

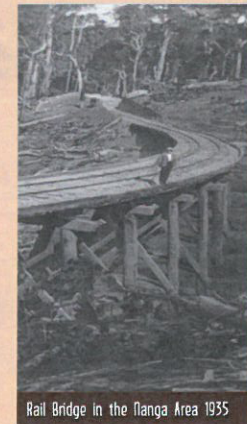
YARRAGIL NATURE PLAYGROUND

The large timber slabs that form the boundary of this playground were formerly part of a road bridge crossing the Yarragil Brook on Murray Road, south-east of Dwellingup. Murray road was an important access link to Yarragil formation, which was part of a former railway line. Temporary railway lines were laid throughout the forest to facilitate the transportation of logs to timber mills. This rail system replaced horse and then steam driven whims. A formation was manually constructed and then sleepers and rails were laid upon it. When the area was logged out, the rails and sleepers were relocated.



Typical Temporary Formation

Logs from the Yarragil area were transported to many of the small mills that existed in the area at the time, these included Hakea, Wuraming and Nanga Mill. Timber for the bridge would have selected from trees on site, felled and hand sawn to fashion bedlogs and stringers which form the structure of the bridge. The timber for the decking which also forms part of the playground would have been sawn at one of the local mills.



Rail Bridge in the Nanga Area 1935

We thank Parks and Wildlife Services, Dwellingup for donating this magnificent timber to our school. We can only imagine the magnificence of the trees these slabs of wood were cut from. We are pleased that we can enjoy and preserve this link with Dwellingup's heritage.