

# Bannockburn Railway Station



Source: Victorian Heritage Register. Taken 1984.



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Source: Stepping Stones p88



National Estate Register, 2003.

## Location

Clyde Road BANNOCKBURN, Golden Plains Shire

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1560

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2

## Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

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National Estate Register:

The Bannockburn Railway Station is one of a notable group of stylistically similar bluestone railway stations erected in 1862-63 on the Geelong-Ballarat line. This structure and those at Moorabool, Meredith and Lethbridge are excellent examples of country railway station architecture of the 1860s, of almost identical construction and designed at a time of great development of the railway network in Victoria. The finely detailed timber verandah, contrasting with others on the line, is of note.

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What is significant?

The Bannockburn Railway Station was constructed for the Victorian Railways in 1862 by D. M. Barry, on the Geelong-Ballarat Line. It comprises a single storeyed station building with a two storeyed residence attached. A weatherboard addition to the residence was built in 1945. The station also includes a lamp room/toilet block, van goods shed and passenger platform. Extensive internal alterations have been carried out to the stationmaster's office, lobby and ladies waiting room. It no longer functions as a railway station.

How is it significant?

Bannockburn Railway Station is historically and architecturally significant to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Bannockburn Railway Station is historically significant as an intact example of country railway station architecture of the 'main trunk lines', c.1857 - c.1869, the formative years of railway development in Victoria. The complex is important for its potential to yield information on the changing nature of railways, locomotive technology and public transport use in Victoria. The Geelong-Ballarat Line was one of Victoria's first main trunk lines, which were characterised by the costly construction of railway structures in accordance with British standards. The line serves as a reminder of Ballarat's importance and Geelong's aspirations as a major port. Bannockburn Railway Station is architecturally significant as an important contributor to the architectural character of the Geelong-Ballarat 'main trunk' line, one of the first railway lines in Victoria. (Beeston, 1995). It is one of a notable group of stylistically similar station buildings constructed on the main trunk lines. These stations were a direct derivation of the English Style, a type of Railway Station design common in England during the 1840s and 1850s, which was based on classical planning principles and details. The station demonstrates the high quality of craftsmanship used in the design and construction of this series of station buildings. It serves as an excellent illustration of country station architecture of the 1860s in Victoria.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Golden Plains - Golden Plains Shire Heritage Study Phase 1, Lorraine Huddle P/L, 2003; |
| Construction dates        | 1862,                                                                                  |
| Hermes Number             | 23497                                                                                  |
| Property Number           |                                                                                        |

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## Physical Description 1

National Estate Register:

The Bannockburn Railway Station, formerly known as the Leigh Road Station, on the Geelong-Ballarat line, was erected in 1863 by contractor D M Barry from designs prepared by Victorian Railways staff architects. This regular coursed rockfaced basalt structure in the Victorian Italianate style consists of a part two storey station offices and residence, lamp room, toilets and timber verandah.

## **Integrity**

Condition and Integrity:

The Bannockburn Railway Station was extended by construction of a weatherboard kitchen, bathroom and wash house in 1945. The station is virtually closed, a road bus replacing the passenger train network.

## **Physical Description 2**

National Trust: CITATION

Fine bluestone buildings on one of the earliest link routes in Victoria.

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