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# Tyers Road Causeway Bridge



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B6954 Tyers Road Bridge deck



B6954 Tyers Road Bridge abutment



B6954 Tyers Road Bridge piers



B6954 Tyers Road Bridge substructure

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## Location

At Tyers Road crossing of Latrobe River, approx. 5 Km north of Traralgon, TRARALGON VIC 3844 - Property No B6954

## Municipality

LATROBE CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 2, 2005

What is significant? Tyers Road Causeway Bridge is a low all-timber bridge of twenty-five spans of 6.6 metres, with a total deck length of 166 metres. It has squared stringers, no corbels, and a transverse-timber deck. It was built in 1920-21 and is now bypassed.

How is it significant? Tyers Road Causeway Bridge is significant for historical and technical reasons at the State level.

Why is it significant? The Tyers Road Causeway Bridge is historically significant as the second-oldest surviving Victorian timber bridge known to have been built under Country Roads Board supervision (the oldest being Jubilee Bridge, Omeo), and the oldest known surviving C.R.B. Developmental Road bridge. It is markedly different from any other surviving Developmental Road bridge, and there is no other surviving Victorian road bridge with which this unusually long and low causeway structure might be compared.

The Tyers Road Causeway Bridge, is technically significant as Victoria's longest (at 166 metres) surviving all-timber road bridge, and the State's second-longest transverse-timber-decked road bridge (longest is McKillops Bridge, VHR 1849, a composite bridge). This bridge retains early features such as squared timber stringers, lack of corbels, transverse-timber decking without running planks, and hand-hewn timber gravel beams. The absence of corbels is unique among Victoria's surviving CRB-approved and funded bridges. The bridge is also unique as a causeway approach across a river floodplain, ancillary to a main river-crossing bridge.

Classified: 10/11/1998

Other Names      The Bluff Causeway Bridge,

Hermes Number   68769

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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION:

The Tyers Road Causeway Bridge is a low all-timber bridge of twenty-five spans, with a span length of 6.6 metres and a total length of 166 metres. It was built as a horse-era bridge with traditional squared stringers, transverse-timber deck, and hand-hewn timber gravel beams.

### Context

This bridge is situated on a broad stretch of the Latrobe River floodplain some five kilometres north of Traralgon. The setting is very low-lying and flood-prone, on the approaches to a modern bridge over the main river channel. The bridge has been bypassed, with the new replacement bridge alongside.

### INTACTNESS:

The Tyers Road Causeway Bridge is an intact all-timber bridge, and retains its early features. It is in very poor condition: it has not been maintained for some years.

## ASSESSMENT AGAINST CRITERIA:

Importance to the course, or pattern, of Victoria's cultural history. Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Victoria's cultural history

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Potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Victoria's cultural history

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Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places or objects  
Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics  
Importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period

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## Usage/Former Usage

road bridge - not in use

## Physical Conditions

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## Intactness

retains its early features

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