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# BLUESTONE MILL BRIDGE



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## Location

Penshurst-Byaduk Road BYADUK, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The bluestone mill bridge is located over the Scott's Creek, off the Penshurst- Byaduk Road, a short distance from the township of Byaduk. The bridge is finely constructed and finished, with dressed bluestone approaches and a timber deck. The construction date of the bridge is unknown, but likely to be the late nineteenth century. The bridge was originally used as the main entrance over Scott's Creek to Holmes Flour Mill, in later years it became the entrance to the Byaduk Swimming Pool.

### How is it significant?

The bluestone mill bridge over Scott's Creek at Byaduk is of architectural and historical importance to the township of Byaduk and the Southern Grampians Shire.

### Why is it significant?

The bluestone mill bridge is of historical significance for its associations with major industrial and recreational sites associated with the township of Byaduk, the Holmes Flour Mill and the Byaduk Swimming Pool. The bridge

spans the Scott's Creek, and defines the entrance to two separate sites which although were previously important places, have now been abandoned and fallen into disrepair. The bridge can be viewed a link to these places, and the changing needs and social structure of the township of Byduk over the past 150 years. The bridge is of architectural significance for its fine construction techniques and finishes.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002; |
| Construction dates        | 1922,                                                                                                    |
| Heritage Act Categories   | Registered place,                                                                                        |
| Hermes Number             | 23277                                                                                                    |
| Property Number           |                                                                                                          |

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## Physical Conditions

The physical condition of the bridge is only fair. There are large cracks in the stonework, with mortar missing. The timber deck over the creek is decaying, rendering the bridge unsafe for public use.

## Physical Description 1

The single span bridge consists of dressed bluestone approaches, with a timber deck. The stonework displays a high level of skill, with the rockfaced blocks being finely finished. The walls of the approaches are capped with stone lintels. The timbers of the deck are laid (identical to a timber jetty).

Scott's Creek is a narrow stream, and the span of the bridge is less than 6 metres.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.8 Moving goods and people

3.8.7 Building and maintaining roads

## Usage/Former Usage

Bridge

## Integrity

high degree of integrity

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