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harcourt side view aug1984



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creek harcourt side elevation
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rail bridge over barkers creek
harcourt railway tracks &
siding aug1984

Location

OVER BARKERS CREEK, HARCOURT, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1433

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO810

VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

Amendment to Registration

May 23, 1998

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 18, 1993

[See also H1785 Harcourt Railway Precinct]

Railway Bridge, Barker's Creek, near Harcourt, is a substantial bridge constructed of Harcourt granite in 1859 on the Melbourne Bendigo railway. In three main spans of some 41 feet each, the structure is characterised by its deep arches and substantial abutments. Rusticated masonry faces the bridge and other features are the parapet string courses, voussoirs, impost moulding and the battering of the abutments. The Railway Bridge, Barker's Creek, near Harcourt, is a fairly typical example of a substantial railway bridge of the period. The Barker's Creek Bridge is of interest in that it is faced in the locally quarried Harcourt granite, a stone not widely used in Victoria. Other details of note are the unusually deep arches sitting on squat piers. Stylistically, the structure follows classically derived vernacular engineering practice. The Railway Bridge is in good condition and is intact.

[Source: National Trust (Victoria)]

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 1859,
Architect/Designer Bryson, WE,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,
Other Names HARCOURT RAIL BRIDGE,
Hermes Number 566
Property Number

Extent of Registration

Amendment of Register of Government Buildings
Metcalf Shire
Railway Bridge over Barkers Creek near Harcourt.
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G39 12 October 1988 p.3092]

Transferred to the Victorian Heritage Register 23 May 1998 (2 years after the proclamation of the Heritage Act 1995 pursuant to the transitional provisions of the Act)

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/>