
WOODEN ROAD BRIDGE

Location

O'Malley's Road WOOTONG VALE, 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 10, 2004

What is significant?

The Wooden Road Bridge over Konong Creek on O'Malleys Road is a simple timber road bridge, supported by large square cut timber posts. The exact date of construction is unknown, but it is likely to be associated with the Closer settlement or Soldier settlement movements in the late nineteenth century or early twentieth century, when much of the land in this area was opened up and subdivided. The bridge is in fair condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

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

Why is it significant?

The wooden road bridge is of historical significance as it is a surviving example of an early twentieth century timber road bridge which is associated with the opening up of land previously held in large runs, with the advent of closer and soldier settlement. Of further historical importance is the relatively simple construction technique and materials which have been used, illustrating a previous construction method and transport requirement, as the advent of automobiles has demanded stronger structures and materials be used for bridges.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1900,

Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23785
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The bridge is in fair condition

Physical Description 1

The wooden road bridge on O'Malley's Road, Wootong Vale spans the Konong Creek. The bridge is twenty five metres long and is constructed of timber slabs, supported on square cut timber posts. On either side of the bridge are simple timber rails.

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

Still used as a bridge although a new ford has been constructed beside it.

Integrity

High degree of integrity

Physical Description 3

Over Konong Creek

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