# **Moorabool River Road Bridge**



National Estate Register, 2003.

#### Location

Midland Highway BATESFORD, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

### Municipality

**GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE** 

# Level of significance

Registered

# Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1115

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO15

### **Heritage Listing**

Golden Plains Shire

### **Statement of Significance**

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National Estate Register:

The masonry arch bridge over the Moorabool River at the historic crossing place at Batesford is one of the finest masonry bridge structures in Victoria and one which is unusually constructed, not having any keystone at the centre of each arch. The bridge is located near the historic Traveller's Rest Inn of 1849 and has facilitated communication between Ballarat and Geelong since 1859.

(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.

Heritage Golden Plains - Golden Plains Shire Heritage Study Phase 1, Lorraine Huddle P/L,

Study/Consultant 2003;

Hermes Number 23536

**Property Number** 

## **Physical Description 1**

#### National Estate Register:

The five span, segmental arch bridge across the Moorabool River at the ford crossing place at Batesford was erected in 1859 to replace an earlier timber structure of 1848. Well known bridge contractor, Barry, erected this basalt bridge on piles and timber rafts from designs prepared by engineers in the Victorian Government Board of Land and Works (Roads Division).

#### Integrity

#### Condition and Integrity:

The Moorabool River masonry arch bridge at Batesford is in good condition and continuous use. The structure is intact.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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