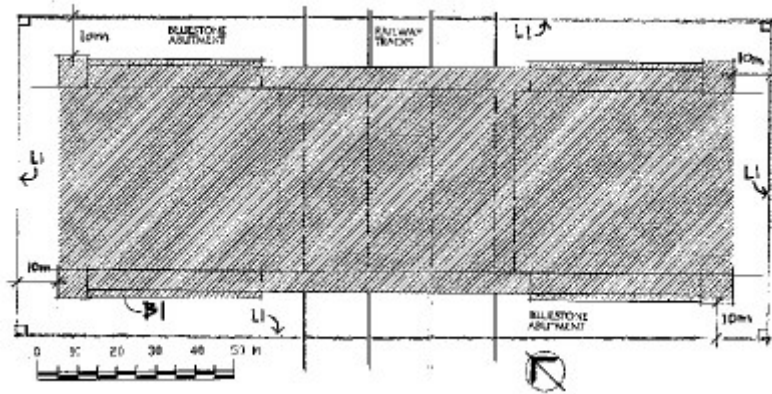


## ROAD OVER RAIL BRIDGE



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road bridge at sunbury plan

### Location

MACEDON STREET SUNBURY, HUME CITY

### Municipality

HUME CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1694

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO44

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## Amendment to Registration

May 23, 1998

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 3, 2000

What is significant?

The road over rail bridge, Riddell Road, Sunbury, was constructed in 1861 on the Melbourne-Bendigo line by the Victorian Railways. It is a single span, depressed arch basalt bridge with string course, tapering abutments, faced with rusticated masonry with drafted edges and voussoir features. The deck carries a roadway over the double track railway.

How is it significant?

The road over rail bridge, Riddell Road, Sunbury is historically and architecturally significant to the State of Victoria

Why is it significant?

The road over rail bridge is historically significant for its associations with the opening of the "main trunk lines", Victoria's first railway lines (c.1857 ? 1869). These were the formative years of railway development in Victoria.

The bridge is also architecturally significant, as a representative and intact example of a mid-19th century railway bridge of its type (single arched masonry bridge carrying a roadway over a double track railway). It demonstrates a distinctive method of bridge construction.

## 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 owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

No permit is required for works on the deck or supporting superstructure of the bridge, or for any emergency works relating to the substructure and superstructure of the bridge.

Construction dates	1861,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	6158
Property Number	

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## **History**

Contextual History:

History of Place:

The Rail Bridge is historically significant for its associations with the opening of the 'main trunk lines', Victoria's first railway lines (c.1857 – 1869). These were the formative years of railway development in Victoria. This period of railway construction was characterised by lavish expenditure on railway structures, designed in accordance with the British standards of the time. (Harrigan, 1962). (Beeston, 1995)

## **Extent of Registration**

1. All of the structure known as the road bridge, Riddell Road, Sunbury (B1), including main span, abutments and parapets, as marked on plan 602010 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land surrounding the road bridge marked L1 on plan 602010 held by the Executive Director.

*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/>*