

# CRESWICK RAILWAY STATION COMPLEX



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1 creswick railway complex trackside view sep1984



creswick railway complex pedestrian subway may1995



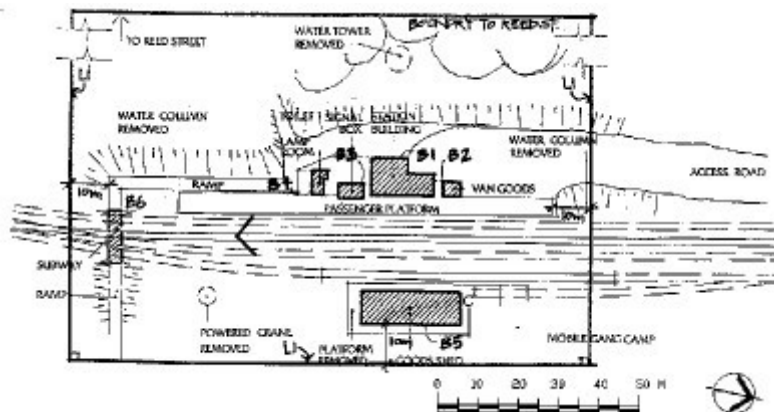
creswick railway complex platform may1995



creswick railway complex rear view may1995



Creswick Railway Complex Signal Box



creswick railway station plan

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## Location

REED STREET CRESWICK, HEPBURN SHIRE

## Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1669

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO561

## 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 Creswick Railway Station Complex was constructed in 1874 by George Anderson for the Victorian Railways. It comprises a hip roofed, bi-chromatic brick station building and residence with a standard cast iron verandah and brick platform with bluestone coping and a disused drinking fountain. A detached brick lamp room/toilet block and two-storey timber signal box adjoins. Other features include a brick goods shed and brick faced subway. The station complex is no longer in use and boarded up.

How is it significant?

Creswick Railway Station Complex is historically and architecturally significant to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Creswick Railway Station Complex is historically significant for its associations with the development of the 'light lines' or 'cheap lines' era. The station is also associated with the development of the shire. The station was established only two years after the discovery of gold in Creswick, and is significant for the important role it played in opening the area up to further settlement.

Creswick Railway Station is architecturally significant as an important and representative example of the

'Creswick' style of station buildings, one of the typological groups of railway designs of the 'light lines' era. The station is a major contributor to the architectural character of one of the 'light lines'. Following on from the earlier 'Carlsruhe' style, the 'Creswick' style of station buildings are typically characterised by their single storey construction of a classical revival design, often using polychromatic brickwork.

## 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.

\* All basic refurbishment works including repairs to buildings and structures, where works are documented and administered by a recognised conservation consultant.

\* Installation of perimeter fencing.

\* Installation of new signalling systems and modifications to existing signalling systems.

\* Modification and replacement of tracks to the extent of the rails, sleepers and ballast.

\* Installation of new landscaping features but excluding earthworks where more than 1m<sup>3</sup> of ground is to be altered.

#### Station Buildings

##### Exterior

- \*Replacement of decayed fabric with fabric that matches the original design and profile.
- \* Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant signage.
- \* Installation of temporary protective hoardings, screens and the like for the protection against intrusion of vandals and the like provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric.
- \* Installation of new damp proofing and making good to match existing, adjacent surfaces.

#### Interior

- \* Interior painting but not stripping of existing paint scheme.
- \* Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant carpets/flexible floor coverings.
- \* Installation of new but not removal of existing original significant fixtures and fittings, including clocks, soft furnishings including curtain tracks, rods, blinds and other window dressings, and the like.
- \* Installation of new but not the removal of existing original significant signage.
- \* Installation of new partitions provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric.
- \* Replacement of non-original kitchen and toilet fixtures provided that no damage is sustained to significant fabric.
- \* Installation of insulation to ceiling spaces.
- \* Installation of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of paintings, mirrors and other wall mounted works of art.

Construction dates	1874,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	325
Property Number	

## History

Creswick Railway Station is significant for its association with the development of the shire. The station was established only two years after the discovery of gold in Creswick, and thus played an important role in opening the area up to further settlement (Graham, 1942).

The station is also significant for its association with the development of the 'light lines' or 'cheap lines' era. The 'light lines' (c.1869 - c.1884) followed the earlier 'main trunk lines' (c.1857 - c.1869). A determined effort was made to minimise the cost of railway construction, due to the previous lavish expenditure on railway structures, and a worldwide financial depression in the late 1860s. This resulted in a more restrained approach towards station building design (Harrigan, 1962). Confined to certain lines, these 'light lines' railway station designs were adopted as standard by the railways department and were constructed at locations between the main centres. (Beeston, 1995)

## Plaque Citation

Creswick Railway Station

Built in 1874, its restrained classical revival design with polychrome brickwork was repeated in smaller stations constructed in the 1870s in an attempt to minimise expenditure on the expanding railway network.

## Extent of Registration

1. All of the buildings known as the Creswick Railway station complex, including the station building (B1), and associated signals, levers and platforms, van goods shed (B2), signal box (B3), lamp room/ toilet block (B4), goods shed (B5), brick subway (B6), as marked on plan 602309 held by the Executive Director.

2. All of the land surrounding the buildings marked L1 on plan 602309 held by the Executive Director, being part of Crown Land vested in Victorian Rail Track, being part of the land described in Certificate of Title: Volume 601, Folio 116

Volume 612, Folio 330  
Volume 605, Folio 868  
Volume 614, Folio 690

And being part of the land described in the Old Law Book 234, Memorial 72; Book 235, Memorial 547; Book 236, Memorial 690.

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