

Victorian Heritage Database Report
BRIDGE



Location:

OVER MOORABOOL RIVER, MIDLAND HIGHWAY BATESFORD, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H1115

Listing Authority: VHR

Heritage Overlay Number: HO35

Statement of Significance:

The bridge at Batesford, which was built in 1859, is the third bridge to be built on that site. It is constructed of

local bluestone and crosses the Moorabool River in five segmentally arched spans. It has an integral parapet walls and splayed wing walls. The design of the structure is attributed to engineers from the Victorian Government Board of Land and Works. The bridge was constructed by David Barry.

The Bridge over Moorabool River, Batesford is of architectural and historical significance to Victoria.

The bridge at Batesford is amongst the earliest and longest stone arch road bridges in the state. The spans of the bridge are unusual in not being fully centered with a keystone at the centre of each arch. It is an essentially intact example of a bridge structure constructed of locally available bluestone, erected during the goldrush period of the 1850's. The bridge played a major role on the main route connecting Ballarat and Geelong during the goldrush period.

Heritage Study / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	1859 -
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE, GREATER GEELONG CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	1920
Property number	

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