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## BRIDGE OVER HUGHES CREEK



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Bridge viewed from new road  
bridge looking south



View from centre of bridge  
looking west



Bridge viewed from the  
approach looking north (?)

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### Location

OLD HUME HIGHWAY AVENEL, STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

### Municipality

STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1445

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2

### VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## Amendment to Registration

May 23, 1998

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 19, 1999

The Hughes Creek Bridge on the Hume Highway at Avenel was erected in 1859 by the Board of Land and Works, and replaced a timber bridge erected in 1847. The contractor was Hugh Dalrymple. It is constructed in rusticated sandstone and comprises six segmental arches supported on piers. The restrictive width of the bridge resulted in the construction of a new bridge over Hughes Creek in 1970.

This is a fine example of nineteenth century bridge design. It is superbly constructed and stands as a monument to the early stonemasons and road engineers of Victoria. It is well composed and articulated by rusticated voussoirs, impostes and string courses and is notable for its number of arches. The fine quality stone and stonework is a distinctive feature. The bridge is picturesquely situated in a park-like setting.

The Hughes Creek Bridge survives intact and shows little sign of structural decay. It is presently used solely for pedestrian traffic.

*[Source: Register of the National Estate]*

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1859,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	HUGHES CREEK BRIDGE,
Hermes Number	34
Property Number	

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## History

PWD contract books 1862 (held at PRO Laverton series 979).

1872 tender for erection of police building accepted 28 May 1862 expected date of finishing 28 September 1862. Cost 1539 pounds 16:0 .

Contractor Comack & Irving

## Extent of Registration

All of the place known as BRIDGE OVER HUGHES CREEK, MANGALORE-AVENEL ROAD AVENEL

*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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*