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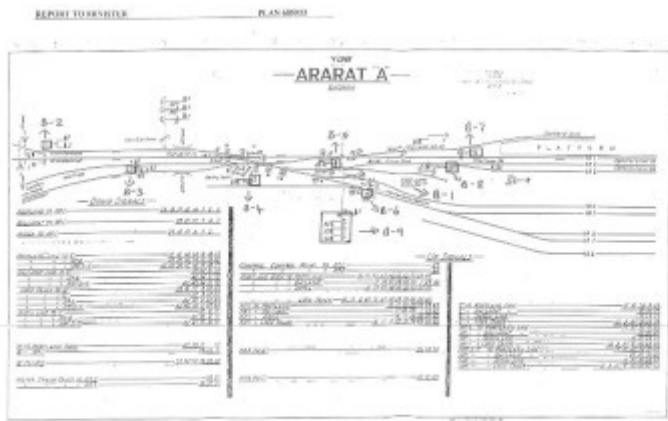
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Ararat Railway Station Signal Box A February 2002



*Joe 6/1/02*

H1094 ararat plan

## Location

ARARAT RAILWAY COMPLEX, HIGH STREET ARARAT, ARARAT RURAL CITY

## **Municipality**

ARARAT RURAL CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1094

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO82

## **VHR Registration**

September 14, 1995

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - May 5, 1999

What is significant?

Ararat Railway Station opened on 7 April 1875 and the main buildings were constructed by July 1875. Two large timber signal boxes were built in Ararat in 1891. Signal Box A was built with a 65 lever frame, a further 7 levers being added in 1921. Signal Box B was demolished in 1984.

How is it significant?

Signal Box A and the signal posts are of historic significance to Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Signal Box A at Ararat railway complex, the last remaining operative junction of its type in Victoria at the time of registration, is a rare example of a building type. It has 4 systems in a 5 point junction operating a semaphore signals system on a country to coast export line cross intersection with an inter-capital service and varied freight loading and through services. Its size and complexity demonstrate the importance that Ararat held as a junction in the interstate and port-hinterland rail systems.

Ararat was one of the last remaining parts of Victoria's railway system to retain semaphore and disc signals at the time of registration. The complex includes a range of rare post types, particularly Signal Post 1 which is the only post in Victoria with timber post, bracket and dolls.

## **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](#).

Construction dates	1875,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	RAILWAY STATION (SIGNAL BOX AND POSTS), ARARAT, ARARAT RAILWAY STATION (SIGNAL BOX AND POSTS),
Hermes Number	4779
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People: Owner VICTORIAN RAILWAYS; Assoc.People HIGGINBOTHAM

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1094:

Signal Box A and Signal Posts, Ararat Railway Complex, Ararat, Rural City of Ararat.

Extent:

1. All of the building known as Signal Box A and the structures known as Signal Posts 1, 3, 7, 8, 14 and 19, Derail Indicator and Signal Gantry 10, 11, 12 and 13 marked B-1 to B-9 on Plan 605933 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G36 14 September 1995 p.2535]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*