

# BROKEN RIVER BRIDGE



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side view 1989



H1043 H1043 plan

## Location

OVER BROKEN RIVER, BRIDGE STREET BENALLA, BENALLA RURAL CITY

## Municipality

BENALLA RURAL CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1043

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO10

## VHR Registration

August 18, 1994

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 4, 1999

The concrete girder bridge over Broken River, Benalla was designed by John (later Sir John) Monash, with assistance from shire engineer, Samuel Jeffrey, and built in 1909-10 by the Reinforced Concrete and Monier Pipe Construction Company. The bridge was widened in 1939-40 to plans prepared by Allan Ozanne of the Country Roads Board, assisted by the shire engineer, Les Fawkner.

The Broken River Bridge, a rare early example of concrete girder bridge design, demonstrates technical accomplishment in the use of reinforced concrete girder bridges, such as the bridge over the Loddon River, Laanecoorie (still extant), the Benalla bridge was influential in the development of the technology of girder construction which was to come into general acceptance from 1915 onwards.

The bridge has an association with John (later Sir John) Monash, soldier, engineer and administrator, who, at the time of the bridge's construction, directed the Reinforced Concrete and Monier Pipe Construction Company, the company at the forefront of reinforced concrete construction in Victoria at that time.

The bridge, with its concrete piers linked by arches, the decorative volutes of each pier and the ornamental cast iron and galvanised iron pipe rail balustrades, demonstrates typical craftsmanship and decoration.

## 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            1909,  
Heritage Act Categories    Registered place,  
Other Names                    BRIDGE, BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE,  
Hermes Number                4609  
Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1043-

Road Bridge over Broken River

Bridge Road, Benalla, City of Benalla

(To the extent of:

1. All of the structure known as the road bridge over the Broken River, Benalla marked B-1 on Plan 605636 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
  2. All of the land extending a distance of 5 metres from all elements of the structure at each end of the bridge.)
- [*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G33 18 August 1994 p.2256]

*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/>*