

INVENTORY of SITES & ITEMS

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FASSIFERN

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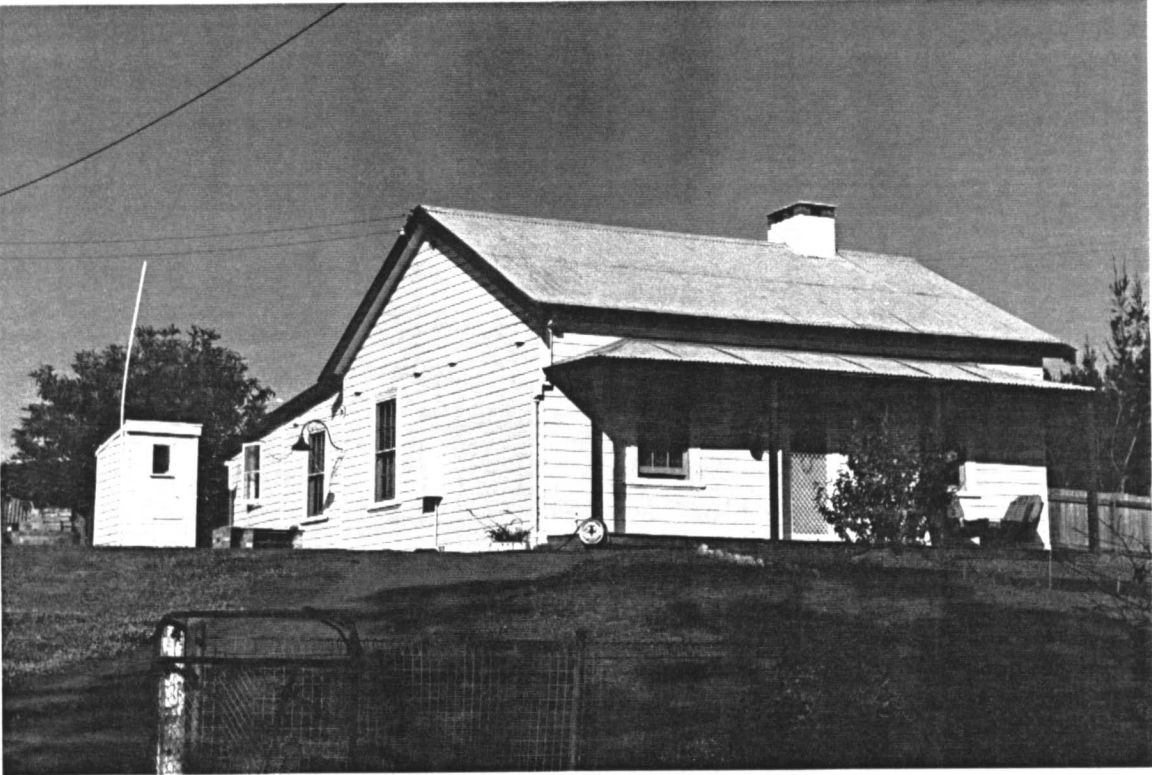
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ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION and LOCATION	TYPE	SIGNIFICANCE			
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FF-01	FASSIFERN RAILWAY COTTAGE, WALLSEND RD., FASSIFERN	DW		L	M	
FF-02	TORONTO RAILWAY OVERBRIDGE, FASSIFERN Rd, FASSIFERN The bridge is important as part of the Fassifern-Toronto Branch Line (RT-11). All elements of the permanent way & infrastructure (including this bridge and the railway lines on it) should be retained intact, pending preparation of a professional conservation & management plan for the railway. The bridge at present is part of a well-used unofficial footpath along the railway. It has potential for future use as a light railway, or for conversion to a cyclepath, bridlepath & pedestrian way for Toronto residents, & as part of a network of heritage trails around Lake Macquarie.	w BR		H	H	
FF-03	FASSIFERN RAILWAY STATION The station should have some statutory protection, covering all buildings, outbuildings, structures, rail lines etc. on the site. The signal room on the station, although now partly disused, is important as a means of interpreting the operation of the station to the public. The station is also important for its connection with Toronto Branch Line and the Newstan Colliery & its predecessors.	RT		H	V	

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# CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

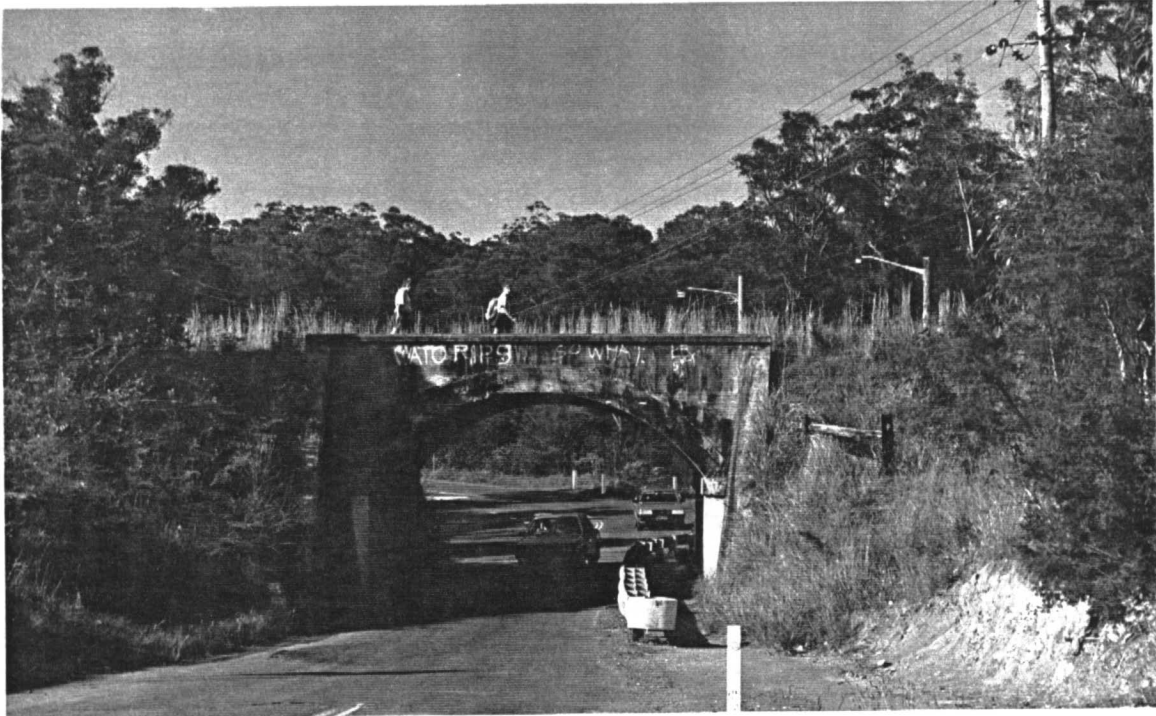
# HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: <b>FASSIFERN RAILWAY COTTAGE, WALLSEND RD., FASSIFERN</b> <span style="float: right;">ITEM No. <b>FF - 01</b></span>	
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:  <b>Fassifern Stationmaster's House</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>Wallsend Rd. Fassifern 2283</b>	S.H.I.P. REF. No.
	DATE INSPECTED: <b>November 1992</b>
PARISH: <b>AWABA</b> COUNTY: <b>Northumberland</b>	BY: <b>Doring</b>
PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):	REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:  SITE AREA: CURRENT ZONING:
CATEGORY: <b>Building</b>  SUBCATEGORY: <b>Single storey residence</b>	MAP 1:25000 No. <b>9232-3-S</b> NAME: <b>WALLSEND</b> GRID: <b>674 492</b>
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P. Themes:  LOCAL Themes:	
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: <b>1876-1900</b>	USED: <b>until now</b>
BUILDER: <b>J. McDonald</b>	DATE BUILT: <b>c1888</b>
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER: <b>NSW Govt. Railways - Existing Lines Branch Drawing Office</b>	
PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): <b>from the north-east.</b>	<b>Fassifern Railway Cottage, viewed (Doring Neg.437.06)</b>
	
Doring Neg. 437-06	ITEM No. <b>FF - 01</b>

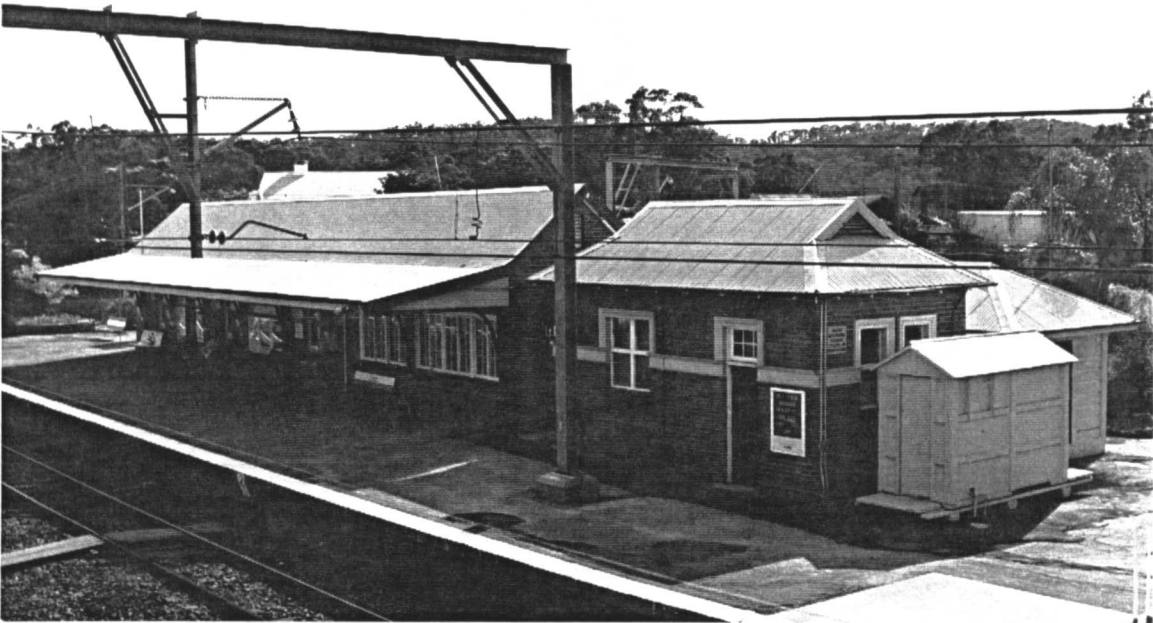
NAME/IDENTITY	FASSIFERN RAILWAY COTTAGE, WALLSEND RD., FASSIFERN		ITEM No.	FF - 01
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:				
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS				
Architectural Style:				
MATERIALS - Frame:	Timber	Roof:	Gable, cgi, lean-to on back	
Walls/Cladding:	Rebated w'boards	Windows:	dh, 6-panes/sash	
Interior:		Floors:		
DESCRIPTION: Small standard 4-room railway cottage, with a gable roof, a separate skillion lean-to on the back and a narrow verandah across the front, with a hipped roof set below the eaves. The building is in good order and appears to have all its original 6-pane sashes.				
MODIFICATIONS: Chimney has been truncated				
PRESENT USE: domestic residence				
HISTORICAL NOTES: Fassifern Station was opened on 15th August 1887, & a contract for construction of this house was signed soon after on 24th August 1887.				
REFERENCES: SRA Archives Section, Notes on the Northern Line - Wyee to Tickhole, unpub.				
EVALUATION CRITERIA:				
HISTORIC	Rare ( )	Associative ( )	Representative ( )	
AESTHETIC	Rare ( )	Associative ( )	Representative ( )	
SOCIAL	Rare ( )	Associative ( )	Representative ( )	
SCIENTIFIC	Rare ( )	Associative ( )	Representative ( )	
OTHER	Rare ( )	Associative ( )	Representative ( )	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: A typical, mostly intact, and attractive example of railway housing of its period. Unlike Awaba Stationmaster's house, it is not readily visible from the station, so that its historic relationship with the railway station is not obvious. It is different in minor ways from other railway housing in the district (eg. window sashes, verandah form) and is evidence of the variety of detailing which could be incorporated in a standard railways plan, as interpreted by different local contractors.				
Regional Significance - low				
Local Significance - moderate			ITEM No. FF - 01	

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# HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: <b>TORONTO RLWY OVERBRIDGE, FASSIFERN Rd, FASSIFERN</b>		ITEM No. <b>FF - 02</b>
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:		
ADDRESS: <b>spanning Fassifern Road Fassifern 2283</b>	S.H.I.P. REF. No.	
		DATE INSPECTED: <b>November 1992</b>
PARISH: <b>AWABA</b>	COUNTY: <b>Northumberland</b>	BY: <b>Doring</b>
PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:  SITE AREA: CURRENT ZONING:
CATEGORY: <b>Other works</b>  SUBCATEGORY: <b>Railway overpass</b>		MAP 1:25000 No. <b>9232-3-S</b> NAME: <b>WALLSEND</b> GRID: <b>674 491</b>
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P. Themes:  LOCAL Themes:		
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: <b>1901-1925</b>		USED: <b>until railway closed</b>
BUILDER: <b>NSW Gov't Railways</b>		DATE BUILT: <b>c1911</b>
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER: <b>NSW Gov't Railways</b>		
PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption):		
<p style="text-align: right;">The Toronto Railway Overbridge at Fassifern Road, Fassifern, viewed from the north. This photo shows the most frequent use of the overbridge since closure of the line - as a pedestrian shortcut for people walking to Fassifern Railway station. (Doring Neg.437.13)</p>		
		
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<b>NAME/IDENTITY</b>	TORONTO RLWY OVERBRIDGE, FASSIFERN Rd, FASSIFERN	<b>ITEM No.</b>	FF - 02
<b>KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:</b>			
<b>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Concrete arch bridge, about 7 metre span.		
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This small arch bridge carries the single rail line of the former Toronto Branch Line across Fassifern Road near Fassifern Station. The roadway underneath has been narrowed to take a single lane only, but the traffic is light enough for this to be only a small inconvenience. The arch is high enough at centre to admit most trucks and buses. The single line of rails is still intact across the bridge, and for most of the route to Toronto. It could be adapted for a footpath or cycleway without removing the rails.			
<b>MODIFICATIONS:</b> This bridge is thought to replace an embankment or an earlier bridge. The earlier bridge (c1891) was probably made with timber trestles.			
<b>PRESENT USE:</b> Railway service discontinued. The bridge is frequently used by pedestrians.			
<b>HISTORICAL NOTES:</b> Private tram line from Toronto to Fassifern was opened in 1891. It is not certain whether Fassifern Road existed when the line opened. Most of the development south of the bridge appears much later than 1891. There may have been a continuous embankment until 1911 when the Railways upgraded the Toronto line and re-built the bridges.			
<b>REFERENCES:</b> Nilsen, L.(ed), "Lake Macquarie: Past & Present", pub. LMCC 1985. SRA Archives Section, Notes on the Northern Line - Wye to Tickhole, unpub. SRA Archives Section, Historical Notes on Railway Lines Vol.1, 1983, p.119/22			
<b>EVALUATION CRITERIA:</b>			
<b>HISTORIC</b>	Rare ( )	<b>Associative</b> ( )	<b>Representative</b> ( )
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<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:</b> The overbridge is an integral part of the Fassifern to Toronto Branch Railway Line. This line was a major reason for the development of Toronto as a lakeside resort, & for many years made it possible for people to visit Toronto easily, for regattas, picnics and holidays, and later, for people to live in Toronto and commute to Newcastle to work. The overbridge at present serves as an unofficial pedestrian path. It has the potential for viable continuing use if the Toronto line is ever re-opened as a light railway/tramway, or if the Branch Railway was converted to a cyclepath and pedestrian way for Toronto residents, or if the line became part of a network of heritage trails around Lake Macquarie.			
Regional Significance - high (as part of the Branch Line)			<b>ITEM No. FF - 02</b>
Local Significance - high			

NAME/IDENTITY: <b>FASSIFERN RAILWAY STATION</b>		ITEM No. <b>FF - 03</b>
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES: aka LAKE MACQUARIE during construction, then WYEE 15 Aug 1887 to 12 March 1888		
ADDRESS: off Fassifern Road Fassifern 2283		S.H.I.P. REF. No.
PARISH: <i>AWABA</i> COUNTY: Northumberland		DATE INSPECTED: November 1992
PRESENT OWNER (Name & Address):		BY: Doring
CATEGORY: Building		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
SUBCATEGORY: Railway Station		SITE AREA: CURRENT ZONING:
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P. Themes:  LOCAL Themes:		MAP 1:25000 No. 9232-3-S NAME: WALLSEND GRID: 673 492
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: 1901-1925 (buildings) USED: until now		
BUILDER:		DATE BUILT: 12 Jan 1913 open
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:		
PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): Fassifern Railway Station, viewed from the footbridge over the main line, south-west of the Station buildings. The cut down chimney & part of the roof of the Railway Cottage can be seen in the background (left). In the foreground, (right to left) is a small portable Section Hut, Lamp Room & Toilets in one building, Signal Box, Booking Office, Waiting Room & Ladies Toilet in the other building. (Doring Neg.437.20)		
		
see more photos on supplementary sheets		ITEM No. FF - 03

NAME/IDENTITY	FASSIFERN RAILWAY STATION		ITEM No.	FF - 03
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:				
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS				
Architectural Style: Federation Free Classical				
MATERIALS - Frame: brick				
Roof: gable & half-gable				
Walls/Cladding: brown brick w. stucco dado & architraves.				
Windows: dh, 6-pane top sashes tall 6-pane sliding in sig. box				
Interior: hard plaster				
Floors: concrete				
DESCRIPTION: Station buildings on east side of main line. Long gabled Signal Box, Booking Office etc. has cantilevered awnings with riveted steel brackets both sides. East side once served Toronto passengers on a separate platform. Both main buildings are beautifully finished, with stucco dado, sills etc. in excellent order. Other buildings include a small precast panelled portable Section Hut, a large concrete drop-slab Section Hut, a tiny weatherboard Goods Shed, and a timber Waiting Shed on the west side of the line.				
MODIFICATIONS: Some rooms on the north end of the Booking Office/Waiting Room were damaged in the derailment of a milk train (1974) & later demolished. Station buildings said to have been burnt in a bushfire 1933 (? roofs burnt).				
PRESENT USE: Railway Station and junction for the Newstan colliery branch.				
HISTORICAL NOTES: Siding & station first built (1887) to serve Bryant & May's colliery (now Newstan). A few years later, the Toronto tram line was opened, and this soon became a Branch line of the railway (1911), with its own platform at Fassifern. The present station buildings were opened in 1913. Said to have burnt 1933. Branch from a gravel quarry operated 1898 to 1940.				
REFERENCES: Nilsen, L.(ed), "Lake Macquarie: Past & Present", pub. LMCC 1985. SRA Archives Section, Notes on the Northern Line - Wye to Tickhole, unpub. SRA Archives Section, Historical Notes on Railway Lines Vol.1, 1983, p.119/22 C.C.Singleton, "The Short North", Aust Rlwy Hist Soc Bull. Nos.339/40, 1966.				
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The construction of the Sydney to Newcastle Railway had a profound effect on the development of Lake Macquarie. Although the Fassifern station buildings do not date from the earliest days of the railway, they belong to a time of great expansion of the "Short North" when the lines were duplicated. The buildings have served the community well for 80 years and should continue to do so. The signal box on the station, although now partly disused, is important as a means of interpreting the operation of the station to the public. The station is also important for its connection with the Toronto Branch Line and with the Newstan Colliery & its predecessors.				
Regional Significance - high				
Local Significance - very high				
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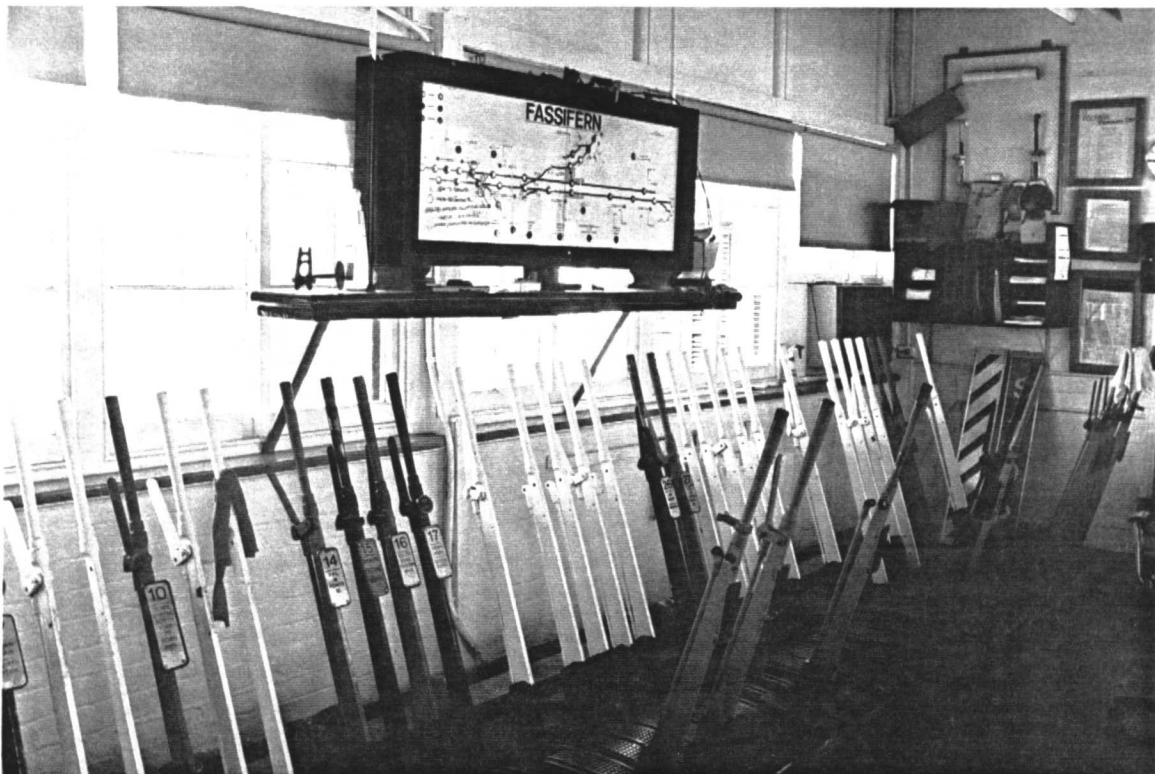
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Top: Fassifern Railway Station. A view of the north end of the main station building, showing the awning brackets and typical windows & stucco ornament. (Doring Neg.455.30)

Bottom: Interior of the "Signal Box" in the Fassifern main station building. Shows the levers, mimic board for signals & points, and the large sliding windows. These are on both sides of the room & gave a high light level before electric lights were available. (Doring Neg.437.23)



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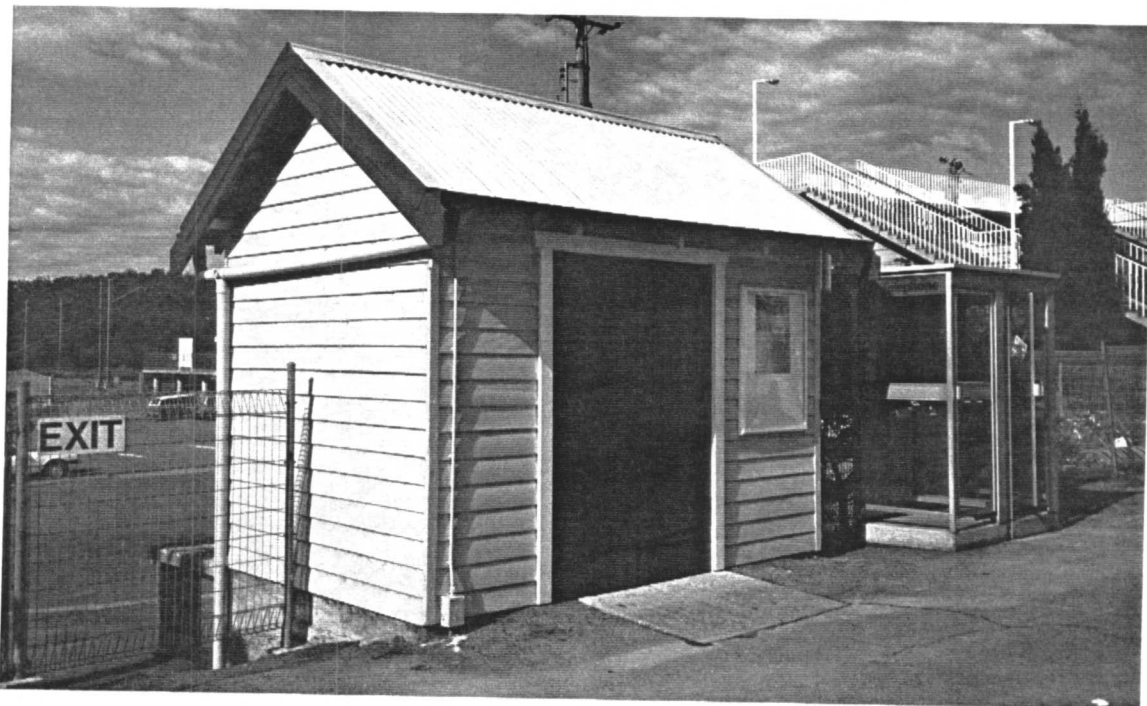
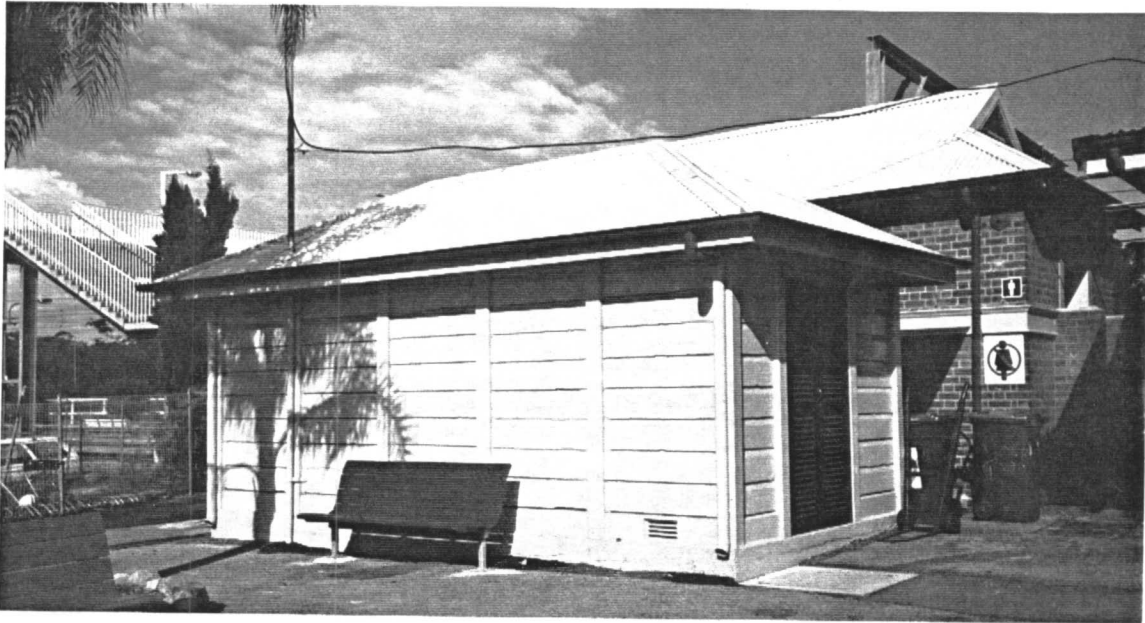
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Top: Large Section Hut at Fassifern Railway Station. The concrete drop slab construction is interesting, and possibly peculiar to the Railways. It appears to date from the late 1920s to the 1940s. The half-gabled Toilet & Lamp Room building is partly visible. (Doring Neg.455.24)

Bottom: Neatly built small Goods Shed at Fassifern Railway Station. It appears to be about the same age as the main brick station buildings, but could easily have been moved to this location from elsewhere. A small loading platform faces the station yard, with a pair of very fine 4-panel doors opening onto it. (Doring Neg.455.22)



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**MAP KEY**

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INVENTORY SITE FOR THIS SUBURB, AT UNCERTAIN LOCATION ON THIS MAP:	SS ———○?
INVENTORY SITE FOR THIS SUBURB, AT LOCATION OUTSIDE THIS MAP:	SS ———○
INVENTORY SITE FOR ANOTHER SUBURB, BUT APPEARING ON THIS MAP:	SS ———○(XY-SS)
RAILWAY (KNOWN OR PROBABLE ROUTE):	RT-SS ———●
TRAMWAY (KNOWN OR PROBABLE ROUTE):	RT-SS ———●●●●
RAILWAY OR TRAMWAY (SUPERSEDED OR UNCERTAIN ROUTE):	RT-77 ———●●●●
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