

STUDLEY PARK, BOATSHEDS AND KANE'S FOOT BRIDGE

Original Use: Boatsheds and Foot Bridge
Date of Construction: Various
Architect: Unknown

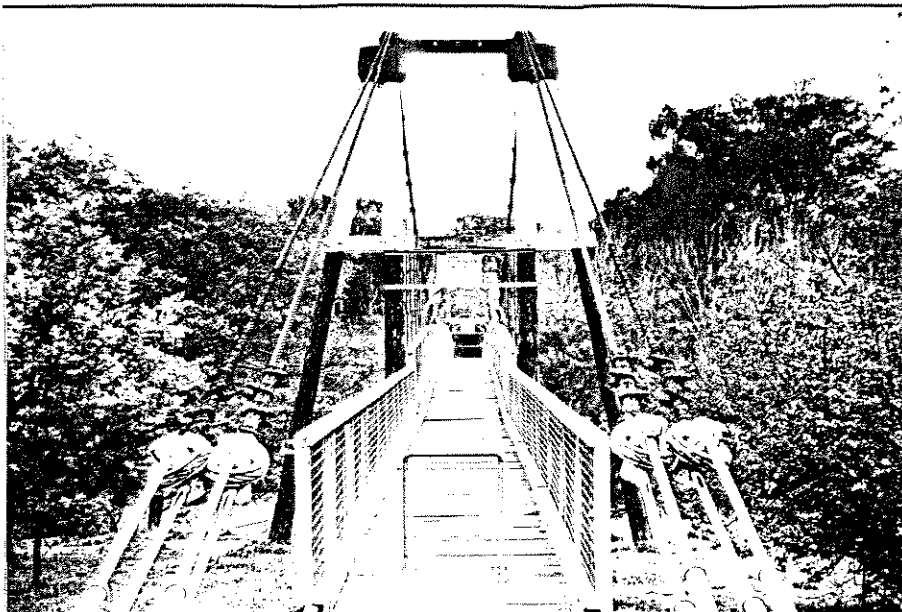
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HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

In 1928 a foot bridge was erected to link Kew with the public golf course across the Yarra¹. The total cost of construction came to £2,600, towards which the Government contributed £1,500 and the Kew Council £250² and subsequently the bridge became known as Kane's Bridge. During the 1934 floods the bridge was washed downstream³, however it has subsequently been rebuilt. The bridge is a handsome structure, being suspended from tensioned cables that are hung from two piers of undressed tree trunks.

Boatsheds have occupied the site since the 1860s and the group of sheds appear to have been built at various dates. They are all clad in weatherboards and include a boatstore, kiosk, and residence. The residence is Edwardian and has particularly fine timber decoration. As a group they combine to form a most picturesque cluster of buildings that enhance their park setting.



SIGNIFICANCE

Kane's Bridge and the Studley Park boatsheds are of significance as a picturesque group of structures built to serve the recreation needs of the public using the park. The long standing tradition of there being such activities in the park is integral to the significance of the structures.

HERITAGE LISTINGS

HBR: Bridge and Sheds Recommended for inclusion on the register.

GBR: N/A

RNE: Bridge and Sheds Recommended for inclusion on the register.

National Trust: Not currently listed.

¹ W.D. Vaughan, *Kew's Civic Century*, p.73

² *ibid.*

³ *ibid.*, p.94