

# BRIDGE



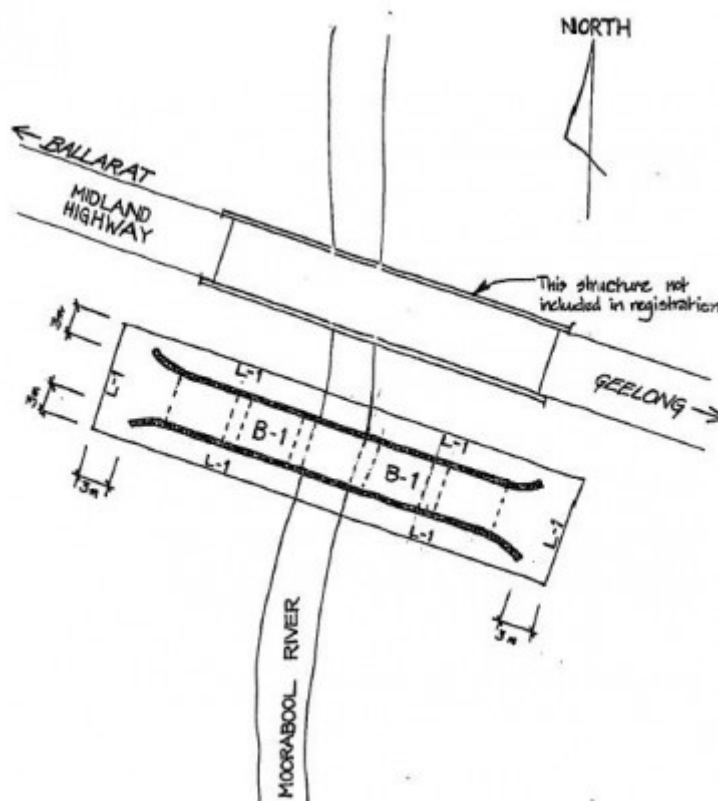
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1 bridge over moorabool river  
batesford side view apr1997



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## Location

OVER MOORABOOL RIVER, MIDLAND HIGHWAY BATESFORD, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1115

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO35

HO15

## **VHR Registration**

August 20, 1982

## **Amendment to Registration**

November 2, 1995

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - May 5, 1999

The bridge at Batesford, which was built in 1859, is the third bridge to be built on that site. It is constructed of local bluestone and crosses the Moorabool River in five segmentally arched spans. It has an integral parapet walls and splayed wing walls. The design of the structure is attributed to engineers from the Victorian Government Board of Land and Works. The bridge was constructed by David Barry.

The Bridge over Moorabool River, Batesford is of architectural and historical significance to Victoria.

The bridge at Batesford is amongst the earliest and longest stone arch road bridges in the state. The spans of the bridge are unusual in not being fully centered with a keystone at the centre of each arch. It is an essentially intact example of a bridge structure constructed of locally available bluestone, erected during the goldrush period of the 1850's. The bridge played a major role on the main route connecting Ballarat and Geelong during the goldrush period.

## **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,  
Hermes Number                1920  
Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1115, Bridge Over Moorabool River, former Midland Highway, Batesford, City of Greater Geelong.

Extent:

To the extent of:

1. All of the structure known as Bridge over Moorabool River, Batesford marked B-1 on Plan 601026 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. An area of land 3 metres surrounding the structure marked L-1 on Plan 601026 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G43 2 November 1995 p.3085]

*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/>*