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# MARIBYRNONG RIVER PIPE BRIDGE



55 Canning Street, Avondale Heights (Maribyrnong River Pipe Bridge).JPG

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## Location

(SOUTH END OF) AHERN PLACE, AVONDALE HEIGHTS, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO406

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The pipe bridge, constructed c.1929, over the Maribyrnong River at the south end of Ahern Place, Avondale Heights is significant. This is a wrought iron pipe bridge, which comprises four pairs of Warren Trusses. There is a large central truss, flanked by smaller trusses at either end. The large central truss has cross bracing and is supported on concrete piers. It carries a single main. The bridge is in good condition and appears to have a

relatively high degree of external integrity.

### **How is it significant?**

The Maribyrnong River pipe bridge is of local historic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

### **Why is it significant?**

It is historically significant for its association with the establishment of the water supply and transfer network by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works in the western suburbs of Melbourne. The interwar period was a time of significant growth in Moonee Valley and this bridge demonstrates how expansions to the water supply were necessary. It has also has historic significance as a place that provides a tangible reminder of the important role played by the MMBW in the development of Melbourne's water supply throughout the twentieth century. (Criteria A & H)

It is significant as a representative example of a typical wrought iron Warren Truss Pipe Bridge. The significance is enhanced by its relatively high degree of integrity. (Criterion D)

## **Theme**

### 6. Building towns cities and the garden state

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2015, 2015; Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Stage 1 Heritage Gap Study, Context PL, 2013;
Construction dates	1929,
Architect/Designer	Public Works Department,
Other Names	M102 Pipe Bridge,
Hermes Number	196120
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

This pipe bridge, which crosses the Maribyrnong River, is situated at the south end of Ahern Place, Avondale Heights. This is a wrought iron pipe bridge, which comprises four pairs of Warren Trusses. There is a large central truss, flanked by smaller trusses at either end. The large central truss has cross bracing and is supported on concrete piers. It carries a single main. The bridge is in good condition and appears to have a relatively high degree of external integrity.

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