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# HAMILTON-PENSHURST RAILWAY BRIDGE

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## Location

off Tabor Siding Road over Spring Creek TABOR, 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?

After some twenty years' anticipation, the Hamilton -Penshurst Railway opened in 1890. This bridge spans Spring Creek at Tabor, where the former railway passed, about 300 metres south west of Tabor Siding Road. It is constructed of wooden sleepers and iron pegs, approximately 4.5m long and 2.3m wide. The bridge is in a derelict condition, but retains a fair degree of integrity. No architect, builder or engineer has been associated with the design.

How is it significant?

The Hamilton-Penshurst Railway Bridge is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Hamilton-Penshurst Railway Bridge is of historical significance as one of the few surviving works which still demonstrate the location of the long awaited and important rail link between Penshurst and Hamilton. The construction materials are also of historical significance, as they represent a previous building material which is no longer used in rail bridge construction. It is of further historical significance for the association with those workmen who died in the construction of the Hamilton-Penshurst Railway.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1890,

Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23377
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

Poor condition

## Physical Description 1

A typical railway bridge constructed of canted wooden piles and beams with sleepers and iron pegs on the dismantled Hamilton to Penshurst railway line, approximately 4.5m long and 2.3m wide. The bridge is in a derelict condition. It spans Spring Creek about 300m south-west of the Tabor siding Road.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 2: Peopling Australia

2.5 Promoting settlement

Theme 3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.8 Moving goods and people

3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

3.16 Struggling with remoteness, hardship and failure

## Usage/Former Usage

Abandoned

## Integrity

fair degree of integrity

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