# Golden Plains Shire Heritage Database DRAFT

Database No. 78

### Iron Road Bridge Over Leigh River, Shelford

Shelford - Bannockburn Road,
Bannockburn-Rokewood Road, Shelford

Lot No. Plan No.

Municipal Rate No.

Architectural Style

Designer(s)

0 - 0 C. A. Wilson

Contractor(s)

| <b>Legislative Registers</b>    | Nominated | Registered | Other Registers            |            | Registered |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Victorian Heritage Register No. | <b>✓</b>  | H1452      | National Estate RNE        | - Database | 3685       |
| Heritage Inventory No.          |           |            | RNE Legal Status           | Regis      | tered      |
| Precinct Heritage Overlay No.   |           |            | National Trust (Vic.) File |            | B3263      |
| Precinct Heritage Overlay Nam   |           |            | Nat. Trust Classification  |            |            |
| Individual Heritage Overlay No. |           | HO13       |                            |            |            |

## **Statement of Significance**

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

### **Description**

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#### Condition and Integrity:

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## **History**

National Estate Register: Not Available.

#### **Thematic Context**

#### Recommendations