## Victorian Heritage Database Report

# **RAILWAY WATER TOWER**



23380 Railway Water Tower Penshurst 1022



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## Location

Caramut Road PENSHURST, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## **Heritage Listing**

Southern Grampians Shire

## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - January 5, 2004

#### What is significant?

The Railway Water Tower at the Penshurst Railway Reserve is located approximately one kilometre north east of the centre of the township of Penshurst. The water tower is a large squat iron cylinder raised on four steel legs. It is common to those water towers found at many railway stations and reserves, used to service steam trains. The water tower is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

#### How is it significant?

The Railway Water Tower at the Penshurst Railway Reserve is of historical significance to the township of Penshurst

Why is it significant? The Railway Water Tower is of historical significance as it is the only remaining structure of what was once a substantial complex of railway buildings and siding. The water tower is representative of the important Hamilton -Warrnambool railway line which passed through Penshurst and the ideas and hopes associated with this railway.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1880,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23380
Property Number	

## **Physical Conditions**

Good Condition

## **Physical Description 1**

An 1880s elevated, cylindrical iron water tank, on iron leg supports.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

3 Developing local, regional and national economies 3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

4 Building settlements, towns and cities 4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

## **Usage/Former Usage**

no longer in use

## Integrity

High degree of intactness

## **Physical Description 3**

Penshurst Railway Station Ground

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