

# RAIL BRIDGE



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rail bridge nowa nowa trestle detail feb1985



General view of bridge, Jan 2008.



General view of bridge, May 2007.



Top of bridge, Jan 2008.



Top of bridge, Jan 2008.



Rails and sleepers detail, Jan 2008.



Rail and sleepers detail, Jan 2008.



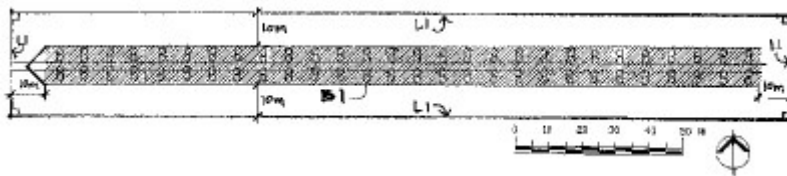
Bridge structure, May 2007.



Bridge piles detail, May 2007.



Victorian Railways'  
maintenance record inscribed  
at the base of piles, May  
2007.



rail bridge at nowa nowa plan

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## Location

OVER STONY CREEK, NOWA NOWA, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1436

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO229

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## 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 Rail Bridge over Stony Creek, on the Orbost-Bairnsdale Line, east of Nowa Nowa, was constructed by the Victorian Railways in 1916. It is a dramatic 27 span, 276 metre long, 18.6 metre high timber trestle bridge, supporting a single railway track over Stony Creek. The bridge is no longer in use, due to damage caused by a bushfire in 1980.

How is it significant?

The Rail Bridge over Stony Creek, Nowa Nowa is historically and architecturally significant to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The bridge is architecturally significant as a representative and essentially intact example of a timber trestle bridge along the Melbourne to Orbost line. It is one of the longest and highest remaining examples of a timber trestle bridge in Victoria.

The bridge is historically significant as a notable example of timber trestle bridge construction, demonstrating a distinctive construction method that utilised the native bush timbers.

## 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 works on the deck of the bridge, the incorporated superstructure which supports the track, for the maintenance of operational and safety standards or for any emergency works relating to the substructure and superstructure of the bridge.

Construction dates	1916,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	NOWA NOWA RAIL BRIDGE, STONY CREEK TRESTLE BRIDGE,
Hermes Number	891
Property Number	

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## History

The bridge is a notable example of timber trestle bridge construction, demonstrating a distinctive and now rarely used construction method that utilised the native bush timbers. (Beeston, 1995)

## Extent of Registration

1. All of the bridge structure known as the Rail Bridge over Stony Creek, Orbost-Bairnsdale Line, Nowa Nowa (B1), including the deck, superstructure, timber trestles and abutments, as marked on plan 603352 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land surrounding the bridge marked L1 on plan 603352 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/>*