
MERRI CREEK BRIDGE



City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000



Map Ref: 30 G12
NOT within Heritage Overlay Area.

City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000 (map)

Location

HEIDELBERG ROAD, NORTHCOTE and FAIRFIELD, DAREBIN CITY

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO125

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Heidelberg Road bridge over the Merri Creek at Northcote, comprising the original bridge constructed 1866-7 and the 1936 additions.

How is it significant?

The Heidelberg Road Bridge over the Merri Creek is of local historic significance to Darebin City.

Why is it significant?

The Merri Creek bridge is historically significant as one of the few remaining bridges which replaced punts and causeways over Melbourne's watercourses and which enabled expansion into outer areas. The bridge has undergone various repairs and in 1936 was expanded, matching the same style as the original, to cope with increased traffic. Preservation of this bridge at that time has ensured its relatively unaltered condition at a site close to the City of Melbourne, where many of the early bridges have been replaced. Only the Barkers Road Bridge at Hawthorn is thought to be older (c1860).

Heritage Study/Consultant Darebin - Darebin Heritage Review, Andrew Ward, 2000;

Other Names HEIDELBERG ROAD BRIDGE,

Hermes Number 24123

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The bridge is based on an elliptical arch, constructed in bluestone. At either end are piers with typical wrought iron strapping for balustrading between. On the piers are iron light standards which were introduced in 1936, possibly as replacements of earlier oil or gas lights.

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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