
BLUESTONE WEIR



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Location

off Hamilton- Port Fairy Road BYADUK NORTH, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 11, 2003

What is significant?

The bluestone weir is located about 150 metres northeast of the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road at North Byaduk. The structure, dating from after 1857, is built of dressed bluestone, and reveals a high level of skill in the stone masonry. It consists of two stone piers on either side of a narrow gully, with a stepped stone wall of approximately 2 metres in height. The width of the structure is about 2 metres. The ground behind the weir is solid, suggesting that the gully has silted up over the years to the height of the weir wall. The weir retains a high level of integrity and is in good condition.

How is it significant?

The bluestone weir at North Byaduk is of historical, architectural and scientific significance to the district of Byaduk and the Southern Grampians Shire..

Why is it significant?

The bluestone weir at North Byaduk is of historical significance as an example of early water management. It is of further historical significance for its associations with Edward Stephens, resident of North Byaduk, who was responsible for some of the finest stone masonry in the Hamilton district. It is of architectural significance for its excellent stone masonry. It is of scientific interest as a sophisticated attempt at hydraulic engineering in the nineteenth century.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002; |
| Construction dates | 1850, |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Hermes Number | 23282 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Conditions

The bluestone weir is in excellent condition.

Physical Description 1

The bluestone weir is located about 150 metres northeast of the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road, adjacent to an unnamed road reserve opposite the North Byaduk Fire Station.

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Integrity

high degree of integrity

Physical Description 2

Edward Stephens, stone mason

Physical Description 3

Unnamed Water Reserve.

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.

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