

## ***Bannockburn Railway Station***

Clyde Road, Bannockburn

**Lot No.**                      **Plan No.**

**Municipal Rate No.**

**Architectural Style**

**Designer(s)**

1862 - 1862 Railways  
Department (Vic)

**Contractor(s)**



*National Estate Register, 2003.*

<b>Legislative Registers</b>	Nominated	Registered	<b>Other Registers</b>	Registered
Victorian Heritage Register No.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	H1560	National Estate RNE - Database	3511
Heritage Inventory No.	<input type="checkbox"/>		RNE Legal Status	Registered
Precinct Heritage Overlay No.	<input type="checkbox"/>		National Trust (Vic.) File	B2353
Precinct Heritage Overlay Nam			Nat. Trust Classification	<input type="checkbox"/>
Individual Heritage Overlay No.	<input type="checkbox"/>	HO2		

## **Statement of Significance**

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.

(The Commission is in the process of developing and/or upgrading official statements for places listed prior to 1991. The above data was mainly provided by the nominator and has not yet been revised by the Commission.

Source: Victorian Heritage Register -  
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?

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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.

## Description

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.

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.

National Trust: CITATION

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

## History

National Estate Register: Not Available.

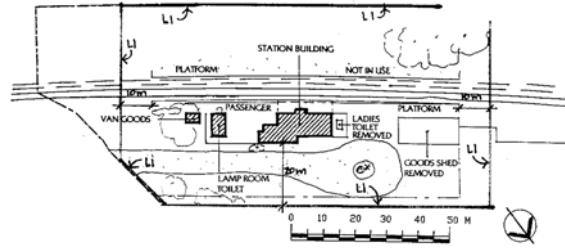
## Thematic Context

## Recommendations



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Source: Victorian Heritage Register. Taken 1984.



Source: Victorian Heritage Register.



Source: Stepping Stones p88