

# BRIDGE



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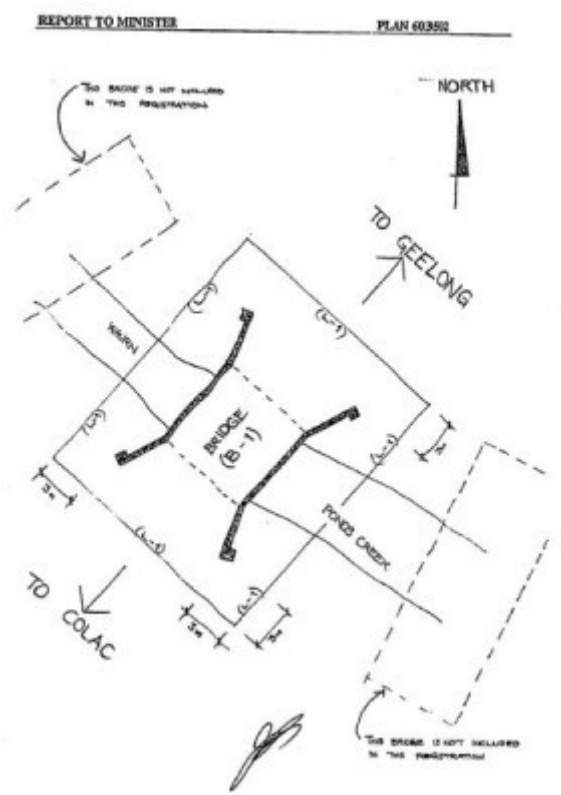
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1 bridge over waurn ponds  
creek side view apr1997



H1104 plan

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## Location

OVER WAURN PONDS CREEK, PRINCES HIGHWAY WAURN PONDS, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1104

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO374

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## Amendment to Registration

September 14, 1995

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 5, 1999

The bridge over Waurn Ponds Creek, Waurn Ponds was built in 1868 of locally quarried limestone with bluestone detailing. It is a finely detailed small single span segmentally arched structure with an integral stone parapet and curved wing walls. It was designed by Andrew McWilliams from the Shire of Barrabool, and constructed by Clement Nash.

The bridge over Waurn Ponds Creek is of architectural and historic significance to Victoria.

The bridge is important to Victoria's history as it is amongst the earliest stone arch bridges built in the state.

The bridge is of architectural significance for its demonstration of fine craftsmanship in the use of locally available Waurn Ponds limestone, which has a limited usage as a construction material. The bridge has dressed, stepped voussoirs and it also demonstrates an unusual form of bridge decoration in the incorporation of an elaborately carved bluestone key stone on the bridge's northern face. The keystone depicts the Shire of Barrabool's coat of arms and the inscription "BARRABOOL SHIRE 1868". The bridge at Waurn Ponds is the only known example of keystone ornamentation applied to this type of structure.

## 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	1868,
Architect/Designer	McWilliams, Andrew,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	WAURN PONDS BRIDGE,
Hermes Number	1204
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1104:

Bridge over the Waurnd Ponds Creek, Former Princes Highway, Waurnd Ponds, City of Greater Geelong.

Extent:

1. All of the building known as Bridge over the Waurnd Ponds Creek, Waurnd Ponds marked B-1 on Plan 603502 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. An area of land 3 metres surrounding the structure marked L-1 on Plan 603502 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G36 14 September 1995 p.2536]

*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/>