
Rothwell Bridge Old Melbourne Road over Little River

Location

Old Melbourne Road over Little River, LITTLE RIVER VIC 3211 - Property No 313360

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1454

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO298

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

B Listed - Regional Significance

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENT SHEET - GRC SHEET NO 141

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rothwell Bridge over the Little River at Rothwell (now Little River township) was erected as a double-span segmental arch structure in 1866-67 from designed prepared by Shire of Wyndham Engineer, John Baxter. Clement Nash (who later sued the bridge committee for damages) was the contractor. The bridge and approaches was partially destroyed by flood in September 1880 and PE Nolan, Shire of Wyndham Engineer, designed the present segmental arch bridge from spans, apparently reconstructing the original section and widening and approaches. The Rothwell Bridge is an important early widening the approaches. The Rothwell Bridge is an important early bridge, representing traditional stone construction techniques and having important

association with the road link between Geelong and Melbourne.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate.

REFERENCES

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'So fine a Country: A history of Corio Shire' , typescript, 1980, p.75.

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	22046
Property Number	

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