

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

PLACE NAME: MASONRY ARCH BRIDGE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA SHIRE OF BARRABOOL

Geelong Regional Commission

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Engineering Structure (19th Century)

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Andrew McWilliams, architect,
Reference: Engineer for Barrabool Shire.

Geelong Historical Society, Investigator, Vol. 3, p. 6

BUILDER: Clement Nash

Reference:

Geelong Historical Society, Investigator, Vol. 3, p. 6

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES

Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:

Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1868

Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE tender figure £883/8/4

Geelong Historical Society, Investigator, Vol. 3 p. 6

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

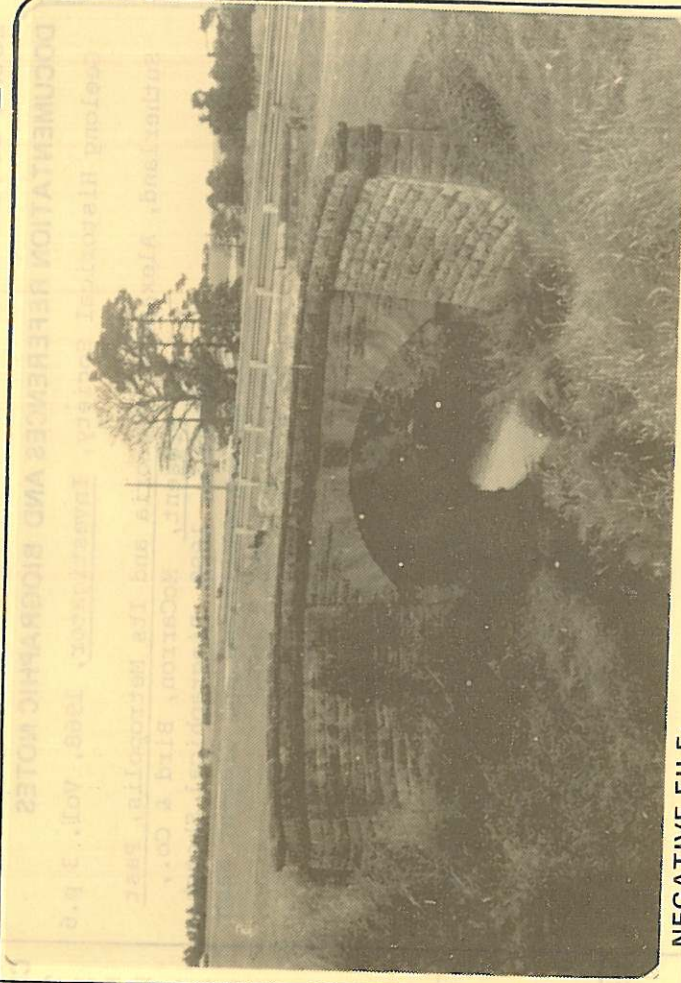
In 1954 the Country Roads Board, built a new bridge adjacent which by-passed this bridge

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Barrabool Shire

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

A carved basalt keystone on the north-west face is inscribed with the Shire Seal.

OTHER NOTES This bridge was possibly the first public works construction of the Barrabool Shire after change from Barrabool Roads Board.



NEGATIVE FILE:

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Australian Heritage Commission
Register of National Estate

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Historic Buildings Preservation Council
Register No.
File No.

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National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
Classified/Recorded
File No.2643.....

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Geelong Regional Commission
Register No.374.....

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Masonry Arch Bridge,
ADDRESS On Old Princess Highway over Waurin Ponds Creek,
Waurin Ponds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA On the boundary between the City of
TITLE INFORMATION South Barwon and Shire of Barrabool

MAP REFERENCE 17A

PRESENT USE Unused, Bi-passed in 1954.

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Road Construction Authority
ADDRESS 60 Denmark Street,
Kew.

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PLACE NAME MASONRY ARCH BRIDGE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF SOUTH BARRON

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Geelong Historical Society, Investigator, 1968, Vol. 3 p.6
Sutherland, Alexander, Victoria and Its Metropolis, Past and Present, McCarron, Bird & Co., Melbourne, 1888. Biographical Sketches of Andrew McWilliams and Clement Nash, Vol. 2, p. 155.

CITATION

The masonry arch bridge on the Princes Highway at Wauran Ponds was erected in 1868 from designs prepared by Andrew McWilliams, architect and engineer to the recently formed Barrabool Shire Council. Clement Nash, a Geelong contractor and monumental mason/erected this finely detailed single arch bridge using locally quarried limestone. The Shire crest is incorporated into the basalt keystone. The Wauran Ponds Bridge is an excellent example of masonry bridge construction of the mid 19th century, and although disused, is intact.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE

- ☒ Its creative and/or technical accomplishment.
☒ Its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised, in danger of being lost or of exceptional interest.
☒ Its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase.
☒ Its townscape and/or landscape value.
☒ Its scarcity value.

SIGNIFICANCE

☐ LOCAL ☒ REGIONAL ☐ STATE ☐ NATIONAL ☐ WORLD

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ GOOD ☐ FAIR ☐ DETERIORATED ☐ RUINS

INTEGRITY

☒ HIGH ☐ LOW ☐ ALTERED ☐ DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register
Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate
Historic Buildings Council Register

DOCUMENTATION —

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SIGNATURE

DATE