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## Pedestrian foot bridge over railway



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HO10 Pedestrian Footbridge  
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### Location

Devonshire Road; to Sunshine Gardens, SUNSHINE VIC 3020 - Property No 47

### Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO10

### Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

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### Statement of Significance

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The Sunshine footbridge is of historical significance as a key component in the Sunshine Harvester Works precinct, providing a physical, symbolic and visual link between the factory and offices on one side, and the managers' and workers' houses and gardens on the other. It thus draws together the concepts of town planning, for which McKay's activities in early Sunshine are notable, and the industrial enterprise of the Sunshine Harvester Works.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000; |
| Construction dates        | 1911,  |
| Hermes Number             | 106031   |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Description 1

The foot bridge was originally constructed in all timber, but this must have proved inadequate since the main timber beams were replaced with rolled steel joists. The timber decking, risers and hand rails appear to have been reused from the original bridge. As it stands today, the bridge is a combination of work from several periods including the most recent (1997) extension. The main beams are 14" x 5 1/2" x 40lbs rolled steel joists, providing spans of 28'3" and 27'3" with a smaller span at the east end of 15'10" and a correspondingly lighter beam of 9" x 4" x 21 lbs. Diagonal braces gave the deck rigidity, while timber planking was placed over the rolled steel joists. The hand rails and safety fences are of timber with closely spaced pickets and the stair sections having woven galvanised wire mesh. The bridge spanned the four main lines (Bendigo and Ballarat lines) and two siding tracks with the Harvester Works siding passing under the narrow span. The main alteration since 1930 has been the inclusion of a new steel girder span on the east side to cross the roadway. This has resulted in the replacement of the eastern steps.

Condition

Good.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Historical Australian Themes

- 3 Developing local, regional and national economies
- 3.8 Moving goods and people

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