Rail/Road Bridge Over Murray River



B2091 Echuca Bridge over Murray River

Location

Heygarth Street,, ECHUCA VIC 3564 - Property No B2091

Municipality

CAMPASPE SHIRE

Level of significance

Local

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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The Murray Bridge at Echuca was erected in 1875. It serves railway and vehicular traffic on a common carriageway. There is also a separate cantilevered pedestrian pathway. The bridge and causeway approaches are constructed of steel. They comprise a roadway hung between two giant girders and supported in pairs of giant doric style columns. The portal frame arches stiffen the girders and diagonal bracing acts similarly to each pair of columns.

This bridge was the first physical link between Victoria and the Riverina and is a superb example of nineteenth century bridge design and construction. It towers above the river and contrasts dramatically with the surrounding natural landscape. The giant columns with their diagonal bracing, the deep girders and the portal arches are all distinctive features. The composite uses of the bridge are also notable.

The bridge is still in use and shows no sign of structural decay.

Classified: 19/10/1967.

Part of Historic Area Classified: 07/07/1969.

Other Names Murray Bridge,

Hermes Number 67565

Property Number

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