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# HENRY'S TRAMWAY TUNNEL



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west barwon valley  
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## Location

OFF WEST BARWON TRACK BARRAMUNGA, COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

## Municipality

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1817

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO37

## VHR Registration

June 17, 1999

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Henry's Tramway Tunnel is the most intact tramline tunnel in Victoria. Built around 1911, it provided timber tramline access through a projecting spur between Henry's No.1 and No.2 Mills in the upper West Barwon Valley. The tunnel is approximately 11 metres long, approached by box cuttings at either end, and retains most of its internal structural timbers. It was in use until 1928, when logging operations ceased in the valley.

How is it significant?

Henry's Tramway Tunnel is of historical and scientific significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Henry's Tramway Tunnel is scientifically important as a comparatively intact example of one of only three such tunnels built on Victorian tramlines. The site has the potential to yield evidence relating to the technological history of timber transport.

Henry's Tramway Tunnel is historically significant as a rare and innovative response to the challenge of timber-getting in a remote forest environment. Timber production was important to Victoria for its role in providing a vast range of products for use in domestic, commercial and industrial contexts. Henry's Tunnel is also significant for its association with a major figure in the Victorian sawmilling industry, WR Henry.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

General Conditions:

1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as

soon as possible.

3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.

4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.

5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

Exemptions:

- \* fire suppression
- \* public safety
- \* land care maintenance
- \* erosion and salinity control
- \* weed and vermin control

Construction dates            1911,  
Heritage Act Categories    Registered place,  
Hermes Number                5582  
Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1817 in the category described as a Heritage Place:

Henry's Tramway Tunnel, West Barwon Valley, Colac Otway Shire.

EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown land including tramway tunnel, structural timbers, box cuttings and any other remains of timber transport activity within a 50 metre radius of the point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E394 N250 on 1:25,000 Map Sheet No. 7620-4-1 Forrest.

Dated 3 June 1999.

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*