
Myrniong Road Bridge (Main Road - Old Western Highway)



Main Street BALLAN,
MOORABOOL SHIRE

Location

Main Street (Old Western Highway) MYRNIONG, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO184

Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

Statement of Significance

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A former reinforced concrete road bridge over the Myrniong Creek erected by the Country Roads Board in 1928, with sandstone abutments possibly deriving from the earlier 1860s timber bridge . It is of local historical significance as influential on development in Myrniong and a changing pattern of usage . It is also of local architectural significance as an intact surviving example of a 1920s reinforced concrete CRB road bridge.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Other Names	Road bridge,
Hermes Number	124292
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This bridge spans across Myrniong Creek at the western end Of the town on a slightly skewed angle to the main road. The structure comprises an *in-situ* reinforced concrete deck supported by steel beams standing on earlier bluestone piers. The decking is typical of Country Road Board structures of the period. The visible feature is the concrete hand railing with recessed panels on the end posts, one bearing the metal plaque with the inscription "CRB 1928". Two triangular concrete rails run between these posts with a concrete kerb at the road edge. The former bridge's sandstone random rubble abutments survive as a base for the present concrete abutments on the south side (barely visible). There is also a "41M" (41 miles to Melbourne) mile post on the south-west side.

The bluestone abutments have angled wing walls, drainage holes and a concrete band, three courses from the top , possibly part of the earlier deck arrangements, such as the springing of a timber arch or braces for the decking.

A modern reinforced concrete bridge has been built immediately upstream from the old bridge on a more direct alignment and abuts the older structure.

Intactness

Excellent.

Physical Conditions

Excellent.

Historical Australian Themes

Transport

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