

## ***Moorabool River Road Bridge***

Midland Highway, Ballarat Road,  
Batesford

Lot No.                      Plan No.

Municipal Rate No.

Architectural Style



Designer(s)

Contractor(s)

*National Estate Register, 2003.*

### **Legislative Registers**

Nominated

Registered

### **Other Registers**

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register No.

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H1115

National Estate RNE - Database

3655

Heritage Inventory No.

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RNE Legal Status

Registered

Precinct Heritage Overlay No.

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National Trust (Vic.) File

Precinct Heritage Overlay Nam

Nat. Trust Classification

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Individual Heritage Overlay No.

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## **Statement of Significance**

National Estate Register:

The masonry arch bridge over the Moorabool River at the historic crossing place at Batesford is one of the finest masonry bridge structures in Victoria and one which is unusually constructed, not having any keystone at the centre of each arch. The bridge is located near the historic Traveller's Rest Inn of 1849 and has facilitated communication between Ballarat and Geelong since 1859.

(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.)

## **Description**

National Estate Register:

The five span, segmental arch bridge across the Moorabool River at the ford crossing place at Batesford was erected in 1859 to replace an earlier timber structure of 1848. Well known bridge contractor, Barry, erected this basalt bridge on piles and timber rafts from designs prepared by engineers in the Victorian Government Board of Land and Works (Roads Division).

Condition and Integrity:

The Moorabool River masonry arch bridge at Batesford is in good condition and continuous use. The structure

is intact.

## **History**

National Estate Register: Not Available.

## **Thematic Context**

## **Recommendations**