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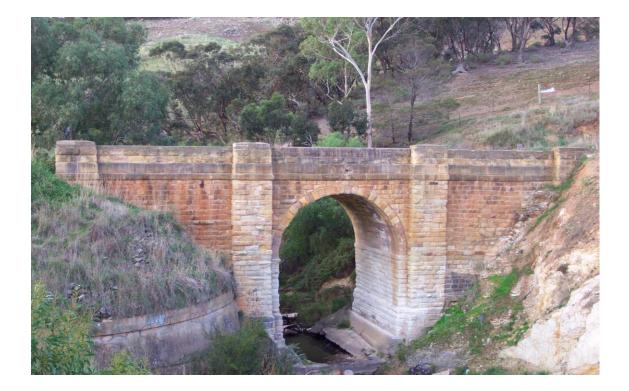
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Place

009 257 Djerriwarrh Bridge

Other Names of Place: Location:

Critical Dates: Existing Heritage Listings: Recommended Level of Significance: Deep Creek Bridge On old Ballarat Road (disused route), across Djerriwarrh Creek, north of the present crossing of the Western Freeway. 1858-59 (Construction) RNE: VHR H1658 STATE



Statement of Significance:

The old Ballarat Road Bridge over the Djerriwarrh Creek west of Melton, built 1858-59, is significant as a rare and highly intact example of a bridge built to accommodate gold-rush traffic, and for its unusual design and materials. The Djerriwarrh Bridge is architecturally significant at a STATE Level (AHC E1, F1). It is one of Victoria's oldest bridges of any type, and a rare intact 1850s road bridge. It is a notable and scarce example of a round or Roman arch bridge in Victoria. It is a rare sandstone masonry arch bridge in Victoria.

The Djerriwarrh Bridge is historically significant at a STATE Level (AHC A4, B2, D2) for its association with the internationally significant Victorian goldrush, and as a rare surviving example of a place built to accommodate 1850s gold-rush traffic. Its context of earlier tracks

and fords associated with the original Portland Road has significance as rare evidence of pre gold-era transport in Victoria.

The Djerriwarrh Bridge and its cultural landscape context is scientifically significant at a STATE Level (AHC C2). The bridge retains tool marks associated with its quarrying. The related quarry, also has a high potential to provide information relating to gold-era construction practices.

The Djerriwarrh Bridge is aesthetically significant at a STATE Level (AHC D1, E1). The bridge itself is high, is constructed of an unusual bridge-building material, and has a rare and distinctive round arch. Its dramatic natural setting has been recognised as notable from the time of the goldrush.