

## Victorian Heritage Database Report BANNOCKBURN RAILWAY STATION



























Location:

CLYDE ROAD BANNOCKBURN, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H1560

**Listing Authority: VHR** 

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO2** 

## **Statement of Significance:**

What is significant?

The Bannockburn Railway Station was constructed for the Victorian Railways in 1862 by DM 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.

| Heritage Study / Consultant |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Construction Date Range     | 1862 -              |
| Architect / Designer        |                     |
| Municipality                | GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE |
| Other names                 |                     |
| Hermes number               | 88                  |
| Property number             |                     |

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