

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: HONEYSUCKLE CREEK ROAD BRIDGE (FORMER)

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Glendinning Road ROCKLANDS

STUDY NUMBER: 436

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: outside

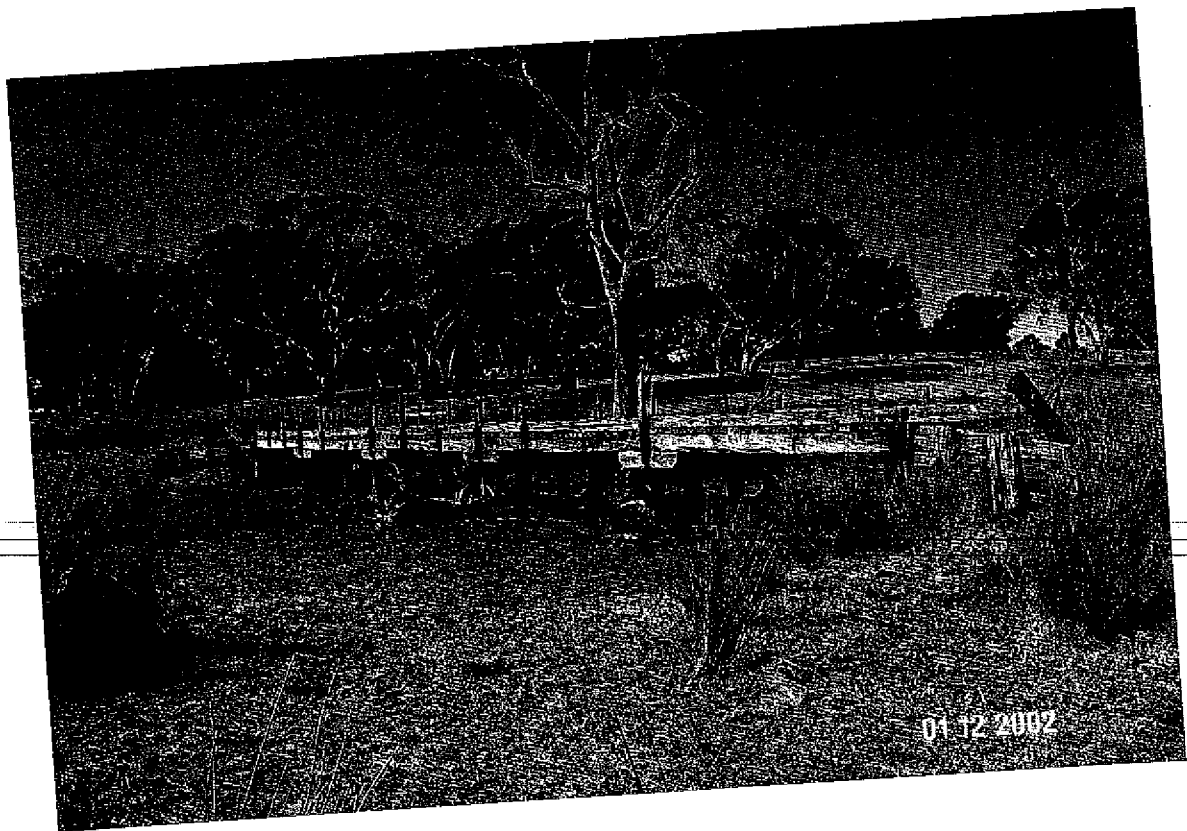
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF PENDYK PENDYK

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 388 D-3; VicRoads 54 H 7; located on south side of the Glendinning Road, near the entrance to the homestead at the junction of Honeysuckle and Pendyk Creeks, now the bank of Rocklands Reservoir.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Road Bridge (Former) over Glendinning Creek, Glendinning

Image Date: 1/12/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All of the superstructure and abutments of the bridge and its approaches.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The timber road bridge comprises five low spans with angled timber abutments. The spans are supported by three posts of timber in the round, pairs of cross beams and struts which extend the deck and jack beams which in turn support the main beams. The deck is made from squared planks the ends of which are held down by timber. The major structural elements are bolted together. There are the remains of a fine timber post and rail balustrade with three supports per span. It is clear that the bridge is submerged under the Rocklands Dam water much of the time.

HISTORY:

The exact date of construction of the bridge over the Honeysuckle Creek is not known. It must be seen in association with the Glendinning squatting run which was Portland Bay No. 284, taken up in 1841 Simeon Cadden. From August 1843, George Urquhart and Alexander Macintosh owned the lease. In January 1851, Alexander Macintosh took over the lease alone which was cancelled in September 1881, (B&K, 37, 103, 152, 212). The Pre-emptive Right was issued in his name. The bridge was built on the road, now abandoned, between allotments 52 and 49 of section 1 of the Parish of Pendyk-Pendyk. No bridge is marked on the preliminary survey of "Country Lands Parishes of Wookurkook and Pendyk-Pendyk" dated 1863. If the bridge was not built by Macintosh for his own advantage, it is likely to have been constructed by the Shire of Wannon but the shire was not created until 1872. The bridge uses conventional timber construction.

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 to poor condition.

INTEGRITY:

very-high degree of integrity.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The former Honeysuckle Creek Road Bridge is usually located under the water level of Rocklands Reservoir. Its location is to the south side of the Glendinning Road, near the entrance to the homestead at the junction of Honeysuckle and Pendyk Creeks, now the bank of Rocklands Reservoir. The bridge comprises five low spans with angled timber abutments. The spans are supported by three posts of timber in the round, pairs of cross beams and struts which extend the deck and jack beams which in turn support the main beams. The deck is made from squared planks the ends of which are held down by timber. The major structural elements are bolted together. There are the remains of a fine timber post and rail balustrade with three supports per span. The bridge was used for many years as part of a major transport route, which was diverted when the Rocklands Reservoir was built in 1940, flooding large areas of previously used land. The bridge retains a very high degree of integrity, although due to submersion for many years, it is only in fair condition.

How is it significant?

The bridge is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Honeysuckle Creek Road Bridge is of historical significance as it represents an early construction

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technique using large slabs of timber and hand made bolts. The bridge is of further historical significance as the only remaining fabric to show a major transport route which went directly past the Glendinning pastoral run, prior to the flooding and submersion of the road and bridge in 1940.

COMPARISON:

194 Bluestone Mill Bridge, Penshurst-Byaduk Rd, Byaduk

99 Monier Bridge, Brung Brungle Rd, Wannon

188 Scott's Creek Road Bridge, Hamilton-Port Fairy Road, Byaduk

435 Lyne Creek Road Bridge, Byaduk-Branxholme Road, North Byaduk

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

26/03/2003

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

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