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# RAILWAY WATER TOWER



23291 Railway Water tower  
Branhholme 0559

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## Location

Railway Parade BRANXHOLME, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Railway Water Tower at the Branhholme Railway Reserve is located on the west side of Railway Parade to the north of the site of the former station in the disused railway yards. The water tower is a large squat iron cylinder raised on four steel legs. It is common to those water towers found at many railway stations and reserves, used to service steam trains. The water tower is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Railway Water Tower at the Branhholme Railway Reserve is of historical significance to the township of Branhholme and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Railway Water Tower is of historical significance as one of the few remaining structures of what was once a

substantial complex of railway buildings and siding. The water tower is representative of the important Hamilton - Portland and Portland-Branxholme-Merino-Casterton lines which met at Branxholme and the ideas and hopes associated with these railway lines.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002; |
| Construction dates        | 1880,  |
| Heritage Act Categories   | Registered place,  |
| Hermes Number             | 23291  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Conditions

Fair condition.

## Physical Description 1

An 1880s elevated, cylindrical iron water tank, on iron leg supports.

## Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

4 Building settlements, towns and cities

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

## Usage/Former Usage

no longer in use

## Integrity

good degree of integrity

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