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# Unnamed Masonry & Timber Culvert



B6922 Masonry & Timber Culvert

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## Location

Inglewood-Rheola Road,, RHEOLA VIC 3517 - Property No B6922

## Municipality

LODDON SHIRE

## Level of significance

State

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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This impressive little culvert near Rheola is of unknown date, but most probably dates from Rheola's mining heyday in the early to mid-1870s. It is scientifically, historically and aesthetically significant at State level. This historic culvert's main distinguishing features are its relatively massive granite abutments and wing walls, beautifully crafted and ornamented, in conjunction with a tiny 1.8 metre all-timber longitudinal-timber deck seated directly onto the stone abutments. This granite-masonry and timber culvert near Rheola is the most sophisticated, decorative and intact example of its type known to the National Trust.

It is situated between the gold-mining centres of Rheola (previously Berlin) and Kingower, on the 1850s mail-coach route between Dunolly and Korong (Wedderburn). However, it was most likely built as part of an 1870s mail-coach route linking Inglewood with Rheola via Kingower. Whenever built, it was an integral part of the colonial transport system of this area once far-famed for its large gold nuggets. Aesthetically, it is a unique combination of beautifully crafted and ornamented granite-masonry abutments and wing walls, with a simple timber deck and handsome side-rails, in a country-road setting and adjacent to other significant colonial goldfield

relics.

Classified: 03/08/1998

Hermes Number 68781

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