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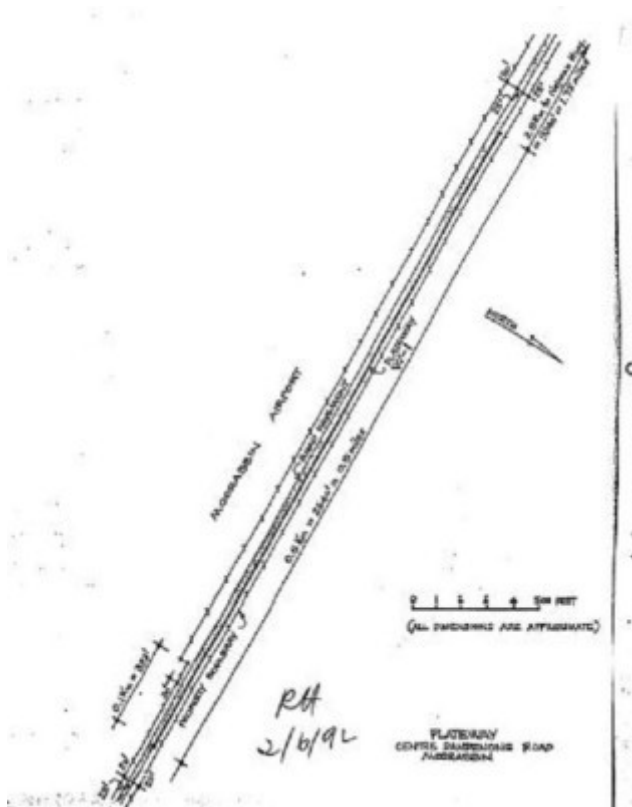
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plateway centre dandenong  
road heatherton front view of  
road



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road heatherton top view of  
plateway 1992



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### Location

CENTRE DANDENONG ROAD HEATHERTON, KINGSTON CITY

### Municipality

KINGSTON CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0928

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO4

### VHR Registration

August 19, 1992

### Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 28, 2000

The former Centre Dandenong Road plateway, installed in 1908-9 and used until the mid 1930s, was probably the last of a number of plateways which were laid along the semi rural roads on the outskirts of Melbourne after 1885. The plateways were designed to carry slow moving heavy vehicles over long distances, and thereby save wear and tear on the primitive road surfaces. The network of plateways beyond the Melbourne metropolis was considered to be the oldest steel wheelways of any considerable length in Australia. The remnants of the Centre Dandenong Road plateway are the only known surviving evidence of this once important network.

The Centre Dandenong Road plateway and the neighbouring branches of the track plateway along Point Nepean Road were of great significance not only to the market gardeners of Brighton and Moorabbin, but also to the wider metropolis. For at least 40 years, these plates provided a vital and efficient means of transporting garden produce to the city markets, and the means of moving the city's nightsoil to the various disposal depots in the sandy market garden areas to the south. The remnant plateway thus recalls the early methods, functions and way of life before the advent of smooth bitumen roads, rubber tyred motor vehicles and reticulated sewerage systems. The Centre Dandenong plateway is unique and technologically significant, because it used a new type of channel plate and construction method different from all earlier flat plate installations. This improved system, used in Germany, was more cost effective than those used previously. Although only half the original plateway is extant, and that has been relocated, that which remains has continued to be in evidence as an integral element in the road formation since the plates were installed more than eighty years ago.

## 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 1908,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,  
Hermes Number 588  
Property Number

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## **Extent of Registration**

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 928.

Former Tram Plateway, Centre Dandenong Road, Heatherton, City of Moorabbin.

To the extent of:

1. All the work known as the former tram plateway, Centre Dandenong Road, Heatherton, shown marked W-1 on Plan 605105O, endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G32 19 August 1992 p.2358]

*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/>*