/1926
- 268/1926
- 269/1926
- 270/1927

In addition, 271 was supposedly built to 3ft gauge for the associated Bethanga Bridge construction before being converted to 3ft 6in for Hume Reservoir.

There was also the similar but not identical Harman of 1923 which I believe was the prototype.

272 to 280 were for M&MBW at Silvan Dam, a completely separate issue.

A pair of locos at Spencer Street station could suggest they were consigned to go somewhere.

The obvious possibility is the pair that went to Evans Deakin

at Rocklea (now Salisbury) in Brisbane. They are said to have arrived in 1940, and were 268 and 270, numbered LM2 and LM1 respectively by Evans Deakin.

John Browning

Domestic incline tramways, Eastern View, VIC

Three light railway inclines were observed at Eastern View along the Great Ocean Road recently. They are domestic railways used for transferring firewood and groceries from road level up to the houses above.

Stephen Larcombe



While I was aware of this style of tramway being used by dairy farmers to deliver milk churns to roadside for pickup before the advent of bulk tankers, I didn't realise such systems were still in use. Can any readers give details of other similar inclines?

Editor

Tweed Shire Council Community Based Heritage Study Thematic History

The following Tweed Shire history has some very useful material on the NSWGR, QR and Sugar industries. [19 MB in size]

Report for Tweed Shire Council September 2004

http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PlanDevBuild/pdfs/Tweed_Thematic_History_2004.pdf

Peter Cokley

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