

## RAIL BRIDGE



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1 rail bridge noojee side view  
aug1982



rail bridge noojee side  
elevation



rail bridge noojee top view  
may1990



rail bridge noojee trestle view



rail bridge at noojee plan

### Location

NOOJEE TRESTLE BRIDGE RAIL TRAIL NOOJEE, BAW BAW SHIRE

### Municipality

BAW BAW SHIRE

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1435

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO35

## **VHR Registration**

October 9, 1974

## **Amendment to Registration**

July 20, 2000

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - May 2, 2000

What is significant?

The Rail Bridge at Yarra Junction-Noojee Road, Noojee, was constructed in 1919 on the Noojee-Warragul line, to the design of the Chief Engineer of Works, Edward Ballard, for the Victorian Railways. It is an eighteen-span, curved timber trestle bridge. The line was closed in 1958 and the bridge was sold to the local shire. The single railway track has since been removed.

How is it significant?

The Rail Bridge at Yarra Junction-Noojee Road, Noojee is historically and architecturally significant to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Rail Bridge at Yarra Junction-Noojee Road, Noojee is architecturally significant as a unique and essentially intact example of a railway trestle bridge. It is significant at a state level as the tallest surviving trestle bridge in Victoria, further enhanced by its curved alignment. The bridge is a notable example of timber trestle bridge construction, demonstrating a distinctive and presently rarely used construction method that utilised native bush timbers.

The Rail Bridge at Noojee is historically significant, recalling the former role of the Noojee railway in the district. The bridge opened in 1919, enabling the Noojee Railway (which had opened as far as Neerim South in 1890-2) to be used for the transportation of timber and local farm produce from Noojee district to the main towns.

## **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 alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner that 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.

No permit is required for works on the deck of the bridge, the incorporated superstructure which supports the track, for the maintenance of operational and safety standards, or for any emergency works relating to the substructure and superstructure of the bridge.

Construction dates	1919,
Architect/Designer	Ballard, Edward,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	NOOJEE RAIL BRIDGE, NOOJEE TRESTLE BRIDGE,
Hermes Number	881
Property Number	

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### History

The Rail Bridge at Noojee recalls the former role of the Noojee railway in the district. The bridge opened in 1919, enabling the Noojee Railway (which had opened as far as Neerim South in 1890-2) to be used for the transportation of timber and local farm produce from Noojee district to the main towns. During the 1939 bushfires

much of the valuable timber in the vicinity was burnt out, resulting in the eventual closure of the line and the bridge (Ward, 1982).

## **Extent of Registration**

1. All of the structure known as the Rail Bridge, Yarra Junction-Noojee Road, Noojee (B1), including decking, superstructure, timber trestles, as marked on plan 602011 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land surrounding the structure marked L1 on plan 602011 held by the Executive Director, being part of Crown Land.

*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/>*