
Black Arch rail bridge



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Heritage Study 1997



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Location

Sunshine Road, SUNSHINE VIC 3020 - Property No 27

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO40

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

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One of the most intact and least-modified early bluestone railway bridges in the region and part of the first major Government railway line. The distinctive stone work demonstrates the engineering and stonemasonry skills of the period while its setting allows the visual impact to be fully appreciated, but unfortunately, only from the south side.

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	1859,
Hermes Number	106357
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Physical Description 1

Description

Rusticated rock-faced bluestone single arch rail bridge with raised keystone and drafted string courses at the footings, the springing of the arch and the base of the parapet. Pilasters frame the semi-circular arch. Curved wing walls have recent concrete extensions and the original cobbled creek bed has been concreted in part. The bridge has been reinforced with sections of rail attached with tension bolts through the stonework. Additional tracks constructed in the 1960s are carried on a higher embankment with a concrete lined tunnel immediately to the north.

Physical Conditions

Condition/integrity

Good, although rail lines used as bracing are intrusive. Some graffiti.

Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.8 Moving goods and people

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