

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**RAILWAY TUNNEL**



**Location:**

GEELONG-COLAC LINE GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H1106**

**Listing Authority: VHR**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO144**

**Statement of Significance:**

The railway tunnel in Geelong was built between 1874 and 1875 by Overend and Robb, along the Geelong-Colac line. It is 426m long and constructed of bluestone and brick laid in the classic horseshoe shape.

The Railway Tunnel, Geelong is of architectural and historic value to Victoria.

The tunnel is of architectural importance as a unique example of an early railway tunnel constructed in an urban environment in the 19th century that was also the longest in the state of Victoria, until the construction of the Melbourne underground loop. The structure demonstrates an historical association with the important expansion of the rail network in the 1870s that connected the Western District with the main lines.

The railway tunnel in Geelong is a representative example of construction technology in accordance with 19th century railway engineering guidelines.

Heritage Study / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	1874 - 1875
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	GREATER GEELONG CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	1928
Property number	

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