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Location

Mitchellstown Road,, NAGAMBIE VIC 3608 - Property No B6849

Municipality

STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 10, 2005

What is significant? Mitchellstown Bridge is a 14 span timber & steel road bridge with timber beams/stringers & steel universal beam/RSJ relieving beams. It has a maximum span length of ten metres, a deck 120 metres long, has timber piers and cross-heads, round-timber corbels and stringers, timber cross-beams and longitudinal decking with timber kerbs, and timber side rails.

It was opened in 1895, and is intact, except for the replacement of the original transverse-timber deck with a modern longitudinal-timber motor deck.

How is it significant? Mitchellstown Bridge, is historically, technically, socially and aesthetically significant at the State level.

Why is it significant? Mitchellstown Bridge is historically significant as one of Victoria's oldest surviving colonial timber road bridges, and as one of only two known surviving Victorian road bridges to have been built during the 1890s Depression, when major public works construction virtually ceased.

Mitchellstown Bridge is technically significant as a very rare example of a colonial Victorian road bridge that still retains a full corbel-and-stringer superstructure base along with historic (albeit much-patched) timber piers.

Mitchellstown Bridge is socially significant, being situated in an important recreational area, in tourist and fishing country between the popular Mitchelton and historic Chateau Tahbilk vineyards.

Mitchellstown Bridge is aesthetically significant, as an attractive timber structure located in a floodplain shaded by numerous large river red gums, and approached from the nearby Goulburn Valley Highway by country roads lined with grey box trees.

Classified: 06/11/1998

Hermes Number 69747

Property Number

Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

Mitchellstown Bridge is a fourteen-span timber-beam road-over-river bridge, with a maximum span length of ten metres and a deck 120 metres long. It has timber piers and cross-heads, round-timber corbels and stringers, timber cross-beams and longitudinal decking with timber kerbs, and timber side rails.

Context

Mitchellstown Bridge is situated among spreading river red gums on a section of the Goulburn River, and is approached by country roads lined with grey box trees. It is on the road to Mitchelton and Chateau Tahbilk wineries.

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

Mitchellstown Bridge is one of Victoria's oldest surviving colonial timber road bridges, and is one of only two known surviving Victorian road bridges to have been built during the 1890s Depression, when major public works construction virtually ceased.

The bridge is one of a unique group of four large colonial timber river bridges on the Goulburn River between Seymour and Murchison.

Potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Victoria's cultural history Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places or objects

Mitchellstown Bridge is a very rare example of a colonial Victorian road bridge that still retains a full corbel-and-stringer superstructure base along with historic if much-patched timber piers.

Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics

Mitchellstown Bridge is an attractive timber structure located in a floodplain shaded by numerous large river red gums, and approached from the nearby Goulburn Valley Highway by country roads lined with grey box trees.

Importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period

Usage/Former Usage

road bridge, no longer in use

Physical Conditions

good condition, not being maintained

Intactness

Mitchellstown Bridge is substantially intact. The only substantial change is the deck being modified to the standard longitudinally-timbered motor deck after the 1930s.

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.

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