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# Barwon Bridge over Barwon River



B7305 Barwon Bridge

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## Location

Moorabool Street,, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No B7305

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

File only

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

File note 21/09/2012:

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The new bridge was designed by Country Roads Board engineer D V Darwin and opened on 18 August 1926 by Governor of Victoria Lord Sommers. Of concrete and steel girder construction, it was built by Armstrong Whitworth Pty Ltd, it cost 73,900 pounds (\$147,800) to build. The 1926 bridge was widened to four lanes in 1966

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New documentary/historical evidence/sources:

Geelong Advertiser - 'The First 150 Years' - Peter Begg

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