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## RAIL OVER ROAD BRIDGE (ASCOT VALE ROAD)



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### Location

ASCOT VALE ROAD, ASCOT VALE, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO389

### Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The rail over road bridge, constructed in 1917-18, at Ascot Vale Road, Ascot Vale is significant. This three-span rail over road bridge has abutments and angled wing walls constructed of red-brick with coping of rough-hewn bluestone with tooled margins. At each corner of the abutments is a dwarf brick pylon with bluestone coping. The main span over Ascot Vale Road is carried on brick piers with round-arched openings and has a riveted steel balustrade.

Non-original alterations and additions to the bridge including the concrete and steel crash barriers are not significant.

### Why is it significant?

The rail over road bridge at Ascot Vale Road, Ascot Vale is of local historic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

### How is it significant?

It is significant as a representative example of a rail over road bridge constructed by the Victorian Railways, which is associated with the improvements made to the North Eastern railway line in the early twentieth century. (Criteria A & D)

## Theme

### 2. Peopling Victoria's places and landscapes

Heritage Study/Consultant Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2015, 2015;

Construction dates 1917,

Architect/Designer Victorian Railways,

Other Names Railway bridge,

Hermes Number 194255

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

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The abutments are mostly intact, apart from the removal of the dwarf brick pylon at the northeast corner. Alterations to the brick piers include the construction of concrete and steel crash barriers at either end of both brick piers, part replacement of the north ends of both piers, and removal of the bluestone coping. Some of the original steel girders have been replaced by concrete beams.

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