
McIntyre's Creek Railway Bridge



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Location

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Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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What is significant? The McIntyre's Creek Bridge at Tabor is a single track 23 span rail bridge built for the Penshurst-Hamilton Railway in 1890 to a standard Victorian Railways fifteen feet transverse-deck timber-beam

design. The deck length is 105 metres, and maximum height is 3.66 metres. All timber piers are of the original vertical-two-pile design, each having two simple cross-braces. McIntyre's Creek Bridge is the only substantial surviving timber trestle bridge from this line, which closed in 1977.

How is it significant? The McIntyre's Creek Bridge is of technical and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant? The McIntyre's Creek Bridge, is of technical significance as an unmodified standard design rail bridge with twenty-three timber-beam rail spans each of fifteen feet (4.57 metres), supported entirely by vertical two-pile timber piers. This design was commonplace in the early 20th century with bridges where spans were less than ten feet, but no other substantial example of this type survives unmodified in Victoria today. It is also unique in Victoria as the only surviving substantial timber-beam rail bridge to completely retain its original vertical-two-pile timber-pier design

The McIntyre's Creek Bridge is historically significant as the only substantial surviving artifact from the Koroit-Hamilton Railway, having been originally built in 1890 for a Penshurst-Hamilton branch-line off the (short-lived) Koroit-Dunkeld Railway.

Classified: 06/07/1998

Other Names Spring Creek Railway Bridge,

Hermes Number 69642

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Description:

Single-track timber-beam bridge consisting of twenty-three timber-beam spans each of fifteen feet (4.57 metres), giving a total transverse-timber deck length of 105 metres. Maximum height is 3.66 metres. All timber piers are of the early vertical-two-pile design, each having two simple cross-braces.

Context

McIntyre's Creek Bridge is in rolling and open Western District grazing pastures, in a broad and shallow creek valley without surrounding vegetation. This unusually simple long and low timber-bridge with its vertical two-pile piers sits well in the rural setting.

Intactness:

Basic timber structure is still fairly sound, but timber decking is in a state of decay.

Assessment against Criteria

Importance to the course, or pattern, of Victoria's cultural history.

McIntyre's Creek Bridge is significant historically as a bridge link in the Western District rail transport system connecting Dunkeld, Hamilton and Coleraine with the coastal ports of Port Fairy and Warrnambool.

Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Victoria's cultural history

McIntyre's Creek Bridge is the only substantial surviving artifact from the Koroit-Hamilton Railway, and is the only surviving example in Victoria of a once relatively common Victorian Railways standard bridge-type.

Potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Victoria's cultural history Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places or objects

McIntyre's Creek Bridge is the only surviving unmodified example of a once relatively common Victorian Railways bridge-type: fifteen feet timber-beam spans, on all vertical two-pile piers. It is unique in Victoria as the only surviving substantial timber-beam rail bridge to completely retain its original vertical-two-pile timber-pier design.

Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics Importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period

Usage/Former Usage

rail bridge - no longer in use

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