

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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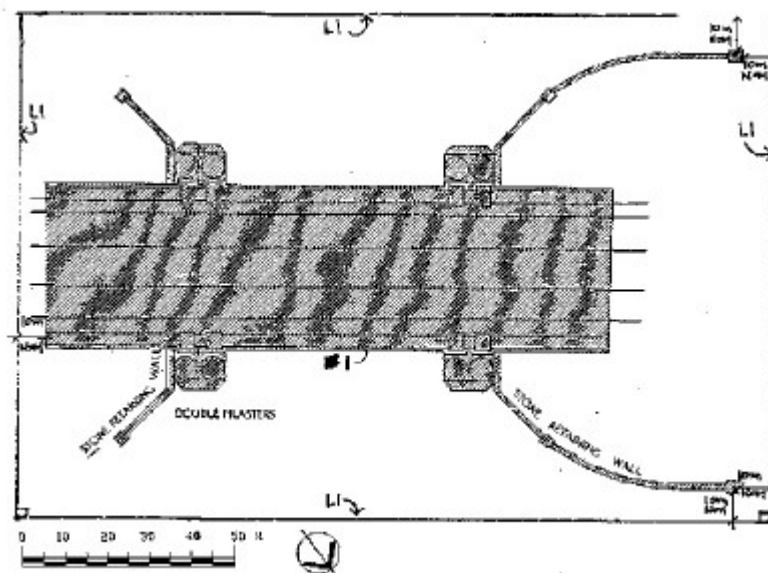
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rail bridge at riddells creek plan

Location

OVER RIDDELLS CREEK, RAILWAY RESERVE RIDDELLS CREEK, MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

Municipality

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1437

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO214

VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

Amendment to Registration

July 20, 2000

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 2, 2000

What is significant?

The Rail Bridge over Riddells Creek on the Melbourne-Bendigo line was designed by W. E. Bryson, and constructed in 1859 by the contractors Cornish & Bruce for the Victorian Railways. It is a single span, semi-circular arched stone structure, carrying a double track over Riddells Creek. It has battered piers to both sides of the arch and additional piers to close the abutments. It is faced with rusticated masonry with drafted edges, and features a parapet and a pair of engaged pilasters to either side of the opening.

How is it significant?

The Rail Bridge over Riddells Creek is historically and architecturally significant to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Rail Bridge over Riddells Creek is historically significant, being constructed as part of the Melbourne-Bendigo-Echuca line, one of the 'main trunk' lines, c.1857 - c.1869. These were the formative years of railway development in Victoria. Consequently, it is also significant as one of the earliest bridges of its type constructed in Victoria.

It is architecturally significant as a representative example of nineteenth century bridge design, being picturesquely located in a park setting, featuring a well proportioned singular, semi-circular arch with dressed stone voussoirs and flanked by Doric pilasters. (Beeston, 1995)

Permit 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 of the bridge, the incorporated superstructure which supports the track, for the maintenance of operational and safety standards, or for any emergency works relating to the substructure and superstructure of the bridge.

Construction dates	1859,
Architect/Designer	Bryson, WE,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	RIDDELLS CREEK RAIL BRIDGE,
Hermes Number	984
Property Number	

History

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Extent of Registration

1. All of the bridge structure known as the Railway Bridge over Riddells Creek, Melbourne-Bendigo line, Riddells Creek, including the deck, superstructure, retaining walls and abutments (B1), as marked on plan 602477 held by the Executive Director.

2. All of the land surrounding the bridge marked L1 on plan 602477 held by the Executive Director, being part of Crown Land vested in Victorian Rail Track.

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 data owner.

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