
Omeo Memorial Bridge



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Location

OME0, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 156216

Property Number

Veterans Description for Public

The Omeo Memorial Bridge was built over Livingstone Creek on Alpine Road in memory of the First World War. It was designed by Omeo Shire Engineer C.H.R. Heale and built by the Country Roads Board in 1919-21 to replace an earlier timber beam bridge known as Connely's Bridge that was badly damaged by floods in 1916. The bridge

was first referred to as the "Memorial Bridge" in the August 5th 1919 edition of the Omeo Standard, which reported the opening on the 6th April 1921, where it was referred to as the "Soldiers' Memorial Bridge".

The project was largely paid for by special grants from the Public Works Department and was built using shire day labour with the preferential employment of local returned servicemen. It is believed to be the first concrete bridge in the Shire of Omeo and resembles a road bridge with cast-in-place reinforced concrete T-girders and an integral flat slab deck.

During the 1939 bushfires, the Bridge was used as a refuge by women and children. It is now only open to foot traffic following construction of a new bypass road and bridge in 1973.

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