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# Old Fyansford Bridge (Bridge over Moorabool River 1900)

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## Location

65 Highland Street & 155-205 Upper Paper Mills Road, FYANSFORD VIC 3218 - Property No 276094 356912

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1108

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO88

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fyansford Bridge, erected in 1899 and opened for traffic in February 1900, is the first bridge in Victoria completed using the new reinforced concrete technique developed in Europe and known as the 'Monier' principle. Sydney engineers Gumnow and Carter introduced the system to Australia and leading Victorian engineering's John Monash and J.T.N. Anderson pioneered this work in Victoria. The Fyansford Bridge is of paramount importance to this history of technology in Australia which finely defined proportions over the three spans of arches contributing to its notable aesthetic qualities.

## RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

Historic Buildings Council Register

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate

## REFERENCES

Alsop, P.F. Notes on National Trust of Victoria, File No. 2841

Geelong Advertiser - 17th February, 1900.

'Memorial Stone Inscription'

*AD 1900*

*THE FIRST MORIER BRIDGE*

*IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIVTORIA*

*FOR*

*THE SHIRES OF BANNOCK BURN AND CORIO*

*W.H. JONES*

*PRESIDENT. BANNOCKBURN SHIRE*

*JAMES CAMPBELL, PRESIDENT CORIO SHIRE*

*SAMUEL MORRIS AND JAMES BLAIR*

*SECRETARIES*

*A. L. CAMPBELL*

*SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERS*

*ERECTED BY MONASH AND ANDERSON*

Heritage Study/Consultant      Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986;

Heritage Act Categories      Registered object,

Hermes Number              22042

Property Number

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