
HERITAGE PERMIT

GRANTED UNDER SECTION 102 OF THE
HERITAGE ACT 2017

Permit No: P40841

Applicant:



NAME OF PLACE/OBJECT: RAIL BRIDGE

HERITAGE REGISTER NUMBER: H1435

LOCATION OF PLACE/OBJECT: NOOJEE TRESTLE BRIDGE RAIL TRAIL NOOJEE, BAW
BAW SHIRE

THE PERMIT ALLOWS: Repair and replacement of severely degraded substructures rated CS5, including fixing faulty connections, improving uplift resistance, and treating decay with borate; reinforcement or replacement of epoxy-filled or failed piles, and reinstatement of bracing; installation of new steel mesh decking, clearing of vegetation, drainage improvements and new interpretive signage, generally in accordance with the following documents:

- Trestle Bridge Works – General Arrangement Rural Works Pty Ltd
- Noojee Trestle Bridge Condition Monitoring Report, prepared by WRD, dated 2 October 2024

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY TO THIS PERMIT:

1. The permission granted for this permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies: the permitted works have not commenced within two (2) years of the original date of issue of this permit, or are not completed within five (5) years of the original date of issue of this permit. Commencement of the permit begins with onsite physical works.
2. The Executive Director Heritage Victoria is to be given five working days' notice of the intention to commence the approved works once all permit conditions requiring satisfaction prior to the commencement of works have been approved.
3. Should further minor changes in accordance with the intent and approach of the endorsed documentation become necessary, correspondence and supporting documentation must be prepared and lodged in accordance with the permit condition for endorsement by the Executive Director Heritage Victoria. If the Executive Director considers that the changes are not minor, an amendment to the permit or a new application will be required.
4. Approved works or activities are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the registered place/object. However, if other previously hidden original or inaccessible details of the object or place are uncovered, any works that may affect such items must immediately cease. The Executive Director Heritage Victoria must be notified of the details immediately to enable Heritage Victoria representatives to inspect and record the items, and for discussion to take place on the possible retention of the items, or the issue of a modified approval.

5. All works must cease, and Heritage Victoria must be contacted if historical archaeological artefacts or deposits are discovered during any excavation or subsurface works.
6. The Executive Director Heritage Victoria must be informed when the approved works have been completed.
7. The works approved by this permit must be carried out in their entirety unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Executive Director Heritage Victoria.

Engagement of consultants

8. Prior to the commencement of any of the works approved by this permit, **a suitably qualified and experienced Structural Engineer approved in writing by the Executive Director Heritage Victoria must be engaged to advise and assist as necessary with the preparation of the documentation** where any structural intervention to heritage fabric is required and to provide relevant advice to the permit holder during the carrying out of those works.

Pre-start conditions

9. Prior to the commencement of any of the works approved by this permit, a **Staging Plan (if required)** which provides the order in which the approved works will be commenced and completed must be submitted to the Executive Director for approval. Once approved, the Staging Plan will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The Executive Director is to be given five working days' notice of the intention to commence each stage of the approved works. The Staging Plan can allow for initial inspection or investigation works, replacement all (Condition State 5) structural members, assessment and repair of (Condition State 4) members after completion of higher-priority repairs.
10. Prior to the commencement of each relevant stage of works identified in the Staging Plan referred to in condition 9 **documentation outlining the methodology for the works** must be submitted to the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria for approval. Once approved, the documentation will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. Documentation must include but not be limited to:
 - a. Methodology and final construction ready drawings for dismantling and demolition.
 - b. Excavation Methodology
 - c. Clarification of elements to be retained insitu.
 - d. Heritage Protection Plan for the retained elements.
 - e. Conservation works for the elements to be retained insitu.
 - f. Notification requirements in the case of unexpected or emergency conditions which may affect the structure feature or archaeology of heritage significance at the place.
11. Prior to the commencement of each relevant stage of works identified in the Staging Plan referred to in condition 9, **construction ready (marked as such) structural drawings, footing and bracing details and supporting report(s) prepared by a suitably qualified Structural Engineer**, must be submitted to the Executive Director Heritage Victoria for approval.
12. Prior to the commencement of each relevant stage of works identified in the Staging Plan referred to in condition 9, a **specification including a brief scope of repair works and**

descriptions of the proposed materials and techniques to be used on the heritage fabric of the existing bridge must be submitted to the Executive Director Heritage Victoria for approval. Any new and replacement works must be in accordance with the principles of the Burra Charter. Once approved, the document(s) will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit.

13. Approved works or activities are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the registered place/object. However, if any historical archaeological remains (including features, deposits and/or artefacts) are uncovered at any time during the works (including, but not limited to, the works associated with excavation, drainage or replacement of piles) all works must cases and a program of historical archaeological investigation, recording, reporting and artefact management must be undertaken to the satisfaction of the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria. All required archaeological investigations must be undertaken by a qualified and experienced historical archaeologist, endorsed by the Executive Director. The applicant is liable for any expenses arising from the conservation and management of any recovered historical archaeological artefacts, to the satisfaction of the Executive Director

Interpretation

14. Within 12 months of the commencement of works approved by this permit (in accordance with condition 2), a Heritage Interpretation Strategy must be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced practitioner and be submitted to the Executive Director for approval. Once approved, it will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The Heritage Interpretation Strategy must include proposals for the appropriate interpretation of the history and significance of Noojee Trestle Bridge including didactic and site-specific responses incorporating historic images.
15. Prior to the implementation of the on-site interpretation, a construction ready (marked as such) set of interpretation drawings documenting the works generally in accordance with the Heritage Interpretation Plan approved at condition 14 must be submitted to the Executive Director for approval. Once approved, the drawings will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. After its approval the interpretation works are to be implemented on site prior to the expiration of the permit.

NOTE THAT PERMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR INSPECTIONS OF THE PLACE OR OBJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN DURING THE CARRYING OUT OF WORKS, AND WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS OF NOTIFICATION OF THEIR COMPLETION.

TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY NATURAL PERSON WHO CARRIES OUT WORKS OR ACTIVITIES NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERMIT OR CONDITIONS IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF 120 PENALTY UNITS (\$23,710.80 FROM 1 JULY 2024) OR IN THE CASE OF A BODY CORPORATE 600 PENALTY UNITS (\$118,554 FROM 1 JULY 2024) UNDER s104 THE HERITAGE ACT 2017.

WORKS UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT A PERMIT OR PERMIT EXEMPTION CAN INCUR A FINE OF UP TO 4800 PENALTY UNITS (\$948,432 FROM 1 JULY 2024) FOR A NATURAL PERSON OR 5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH AND UP TO 9600 PENALTY UNITS (\$1,896,864 FROM 1 JULY 2024) IN THE CASE OF A BODY CORPORATE UNDER SECTION 87 OF THE HERITAGE

ACT 2017.

THE ATTENTION OF THE OWNER AND/OR APPLICANT IS DRAWN TO THE NEED TO OBTAIN ALL OTHER RELEVANT PERMITS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORKS.

Date Issued:

30 June 2025

**Signed as delegate for the Executive Director,
Heritage Victoria pursuant to the Instrument of
Delegation**



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hood", written in a cursive style.

Jessica Hood
Principal, Heritage Permits
Heritage Victoria