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Shelford Bridge under construction, c.1874. Source: Dianne Hughes



Iron Bridge, Shelford, c.1925. Source: Holmes collection c/o David Rowe.



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## Location

Shelford - Bannockburn Road, and Bannockburn-Rokewood Road SHELFORD, Golden Plains Shire

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1452

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO13

HO103

## Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

National Estate Register:

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(The Commission is in the process of developing and/or upgrading official statements for places listed prior to 1991. The above data was mainly provided by the nominator and has not yet been revised by the Commission.

Taken from Victorian Heritag Register -

Source: Register of the National Estate  
Building Citation

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Of state importance.

National Trust:

Some places were classified by the National Trust in the early years without a citation being prepared. These are being gradually reviewed and citations are being prepared. Please contact the National Trust for more information regarding the significance of this place.

Class: State

Heritage Study/Consultant	Golden Plains - Golden Plains Shire Heritage Study Phase 1, Lorraine Huddle P/L, 2003;
Architect/Designer	Wilson, RG,
Hermes Number	23711
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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## **Integrity**

Condition and Integrity:

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*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.*

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