
HONEYSUCKLE CREEK ROAD BRIDGE (FORMER)

Location

Glendinning Road ROCKLANDS, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 1, 2004

What is significant?

The former Honeysuckle Creek Road Bridge is usually located under the water level of Rocklands Reservoir. Its location is to the south side of the Glendinning Road, near the entrance to the homestead at the junction of Honeysuckle and Pendyk Creeks, now the bank of Rocklands Reservoir. The bridge comprises five low spans with angled timber abutments. The spans are supported by three posts of timber in the round, pairs of cross beams and struts which extend the deck and jack beams which in turn support the main beams. The deck is made from squared planks the ends of which are held down by timber. The major structural elements are bolted together. There are the remains of a fine timber post and rail balustrade with three supports per span. The bridge was used for many years as part of a major transport route, which was diverted when the Rocklands Reservoir was built in 1940, flooding large areas of previously used land. The bridge retains a very high degree of integrity, although due to submersion for many years, it is only in fair condition.

How is it significant?

The bridge is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Honeysuckle Creek Road Bridge is of historical significance as it represents an early construction technique using large slabs of timber and hand made bolts. The bridge is of further historical significance as the only remaining fabric to show a major transport route which went directly past the Glendinning pastoral run, prior to the flooding and submersion of the road and bridge in 1940.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1840,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23632
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The bridge is in fair to poor condition.

Physical Description 1

The timber road bridge comprises five low spans with angled timber abutments. The spans are supported by three posts of timber in the round, pairs of cross beams and struts which extend the deck and jack beams which in turn support the main beams. The deck is made from squared planks the ends of which are held down by timber. The major structural elements are bolted together. There are the remains of a fine timber post and rail balustrade with three supports per span. It is clear that the bridge is submerged under the Rocklands Dam water much of the time.

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/Former Usage

abandoned and usually submerged

Integrity

very high degree of integrity.

Physical Description 3

Glendinning Pre-emptive Right

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/>