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# SCOTT'S CREEK ROAD BRIDGE



23271 Scott's Creek Bridge  
Byaduk 2211



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## Location

Hamilton-Port Fairy Road BYADUK, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The bluestone bridge over Scott's Creek in the centre of Byaduk was built before 1867. It may well be much older considering the importance and age of the routes connecting the port of Port Fairy with the townships of Hamilton, Branxholme and Penshurst at Byaduk. The town was laid out as South Byaduk and the surrounding land sold to selectors and other settlers from 1867. The creek is probably named after one of the first settlers in the area. Bridges were the responsibility of the local roads board or shire but it is not known who designed and built the bridge. It is a standard design with several similar bridges surviving along the road to the south and elsewhere in the region. It incorporates a barrel vault with solid abutments curved outwards at their ends. The stone is rockfaced. The bridge retains a high degree of integrity and is in excellent condition.

How is it significant?

The bridge over Scott's Creek at Byaduk is of historical and architectural significance to the community of Byaduk and to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The bridge over Scott's Creek at Byaduk is of historical significance because it marks the beginning of the township of Byaduk, reflects the importance of transport especially between the coast and the hinterland, and continues as a node for the town.

The bridge is of architectural significance as a typical example of early bridge design, and for its simple, excellent form and construction. The quality of its engineering has withstood nearly 150 years of traffic on an important transport route.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1867,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23271
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The bridge is in excellent condition.

## Physical Description 1

Scott's Creek bridge is a single span arched bluestone bridge with solid parapets and curved bluestone abutments. The stone is rock-faced. The inner faces of the parapet walls of the bridge have been outlined in white paint. Otherwise the bridge retains a high degree of integrity. It is similar to the two bluestone road bridges now with concrete spans at Byaduk North over Lyne Creek: one on the Byaduk-Branxholme Road and the other, now compromised, over the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.8 Moving goods and people

3.8.7 Building and maintaining roads

## Usage/Formal Usage

Road bridge

## **Integrity**

High degree of integrity

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