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# AMPHITHEATRE STATION GROUND

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## Location

SCHOOL STREET, AMPHITHEATRE VIC 3468

## Municipality

PYRENEES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7623-0342

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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Rare fragment of former settlement and focus of the community still recognised by local people and rail enthusiasts.

Interpretation of Site	The station ground formerly contained platforms, waiting shelters, water tanks and a departmental residence. These were all removed when closed in the 1950s, but footing, and other archaeological remains survive.
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Other Names	AMPHITHEATRE STATION GROUND,
Hermes Number	206405
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## History

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