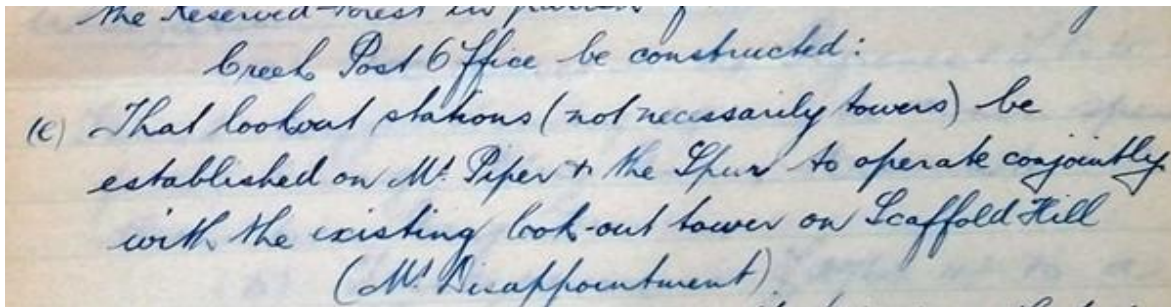


For many years at the lookout on Spur Road there was evidence of a previous structure. A small concrete slab indicated that it once served as an observation point for visual fire detection. The Spur Road lookout has excellent visibility as far as the Pretty Sally Fire Tower in the southwest direction and of the Mt. Disappointment State Forest in the south and southeast direction. It has particularly good visibility of the Sunday Creek Valley, along the creek through the Clonbinane Park property, past Andersons Gardens to Drag Hill. At one stage prior to establishment of the Spur Lookout Station, FCV had a cleared plot of land on Drag Hill to observe potential fires on days that required acute observation.



1938-39 FCV (Forest Commission Victoria) Broadford Report on Spur Rd lookout recommendation was that a lookout location be established on Mt. Piper and the Spur. The Lookout Stations were not necessarily need to be towers because visibility was excellent without trees blocking surveillance. It was suggested that the existing lookout towers like on Scaffold Hill (Mt. Disappointment) could conjointly operate with these new lookout stations.

(3) Other Matters of Interest

(a) Detection - Mt. Hickey lookout and Pretty Sally lookout were manned during the season and The Spur lookout on certain days only, especially when gusty or fresh north winds prevailed or when visibility from the other lookouts was of limited distance.

July 1964 FCV Broadford report mentions the Spur Lookout station was manned on certain days only during gusty or fresh north prevailing winds or when visibility from other lookouts was of limited distance.

(3) Other Matters of Interest

(a) Detection Mt. Hickey tower & Pretty Sally lookout were manned during the season and The Spur lookout on selected days only, especially when gusty or fresh north winds prevailed or when visibility from the other lookouts was of limited distance. Inspection of the 60ft wooden tower at Mt. Hickey indicates that repairs & strengthening will be necessary to ensure its safety; it is planned to effect these repairs during the ensuing year. Each observer was equipped with a wind meter and these proved invaluable aids.

(b) Communications The field telephone services to strategic locations gave reliable service during the year. A revision of existing services was made and arrangements made for cancellation of redundant facilities and provision for a 2nd exchange line at

July 1965 FCV Broadford report mentions the Spur Lookout station as well repairs needed on the Mt. Hickey 60 feet wooden tower.

This week a photo was sent to Friends of Disappointment Facebook page of the original Lookout Station on the Spur. For many years a lot of local historians wondered what this lookout looked like.

Jack Brewer rode his DKW 250cc 2/stroke bike with his partner up to the lookout in 1966 and took a photo we have been waiting to see for a long time. The Spur Lookout station.



*Jack Brewer's photo (Colourised) taken in 1966 of the Spur Lookout Station. Photo is taken from the south on the other side of the wire fence standing on private property looking north.*

We do not have a photo of Mt. Piper Lookout Station; however we can take a guess and assume that it would be of similar design.



*Photo taken 25/4/2026 from the same position as Jack brewer's photo of 1966*



*Photo taken of the concrete slab base looking south towards Pretty Sally*



*Jack Brewers' original 1966 photo of the Spur Lookout Station*