
Angliss Stock Bridge



HO146(1) - Angliss Stock Bridge 1.jpg



HO146(2) - Angliss Stock Bridge 2.jpg

Location

near Ballarat Road FOOTSCRAY, Maribyrnong City

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO146

Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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The Angliss Stock bridge is of historical and architectural significance to the region to the extent that it was a major part of the former stock route, which in its various components including the existing roads, laneways between the stock pens and the bridge itself, provided access between the saleyards and the various abattoirs, particularly the Angliss meatworks. (Criterion A3) This gives it a close association with one of the most important industries in the region.

With the demise and demolition of most of the meatworks in the Western Suburbs, it remains as a rare surviving fragment of that industry. As it was previously used as a footbridge over the Yarra it demonstrates an interesting engineering exercise. (Criterion A4)

The surviving avenue of Cypress trees on the west side provides an important landscape context. Along with the meat industry, the loss of the Newmarket saleyards means that droving cattle and sheep is no longer done in the urban context. This bridge and stock route is therefore the only reminder of this custom. (Criterion B2)

Australian Heritage Commission Criteria

A3 Importance in exhibiting unusual richness or diversity of flora, fauna, landscape or cultural features.

An important part of the cultural landscape of the area which was created by various elements of the meat and by-product industries.

A4 Importance for their association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, state, region or community.

One of the few surviving structures which evoke the significant meat industry of the Municipality, now mostly disappeared.

B2 Importance in demonstrating a distinctive way of life, custom, process, land-use, function or design no longer practised, in danger of being lost, or of exceptional interest.

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1941, 1899,
Hermes Number	28350
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Lattice girder bridge constructed in riveted, fabricated, wrought iron with double span across Maribyrnong River. Paired top and bottom chords are of made-up angle riveted and bolted.

Diagonal tension and vertical compression members of the truss are angle iron also bolted and riveted in place. It is understood that the bridge was erected using most of the materials taken from the footbridge across the river at Punt Road by the Melbourne City Council. This history may account for the unusual combination of riveted and bolted fixing.

Earth embankments with the abutments reconstructed in concrete remain with some remnant planting including a line of Cypress trees on the Footscray side.

Physical Conditions

In good condition, renovated in recent years after neglect and vandalism following the closure of the Angliss meatworks in the mid 1980s. The current colour scheme does not appear to be based on any historical

precedent.

Integrity

Substantially intact, although most of the timber rails were stolen and replaced during the hiatus in its use.

Physical Description 2

Originally linked the Angliss Meatworks with the Newmarket Livestock Saleyards on the Flemington side of the Maribyrnong where the Melbourne City Abattoirs were located.

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic context

Australian Principal Theme Moving goods and people

PAHT Subtheme: Moving goods and people on land

Local Theme Industry Consolidation and

Physical Description 3

Creation date(s): 1941 (truss 1899)

Heritage Significance *regional*

Map (Melway) 42 G3

Boundary description

The bridge and its immediate approach embankments and remnants of the stock route and contemporary mature trees extending to run parallel with Ballarat Road.

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