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## Location

Dandenong Road WINDSOR, STONNINGTON CITY

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO480

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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Relevant Themes from the Stonnington Environmental History are indicated by TEH.

### *What is Significant?*

The Dandenong Road Bridge, Windsor was built over the Sandringham railway line in 1911-1912 to a design by the Victorian Railways Department. It is a single span red-brick bridge with a ribbed skew arch. This complex

form of arched construction was used because the bridge traverses the railway line at an angle.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- The early form, materials and detailing of the bridge.
- The unpainted state of the stone and brickwork.
- The absence of signage on the north face of the bridge and the south side of the brick parapet wall.
- To a lesser degree, views to the bridge from Chapel Street.

Modern fabric, including the c1960s bridge duplication, the road surface, footpath and grass nature strip and do not contribute to the significance of the place.

#### *How is it significant?*

The Dandenong Road Bridge is of local historical and architectural significance to the City of Stonnington.

#### *Why is it significant?*

The Dandenong Road Bridge is historically significant as evidence of the impact of the extension of the electric tram network through the municipality in the 1910s, having been built specifically to allow for the laying of tramlines by the Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust (Criterion A, TEH 4.5.2 Prahran-Malvern Tramways Trust).

The Dandenong Road Bridge is architecturally significant as a rare and distinctive style of bridge using ribbed skew arch brick construction (Criterion B, Criterion F). The bridge is also noteworthy for the fine quality of the brickwork on its north spandrel wall.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Heritage Places in the City of Stonnington - Heritage Citations Project, Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd, 2013;
Construction dates	1911,
Architect/Designer	Victorian Railways,
Hermes Number	195687
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Dandenong Road bridge passes over the Sandringham Railway line to the east of Chapel Street. The northern half of the bridge is a single-span brick arch structure dating from 1911-1912. At street level, the bridge has a red-brick balustrade with basalt copings. The north spandrel wall is embellished with a dentillated string course, brick roundels and pilasters with cream brick quoins. The underside of the bridge was not inspected in detail because of restricted safe access but a 1994 photograph provided by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) shows a complex arrangement of skewed brick vaults. This construction method was presumably used because the bridge crosses the railway on a diagonal orientation. The southern half of the bridge is a modern concrete structure, presumably built in the 1960s when Dandenong Road was duplicated.

## Local Historical Themes

The Dandenong Road Bridge illustrates the following themes, as described in the *Stonnington Thematic Environmental History* (Context Pty Ltd, 2006):

4.4 Railways

4.5 Tramways (4.5.2 Prahran-Malvern Tramways Trust)

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