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# Bluestone Bridge over Merri Creek



B0941 Bluestone Bridge

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## Location

Murray Road,, COBURG VIC 3058 - Property No B0941

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1198

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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This buestone arch bridge, built in 1870, has a single main span of 25.9 metres, this being either the fourth or fifth large stone arch span ever built in Australia. It was exceeded by Lansdowne (1836, 26.7 metres), Parramatta (1839, 27.4 metres), and the first Princes Bridge, Melbourne (1850, 45.7 metres). There is also another large span stone arch across Merri Creek in Heidelberg Road (possibly 1867), which may be larger. Together with the adjacent Newlands Road Bridge it was built by prisoners from Pentridge Gaol. The use of prison labour to build these two bridges makes them unusual in Victoria.

Classified: 20/11/1958

Revised: 03/08/1998

Hermes Number 66219

Property Number

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