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Kangaroo Flat Railway Station Complex Street Elevation



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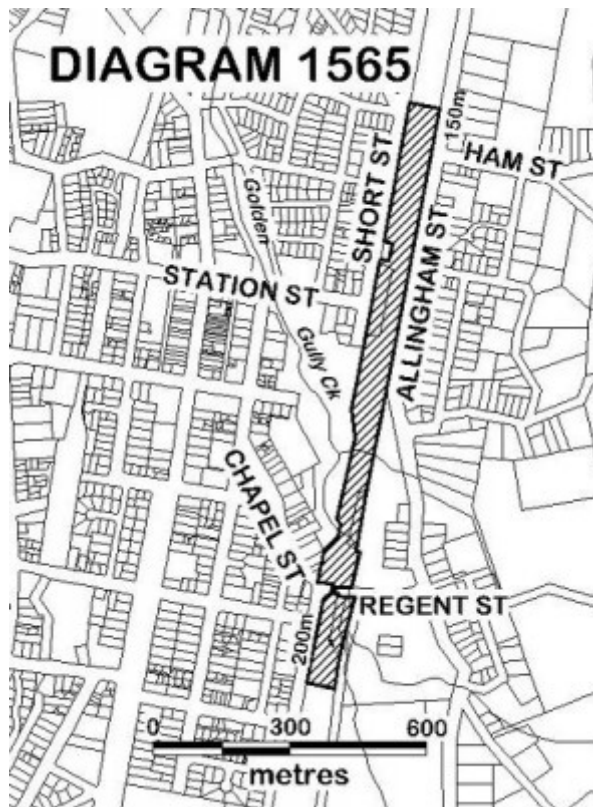


Diagram 1565

Location

2B SHORT STREET KANGAROO FLAT, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1565

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO704

VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

Amendment to Registration

December 17, 2015

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 1, 1999

What is significant?

The Kangaroo Flat Railway Station Complex comprising the Chapel Street rail-over bridge, viaduct, station buildings, Ham Street rail under bridge, two culverts and an embankment.

History Summary

In 1862, the contract for construction of Kangaroo Flat station was let. In 1904 it was renamed 'Kangaroo', resuming its original name in 1916. By 1926 facilities included a signal frame, a pair of side platforms on the double track, a goods siding and shed on the eastern side of the line, and a crossover between tracks. In 1938 the stationmaster was withdrawn, being worked by the Porter-in-charge under Caretaker conditions. From 1889 the station had been a block point under the Winters Block system, being capable of 'switching out' in times of quieter traffic. This status remained until 1980, when the signal box was only 'switched in' when required. In 1987 the signal box was closed, and all points and signals removed.

Description Summary

The Kangaroo Flat Railway Station Complex comprises the Chapel Street rail-over bridge, viaduct, station buildings, Ham Street rail under bridge, two culverts and an embankment. In January 2014 the platforms were extended to accommodate longer trains.

This site is part of the traditional land of the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

How is it significant?

The Kangaroo Flat Railway Station Complex is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria. It satisfies the following criterion for inclusion in the Victorian Heritage Register:

Criterion A Importance to the course, or pattern, of Victoria's cultural history.

Criterion D Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places and objects.

The Kangaroo Flat Railway Station Complex is historically significant as a demonstration of the expansion of the Victorian Railways network in the late nineteenth century. Built as part of the Murray Valley Railway (Melbourne to Echuca line) the larger of the Colony's first two main trunk lines, the station forms an important element of one of the earliest and grandest capital works projects in Victorian history. [Criterion A]

The Kangaroo Flat Station is of architectural significance as a fine example of the 'Carlsruhe' style of railway station buildings. This was a direct derivation of the 'English' style which was evident in England during the 1840s and 1850s. The 'Carlsruhe' style was the first standard design developed by the Victorian Railways. The two bridges (one over-rail and one under-rail), viaduct, culverts and associated embankment are excellent examples of the range of materials, building techniques and design types used on the Kyneton to Bendigo section of this line. [Criterion D]

The Kangaroo Flat Railway Station Complex is also significant for the following reasons, but not at the State level:

The Kangaroo Flat Railway Station Complex is historically important to the town of Kangaroo Flat and the Bendigo area for its close association with the history and development of that region.

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:

Permit Exemptions are granted on the basis that the works exempted do not affect the cultural significance of the site.

Permit Exemptions

General Conditions:

1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which 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 owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

Rail-track: repairs to and replace of track and sleepers are permit exempt

Signalling Equipment: repairs to, replacement of, renewal of and alterations to any electric or electronic signalling equipment along the track is permit exempt.

Tunnels & Culverts: Repairs to the existing structure where material is replaced like for like is permit exempt.

Emergency work occasioned by collapse, flooding or collision is permit exempt provided that the work reinstates

to the pre incident condition.

(Note; The re-lining of culverts and tunnels by cementing is not permit exempt)

RAIL STATION SITE GENERALLY

- all basic refurbishment works including repairs to buildings and structures, where works are documented and administered by a recognised conservation consultant
- installation of new perimeter fencing
- installation of new signalling systems and modifications to existing signalling systems
- modification and replacement of tracks to the extent of the rails, sleepers and ballast
- installation of new landscaping features but excluding earthworks where more than 1M³ of ground is to be altered

STATION BUILDINGS

Exterior

- replacement of decayed fabric with fabric which matches the original in design and profile
- installation of new but not removal of existing original significant signage
- installation of temporary protective hoardings, screens and the like for the protection against intrusion of vandals and the like provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric
- installation of new damp proofing and making good to match existing, adjacent surfaces

Interior

- interior painting but not stripping of existing paint scheme
- installation of new but not removal of existing original significant carpets/flexible floor coverings
- installation of new but not removal of existing original significant fixtures and fittings including clocks, soft furnishings including curtains tracks, rods, blinds and other window dressings, and the like
- installation of new but not removal of existing original significant signage
- installation of new partitions provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric
- replacement of non original kitchen and toilet fixtures and fittings provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric
- installation of insulation to ceiling places
- installation of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of paintings, mirrors and other wall mounted works of art.

Construction dates 1862,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 610

Property Number

Extent of Registration

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the **Heritage Act 1995**, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by modifying the following places in the Heritage Register:

Number: H1565

Category: Heritage Place

Place: Kangaroo Flat Railway Station Complex

2B Short Street

Kangaroo Flat

Greater Bendigo City

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 1565 encompassing all of Crown Allotments 2001, 2004 and 2005, and all of Crown Allotment 14B, Section D, Township of Kangaroo Flat, Parish of Sandhurst, and part of Crown Allotment 167A, Section D, Township of Kangaroo Flat, Parish of Sandhurst, to a distance of 150 metres north of the Ham Street rail bridge and 200 metres south of the Chapel Street rail bridge.

Dated 17 December 2015
TIM SMITH
Executive Director

[*Victorian Government Gazette* G50 17 December 2015 p.2687]

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/>