

## HERITAGE COUNCIL DETERMINATION

Determination Date	3 August 2017
Place/Object Name	Bridge over Djerriwarrh Creek
Location	Western Highway, Melton West
VHR Number	H1658
Category	Heritage Place

At a meeting of the Heritage Council of Victoria on 3 August 2017 it was determined that, in accordance with Section 54 of the *Heritage Act 1995*, the Victorian Heritage Register entry for the above place should be amended. This decision was reached having considered the assessment against the Heritage Council's criteria and other information, including the proposed amendments contained in the attached report and submissions received in response to the Executive Director's recommendation.

The Heritage Council endorses and adopts the attached report for the purposes of making its decision.



**Professor Stuart Macintyre AO**  
**Chair, Heritage Council of Victoria**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
RECOMMENDATION TO THE  
HERITAGE COUNCIL TO  
AMEND AN EXISTING REGISTRATION**

**NAME** BRIDGE OVER DJERRIWARRH CREEK  
**DATE REGISTERED:** 20 AUGUST, 1982  
**VHR NUMBER:** VHR H1658  
**LOCATION** WESTERN HIGHWAY (DISUSED SECTION), MELTON WEST and LONG FOREST, CITY OF MELTON and MOORABOOL SHIRE  
**CATEGORY:** HERITAGE PLACE  
**FILE NUMBER:** FOL/17/19647  
**HERMES NUMBER:** 53



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE HERITAGE COUNCIL:**

- That the record of the above Heritage Place in the Victorian Heritage Register be amended under the *Heritage Act 1995* to include the addition of land [Section 27(1)].

**Reasons for the proposed amendment:**

The registration of the Bridge over Djerriwarrh Creek, which was gazetted in 1982, requires updating. No land is currently included in the registration and it is proposed to add land. There are no other changes proposed to this registration.

**TIM SMITH OAM**  
**Executive Director**

**Recommendation Date:** 19 May 2017

This recommendation report has been issued by the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria under s.32 of the *Heritage Act 1995*.

## PREVIOUS EXTENT OF REGISTRATION

Bacchus Marsh Shire

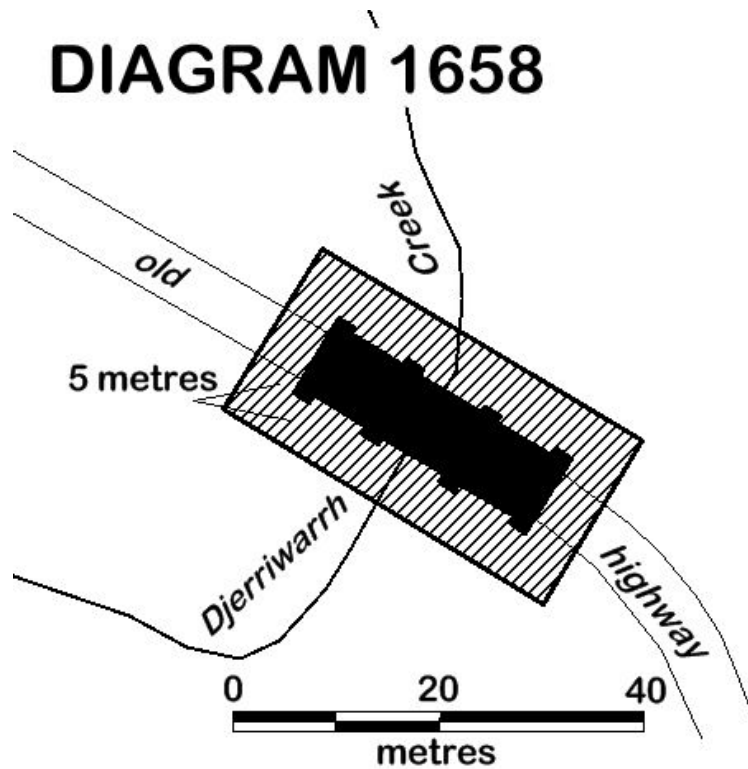
Bridge over Djerriwarrh Creek, Western Highway (disused section) between Bacchus Marsh and Melton.

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G39 12 October 1988 p3086]

No diagram.

## AMENDED EXTENT OF REGISTRATION

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 1658 encompassing part of the road reserve for the Western Highway being a curtilage of 5 metres from the bridge.



## AERIAL PHOTO OF AMENDED EXTENT OF REGISTRATION



The extent of registration of the Bridge over Djerriwarrh Creek in the Victorian Heritage Register affects the whole place shown on Diagram 1658 including the land, bridge, road, landscape elements and other features.

### **RATIONALE FOR EXTENT AND RECOMMENDATION REASONS**

Following is the Executive Director's assessment of the place in relation to adding land under s.27 of the *Heritage Act 1995*.

**The cultural heritage significance of the registered place would be substantially less if the land or any part of it were developed [Section 27(1)(a)]**

**The land surrounding the registered place is important to the protection, conservation or understanding of that place [Section 27(1)(b)]**

The significance of the Bridge over Djerriwarrh Creek has been recognised by its inclusion on the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). This is an early listing (1982) and only the bridge and not the land on which it stands is included in the registration.

The Bridge over Djerriwarrh Creek is a sandstone bridge constructed in 1858-59 for the Road and Bridges Department of the Board of Land and Works. The single arched structure has piers framing the opening and substantial abutments constructed in a plinth, all in rusticated masonry. There is a string course at pavement level and the piers elaborate the balustrade.

Djerriwarrh Creek Bridge is an early surviving stone bridge distinctive for its single arched design and construction in sandstone. This structure is representative of a number of such single arched bridges constructed in Victoria and forms an important part of the approach to the important townscape of Bacchus Marsh and in the landscape of the river valley.

Any development of the land on which the Bridge over Djerriwarrh Creek is located or which immediately surrounds the bridge would have the potential to negatively impact the cultural heritage significance of the registered place. It is therefore recommended that all of the place shown hatched on Diagram 1658 encompassing part of the road reserve for the Western Highway being a curtilage of 5 metres from the bridge, be included in the registration.

The land proposed for inclusion is sufficient to protect and conserve the place and contribute to its understanding. It is consistent with registrations of similar types of places in the VHR.