‘**Dynamite**’ Andrews:

**For many years Mr. Andrews served as Station Master. He was nicknamed Dynamite for obvious reasons. He made it loud and clear that he would stand no nonsense or bad behaviour on his station. It worked because most kids were scared of him. [Memoirs Elaine Rank nee Barnett]**

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**Marcus Wheeler (GHS Member nephew of Maureen Jones] lived at 13 Simms Road and
Dynamite Andrews (who ‘ruled’ the Greensborough Station) lived at 11 Simms Road.**

At a ‘Montmorency Walk’ held by the Eltham Historical Society on Sunday 4th July, 2015, the group walked past the former residence of Mr Andrews and his name was mentioned. Someone said that Dynamite certainly had a loud and commanding voice, and did indeed have train passengers well and truly under his control. He used to shut the station gate, that gave access to the platform, before each train departed. If a passenger arrived late (and in a hurry to catch the train before its imminent departure), Dynamite would not open the gate. The passenger would have to wait until the departing train had left the station before Dynamite would open the platform gate again. A solitary lesson indeed to students who had to face the wrath of their teacher, on arriving late for school, after catching the following train.

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**In the old Eltham Building permits register – held at Eltham Historical Society, I sighted in 2016, two applications from Mr. J. Andrews:**

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| 14/06/1949 | Poultry Pens | 11 | Sims Road | £50  |   | J.Andrews |
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Advertiser (Hurstbridge, Vic. : 1922 - 1939), Friday 17 July 1936, page 6

GREENSBOROUGH Railway Station Barrier Gate: Following several complaints and representations to the Railway Department regarding the closing of the barrier gate at the station while the one official on duty walks the length of the train with the staff, leaving the passengers waiting, sometimes in rain, the department has issued orders that the gate is to be left open.

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Advertiser (Hurstbridge, Vic. : 1922 - 1939), Friday 2 April 1937, page 4

**Mr Andrews,** assistant station master at Greensborough, and Mrs Andrews, are rejoicing in the birth of a daughter.

Eltham and Whittlesea Shires Advertiser (Vic. : 1940 - 1942), Friday 9 January 1942, page 3

Greensborough. R.S.S.A.I.L.A.

At a well-attended meeting of the Greensborough Branch R.S.S.A.I.L.A. it was decided, as a practical step in further support of A.R.P. work in the City of Heidelberg, that the branch immediately sponsor the conduct of St. John Ambulance classes in the district.

By invitation, Dr. Cordner addressed the meeting and has undertaken to deliver a series of lectures, the first of which will be held in the Parish Hall at Greensborough on Monday, January 19, at 8 p.m.

All adult residents of Greensborough and district- both men and women - are cordially invited to attend. The hon. secretary, **Mr. J. Andrews, assistant station master**, will be pleased to supply, all information.

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Eltham and Whittlesea Shires Advertiser Thursday 23 April 1942, page 3

RAILWAYMEN MAKE PRESENTATION TO MR. W. HICKEY

At an informal gathering of railwaymen at the Eltham railway station on Saturday afternoon last, a presentation was made to Mr. W. Hickey, Brougham Street, Eltham, who recently retired from the Victorian Railways due to health reasons.

Mr. Hickey has been an electric train driver on the Prince's Bridge Hurstbridge line for the past fourteen years, and evidence of his popularity was manifest in the eulogistic references voiced by all of the representative speakers regarding Mr. Hickey's railway service. "He is the type of man the department can ill afford to lose; particularly at this time" said the chairman. Mr. A. L. Lowerson. Other speakers included Messrs. J. Cloney (Eltham), J. House (Hurstbridge), **J. Andrews (Greensborough),** H. Forde (Eltham), R. Rosewall (Eltham) and N. Barling (Eltham).

After Mr. Hickey had made an appropriate response his health and future happiness, together with that of his wife and family, was the subject of a toast, which was most enthusiastically honored. The presentation, made by Mr. Lowerson, consisted of a beautiful mantel clock, suitably inscribed, was subscribed for by railwaymen on the Eltham line, including Bridge: Mr. Hickley will also be missed members of the station staff at Princes by members of the travelling public, who regret his retirement. Mr. Hickey is now a Commercial Peace Officer.