

## RAILWAY BRIDGE (FORMER)



23621 Railway Trestle Bridge  
Wannon 1332



23621 Railway Trestle Bridge  
Wannon 1333



23621 Railway Trestle Bridge  
Wannon 1335



23621 Railway Trestle Bridge  
Wannon 1336



23621 Railway Trestle Bridge  
Wannon from E 1334



23621 Railway Trestle Bridge  
Wannon from W 1330



23621 Railway Trestle Bridge  
Wannon from W 1331

### Location

Brung Brungle Road WANNON, Southern Grampians Shire

### Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

### Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

### Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The timber trestle Railway Bridge over the Wannon River was constructed in 1884 for the extension of the Melbourne-Ballarat-Ararat-Hamilton railway line through to places further west. It was hoped at the time that the line would continue through to Adelaide, and, with branch lines north and south, make Hamilton an important railway junction. The bridge used conventional trestle construction and is not of particular structural significance, although it was perhaps the major work on the Hamilton-Coleraine section. In 1910 there was an accident nearby at Bochara, but it was not caused by any failure in the bridge. With the advent and improvement of motor transport, the passenger and goods trade went into decline and the line closed in 1977. The bridge has been partially dismantled with the rails now removed. It remains in fair condition and is used as a walking track.

How is it Significant?

The trestle Railway Bridge over the Wannon River at Wannon is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it Significant?

The trestle Railway Bridge over the Wannon River at Wannon is of historical significance as a reminder of the critically important rail link between Melbourne and places west of Hamilton of which the bridge was a critical element. It has further historical significance for its association with the Bochara train accident in 1910.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23621
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The bridge is in fair condition.

## Physical Description 1

The timber bridge is constructed with a series of trestles, comprising two uprights, two angled braces and two diagonal ties. There are abutments at either end. The floor of the bridge is timber now covered and overgrown with soil and weeds. There is a small timber culvert about 400.0m from the western end of the bridge and close to the Brung Brungle Road.

## Historical Australian Themes

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

## Usage/Formal Usage

abandoned

## **Integrity**

The rails have been removed.

## **Physical Description 2**

Bloomfield Brothers of Ascot Vale, contractors

Mrs. Gallagher of Wannon, accident victim

Mr. Maurice Bolan of Nareen, accident victim

## **Physical Description 3**

On Railway Reserve?

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