
Toomuc Creek Bridge

Location

Henry Road PAKENHAM SOUTH, CARDINIA SHIRE

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO137

Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

Statement of Significance

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These series of swamp drains (built c1889-) and timber bridges (some 1930s and earlier), are significant to the Cardinia Shire as evidence of there and the eventual development of transport networks when the swamp was turned into rich farming land. The bridges are timber decked and framed and most have angle-rail timber balustrading.

Toomuc Creek Bridge is thought to have been built for the Shire c1940s. It is one of the swamp drains and bridges as part of the massive drainage project carried out in the Koo Wee Rup swamp within the current boundaries of Cardinia Shire.

The construction of many of these bridges also symbolises the devastation of the 1934 floods when the previous timber bridges were washed away. The bridges are generally notable for their age, judged among other bridges in the shire, and the amount of original fabric which survives on each. The timber construction is also evocative of the thriving local timber industry and plentiful supply.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1998, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1998;
Hermes Number	197632
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

One of six originally timber railway bridges in the Koo-wee-rup Swamp. This is the only one to have 13 spans.

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