

# RAILWAY TUNNEL



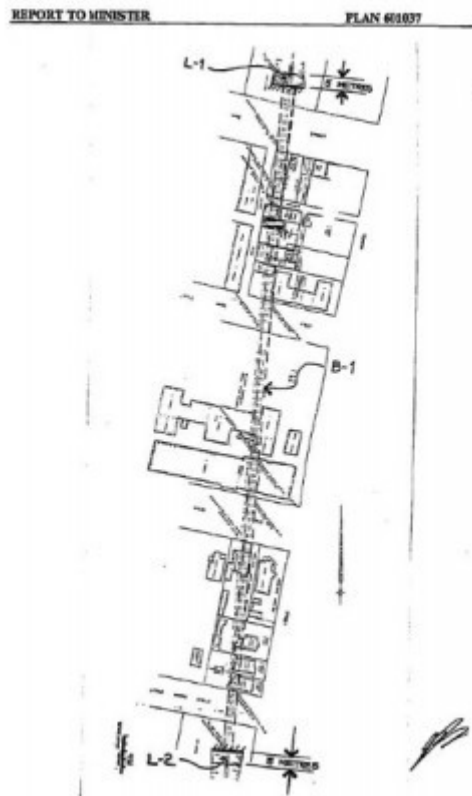
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H1106 tunnel extent

## Location

GEELONG-COLAC LINE GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1106

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO144

## VHR Registration

May 23, 1996

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 5, 1999

The railway tunnel in Geelong was built between 1874 and 1875 by Overend and Robb, along the Geelong-Colac line. It is 426m long and constructed of bluestone and brick laid in the classic horseshoe shape.

The Railway Tunnel, Geelong is of architectural and historic value to Victoria.

The tunnel is of architectural importance as a unique example of an early railway tunnel constructed in an urban environment in the 19th century that was also the longest in the state of Victoria, until the construction of the Melbourne underground loop. The structure demonstrates an historical association with the important expansion of the rail network in the 1870s that connected the Western District with the main lines.

The railway tunnel in Geelong is a representative example of construction technology in accordance with 19th century railway engineering guidelines.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or

consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates        1874,  
Heritage Act Categories   Registered place,  
Hermes Number            1928  
Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1106:

Railway Tunnel, Geelong-Colac Line, Between Ryrie and Little Myers Streets, Geelong, City of Greater Geelong.

Extent:

To the extent of:

1. All of the structure known as the Railway Tunnel marked B-1 on Plan 601037 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. All of the land 5 metres directly in front of the northern and southern portals marked L-1 and L-2 on Plan 601037, endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G20 23 May 1996 p.1339]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*