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# Ellerslie Bridge



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## Location

Hopkins Highway,, ELLERSLIE VIC 3265 - Property No B6521

## Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1029

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The timber, bluestone and cast -iron bridge over the Hopkins River at Ellerslie is of State historical, technical and aesthetic significance on the following grounds:

-opened in 1867, it is the oldest known surviving timber girder bridge in Victoria;

-its aesthetic quality, both of the structure itself, which was remarked upon at the time of its opening, and of its attractive rural setting;

-it is one of only 32 known combination girder and masonry bridges, only four of which date from pre 1901; it has the best stone abutments known to survive on a timber bridge in Victoria;

-its other engineering features which include:

\*it is one of only ten timber girder bridges which have spans of more than 9.0m;

\*its maximum span length of 9.8m is the longest confirmed timber girder span in the State;

\*its overall size, there being only ten known timber girders with more spans;

\*its extremely high level on intactness, in terms of overall design, span condition and detailing;

-it has several features of craftsmanship and design which may be unique, including the tapered and round-end corbels, the moulded softwood hand-railings, the rounded end finishes of the cross braces and walers, and its two timber piers with masonry footings;

-its masonry finishes are of an extremely high quality; similar incorporation of cast-iron panels in the abutments is known in only one other case;

-the very high overall quality of its design by accomplished architect A Kerr and its construction under the supervision of carpenter-mason J A Stone. It incorporates a slight skew and mixture of foundation types;

-its situation on a main road in the Western District, and relationship to a sequence of similar masonry and timber bridges which once existed at places such as Inverleigh, Lismore, Darlington and Chatsworth;

-its relationship to the original ford which survives under the bridge, and the new reinforced concrete bridge, which constitutes a complete sequence of the crossing places at Eilerslie;

-its relationship to the development of the town of Eilerslie, and to the development and consolidation of the Western District road network in the post gold-rush era.

Classified: 14/09/1994

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