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## RAILWAY BRIDGE (FORMER)



23484 Railway Bridge  
Cavendish 0115

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### Location

Scott Street extension CAVENDISH, 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

Last updated on - March 10, 2004

What is Significant?

The timber trestle Railway Bridge over the Wannon River was constructed between 1918-1920 to link the Hamilton and Balmoral lines. The bridge used conventional trestle construction and is not of particular structural significance, although it was perhaps the major work on the Hamilton-Cavendish section. With the advent and improvement of motor transport, the passenger and goods trade went into decline and the line closed in 1977. There has been no engineer or builder associated with the design. The bridge remains in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it Significant?

The trestle Railway Bridge over the Wannon River at Cavendish is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it Significant?

The trestle Railway Bridge over the Wannon River at Cavendish is of historical significance as a reminder of the critically important rail link between Melbourne and places northwest of Hamilton of which the bridge was a critical element. It has further historical significance for its association with the timber industry, which was flourishing in the area as a result of the railway.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1918,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23484
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The bridge is in good condition

## Physical Description 1

The timber bridge is constructed with a series of trestles, comprising two uprights, two angled braces and two diagonal ties. There are abutments at either end. The floor of the bridge is timber.

## Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies  
3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

## Usage/Formal Usage

abandoned

## Integrity

high degree of intactness

## Physical Description 3

Over the Wannon River

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