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# Quartermile Railway Trestle Bridge



2010 - Brimbank City Council  
Post-contact Cultural  
Heritage Study 1998

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## Location

Sterling Drive, KEILOR EAST VIC 3033 - Property No 20

## Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1197

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO5

## Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 1, 1998

As one of the largest bridges in Australia and the highest in Victoria, the Maribyrnong River Viaduct is of State architectural (engineering) and historical significance. As an engineering solution to the peculiar geography of Melbourne, it demonstrates both the changes in settlement and railway operations and the difficulty imposed by the very deep valley of the Maribyrnong River in an otherwise flat terrain.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000; Brimbank - Melbourne Western Region Industrial Heritage Study, G. Vines & A. Ward, 1989;
Construction dates	1928,
Hermes Number	106344
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## Physical Description 1

Lattice girder and trestle bridge of steel across the Maribyrnong River. The trestles stand on concrete bases stepped up the valley floor and sides. Four main verticals form the trestles, braced with a series of diagonal and horizontal angle iron. The vertical members are splayed inwards in section but are vertical in plan. The deck is carried on a pair of Riveted "H" section beams while details such as the cross braced hand rails and safety bays (for workers to stand when trains pass) provide some relief to the otherwise monumental scale. This is the largest structure of its kind in the state and with the exception of the North Shore Bridge, the tallest viaduct in Australia at 179 ft. high and 1240 ft. long. The bridge weighs 1650 tons and is the same length as the Moorabool Viaduct. It stands in considerable isolation in a generally undeveloped part of the Maribyrnong Valley. The twin Maribyrnong bridges of the Western Ring Road cross the river just upstream and provide a vantage point for viewing the bridge.

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## Historical Australian Themes

- 3 Developing local, regional and national economies
- 3.8 Moving goods and people

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