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# Railway Bridge, Paxton Street, GREAT WESTERN



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## Location

Paxton Street GREAT WESTERN, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The timber railway bridge at Paxton Street, Great Western, has significance as a rare surviving "humpbacked" bridge on the Ararat-Stawell railway line, which was erected from 1875-1876.

The timber railway bridge at Paxton Street, Great Western, is **historically** and **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It has associations with the erection of the Ararat-Stawell railway line between 1875 and 1876 and particularly with the line reaching Great Western around the end of 1875. The "humpbacked" form and timber piles and other timber members also represent a form of construction no longer practised and is a rare surviving timber bridge on this line.

Overall, the timber railway bridge at Paxton Street, Great Western, is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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## Physical Description 1

The Railway Bridge at Great Western is situated on Paxton Street, to the south of the central township.

The timber bridge is humped backed and is supported by timber piles and beams. There are also post and rail balustrades. There is also a short span of early post and rail fencing extant near the bridge.

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