
Darebin Creek Footbridge



Former Darebin Creek Footbridge (immediately after 2006 flood)



Darebin Creek Footbridge (prior to 2006 flood)



Remainder of bridge left on Alphington side of creek



Remains of bridge.
Alphington side in foreground

Location

off Old Heidelberg Road,ALPHINGTON, City of Yarra

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO79

Heritage Listing

Yarra City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2008

The following wording is from the Allom and Lovell Building Citation, 1998 for the property. Please note that this is a "Building Citation", not a "Statement of Significance". For further information refer to the Building Citation held by the City of Yarra.

History:

The location of the Darebin Creek Footbridge, near the eastern end of Old Heidelberg Road, had been a crossing point of the creek for many years before the bridge was built in 1914, connecting Charles Trescowthick's property Flowerdale, the property later occupied by Parade College, and currently by Alphington Grammar School, with the east side of the creek. Prior to the construction of the bridge, the creek was crossed on unstable timber planks which were often washed away in floods. Trescowthick, who had long allowed locals wishing to cross the creek access across his property, co-operated with the Heidelberg Council to erect the bridge in 1914. The bridge was constructed with steel girders taken from an earlier, demolished bridge in the Eltham area. The span of the bridge is 90 feet, and the deck is 4'2" wide. The side girders are 3' high.

Description:

The footbridge is a double-span riveted iron girder bridge crossing the Darebin Creek, connecting the City of Yarra with the City of Banyule. There are three cross-braced iron supports; one in the centre of the creek, and one on each of the banks. The girders comprise cross-braced riveted iron members, and have shallow segmental arched upper chords. Metal tube balustrading has been added to girders, and the deck has been concreted.

Significance:

The footbridge is of local historical and architectural significance. Historically, the bridge marks pedestrian movements through Alphington when it was a largely rural area. Architecturally, the bridge is a simple iron structure over the Darebin Creek, and is a picturesque element along the Creek.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - Northcote Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1982; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Review, Allom Lovell & Associates, 1998; Yarra - City of Yarra Review of Heritage Overlay Areas, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;
Construction dates	1914,
Hermes Number	103764
Property Number	

Physical Description 2

Earlier wrought iron bridge located at site 1914; part removed on Yarra City Council land after 2003 flood; also removed on Banyule City side since survey? wrongly mapped in planning scheme; National Trust of Australia (Vic) metal bridges survey.

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Integrity

Fair

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