

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: LYNE CREEK ROAD BRIDGE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Branxholme-Byaduk Road BYADUK NORTH

STUDY NUMBER: 435

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: outside

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF BYADUK

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 473 near D9; VicRoads 72H7; located on the Byaduk-Branxholme Road over the Lyne Creek about 250m west of the intersection with the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Lyne Creek Bridge, Byaduk-Branxholme Road, North Byaduk

Image Date: 28/03/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the bridge structure, the abutments and its approaches and any remnants of the original ford.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Lyne Creek bridge is a single span concrete bridge with four bluestone parapets piers and curved bluestone abutments. The concrete span replaced a timber span and modern corrugated metal rails have replaced timber rails between the parapet piers. The stone is rock-faced. The top and inner faces of the parapet walls of the bridge have been outlined in white paint. Otherwise the bridge retains a high degree of integrity. It is similar to the arched bluestone road bridge over Scott's Creek at Byaduk and the nearby bridge, now compromised, over Lyne Creek on the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road.

HISTORY:

The exact date of the construction of the pair of stone bridges over Lyne Creek on the Byaduk-Branxholme Road and the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road at Byaduk North is not known. A preliminary survey of the subdivision of Allotment 6 of Section 19 of the Parish of Byaduk made in 1867 indicates that there was a "stone bridge" located on the Hamilton-Port-Fairy Road just south of its intersection with the Byaduk-Penshurst Road at Byaduk. It is similar to but not the same as the pair of bridges. The pair, now both modified, may not have been identical themselves. The Byaduk-Branxholme Road aligns with the non-orthogonal northern boundary of the Brisbane Hill Pre-emptive Right which suggests that the bridge was constructed after it was formally surveyed in the mid-1860s. Such expensive construction would have been the responsibility of the Dundas Road Board District, created in 1857 or, more probably, of the Shire of Dundas created in 1863. On the other hand, the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road is a very old route, dating from the early 1840s and the Lyne Creek was always a major crossing.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3 Developing local, regional and national economies
3.8 Moving goods and people
3.8.7 Building and maintaining roads

CONDITION:

The bridge is in fair condition.

INTEGRITY:

Good degree of integrity although the timber deck has been replaced with concrete.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The Lyne bridge is located on the Byaduk-Branxholme Road over the Lyne Creek about 250m west of the intersection with the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road. The bridge is a single span concrete bridge with four rockfaced bluestone parapets piers and curved bluestone abutments. The concrete span replaced a timber span and modern corrugated metal rails have replaced timber rails between the parapet piers. Other than some painting, the bridge retains a high degree of integrity. The exact date of the construction of the pair of stone bridges over Lyne Creek on the Byaduk-Branxholme Road and the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road at Byaduk North is not known. Such expensive construction would have been the responsibility of the Dundas Road Board District, created in 1857 or, more probably, of the Shire of Dundas created in 1863. On the other hand, the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road is a very old route, dating from the early 1840s and the Lyne Creek was always a major crossing.

How is it significant?

The Lyne Creek bridge is of architectural and historical importance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Lyne Creek bridge is of historical significance for its associations with major transport route the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road, important from the early 1840s. The bridge is of architectural significance for its fine

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construction techniques and finishes.

COMPARISON:

99 Monier Bridge, Brung Brungle Rd, Wannon
188 Scott's Creek Road Bridge, Hamilton-Port Fairy Road, Byaduk
194 Bluestone Mill Bridge, Penshurst-Byaduk Rd, Byaduk
434 Wannon River Road Bridge, Victoria Valley Road, Dunkeld
436 Honeysuckle Creek Road Bridge, Glendinning Rd, Glendinning

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

26-Mar-03

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
Colin O'Connor	Spanning Two Centuries; Historic Bridges of Australia	1985	
