
Moorabool Railway Viaduct Ballarat Railway

Location

Ballarat Railway, BATESFORD VIC 3221 - Property No 313347

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1105

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO36

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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A Listed - State Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Moorabool Railway Station, originally called the Steiglitz Road Station, was erected in 1862 by contractors John Campbell and Co. from designs prepared by Victorian Railways architects. This regular coursed, squared basalt structure consisting of a part two-storey station office, residence and timber verandah with separate lamproom, is styled in the Italianate tradition. The Moorabool Railway Station is one of a notable group of stylistically similar railway stations on the Geelong-Ballarat line which includes the structures at Bannockburn and Meredith.

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HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENT SHEET - GRC SHEET NO 116

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Moorabool Railway Viaduct was erected 1858-62 on the Geelong-Ballarat railway line to designs by Victorian Railway Engineers. The bridge, consisting originally of 9 basalt piers 110 feet high supporting 10 warren truss iron girders across each 120 foot span. The Moorabool River Viaduct is one of the finest engineering structures on the Victorian Railway, of similar construction to the Taradale Viaduct but of greater spa. The structure dominates the valley landscape at Moorabool.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

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Historic Buildings Council Register

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered object,
Hermes Number	22033
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