

# RAIL BRIDGE



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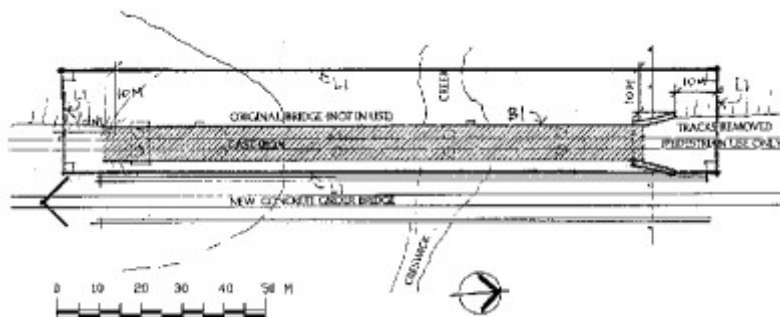
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rail bridge at creswick plan

## Location

OVER CRESWICK CREEK, CRESWICK, HEPBURN SHIRE

## Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1432

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO893

## **VHR Registration**

March 14, 1984

## **Amendment to Registration**

July 20, 2000

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - May 2, 2000

What is significant?

The Creswick Creek railway bridge on the Creswick to Clunes line was erected in 1874 by engineering contractors Thomas and Greenlaw. This bridge, consisting of wrought iron superstructure, supported on four groups of paired tubular cast iron stanchions across the creek, was designed by railways department engineers and manufactured by the Phoenix Foundry of Ballarat. The first train crossed on 2 September 1874. The Phoenix Foundry at Ballarat was the most celebrated engineering manufactory in provincial Victoria in the nineteenth century.

How is it significant?

The Creswick Rail Bridge is of historical, architectural and aesthetic significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Creswick Creek Railway Bridge is of historical significance as an impressive example of this firm's work as well as being a rare example of iron railway bridge construction in Victoria. A similar bridge over the Deep Creek at Carisbrook has been dismantled.

The Creswick Creek Railway Bridge is of aesthetic and architectural significance for its dramatic situation over the wide Creswick Creek valley. The Creswick creek railway bridge superstructure has been replaced, but the original iron stanchions and wrought iron beams are intact.

## **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](#).

### **Specific Exemptions:**

#### General Conditions

1. All alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner that prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. Nothing in this declaration exempts the owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

No permit is required for emergency works relating to the substructure or superstructure of the bridge.

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| Construction dates      | 1874,                 |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place,     |
| Other Names             | CRESWICK RAIL BRIDGE, |
| Hermes Number           | 323                   |
| Property Number         |                       |

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## **History**

The rail bridge at Creswick is historically significant as a representative example of bridge construction methods of the 'light lines' era, c.1869 - c.1884. Following the period of lavish expenditure during the 'main trunk' lines, a determined effort was made to minimise the cost on railway structures. This resulted in more restrained station

building and bridge designs. The bridge was consequently constructed using cast iron stanchions and wrought iron beams, rather than the previous, more costly tradition of masonry construction. (Harrigan, 1962) (Beeston, 1995)

## **Extent of Registration**

1. All of the original railway structure known as the Rail Bridge Over Creswick Creek on the Creswick-Clunes Line, Creswick (B1), including abutments, beams and stanchions, as marked on plan 602729 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land surrounding the bridge marked L1 on plan 602729 held by the Executive Director, being part of Crown Land vested in Victorian Rail Track.

*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/>*