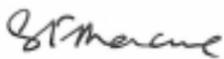


HERITAGE COUNCIL DETERMINATION

Determination Date	3 August 2017
Place/Object Name	Youl's Creek Bridge
Location	Caramut-Warrnambool Road, Woolsthorpe
VHR Number	H1457
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 YOUL'S CREEK BRIDGE
DATE REGISTERED: 20 AUGUST, 1982
VHR NUMBER: VHR H1457
LOCATION OVER YOUL'S CREEK, CARAMUT-WARRNAMBOOL ROAD, WOOLSTHORPE,
MOYNE SHIRE
CATEGORY: HERITAGE PLACE
FILE NUMBER: FOL/17/19516
HERMES NUMBER: 1238



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 Youl's Creek Bridge, 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

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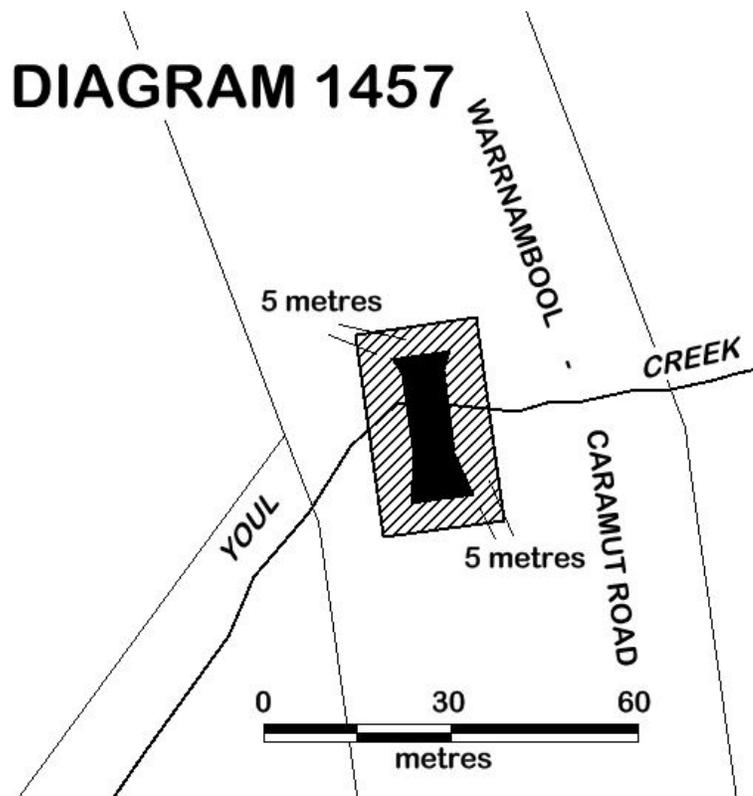
Bridge over Youls Creek, North of Woolsthorpe.

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G39 12 October 1988 p.3095]

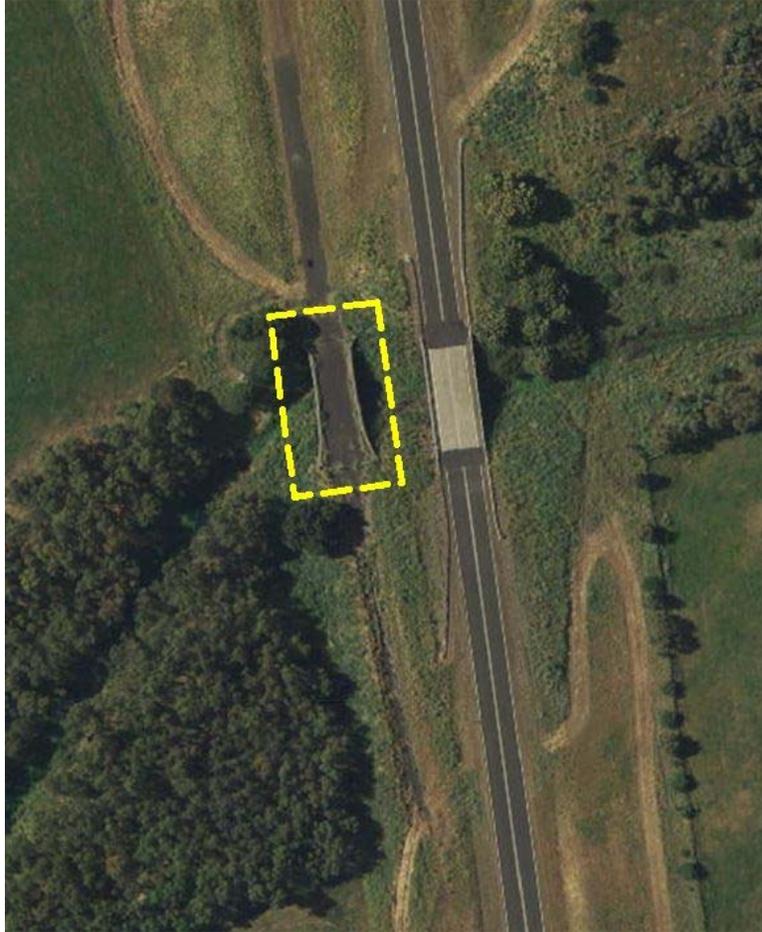
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AMENDED EXTENT OF REGISTRATION

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 1457 encompassing part of the road reserve for the Warrnambool-Caramut road being a curtilage of 5 metres from the bridge.



AERIAL PHOTO OF AMENDED EXTENT OF REGISTRATION



The extent of registration of the Youl's Creek Bridge in the Victorian Heritage Register affects the whole place shown on Diagram 1457 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 Youl's Creek bridge 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 Youl's Creek on the Warrnambool-Caramut Road, 9.5 km north-north-east of Woolsthorpe, is a small, single-span bluestone bridge built in 1856 to a design by Dilmond John Howes, who was engineer

of the Belfast District Roads Board and later the Shire of Belfast. The bridge is built of regularly coursed bluestone, which was probably quarried in the district. It carries a 6.4m roadway, and the height from water level to the deck is 3.7m. The bridge is composed of a single segmental arch of span 8.1m, with a bluestone parapet and wingwalls. An inscribed stone set inside the parapet at mid-span reads 'Belfast District Roads Board 1856 / D.J. Howes Engineer'.

The bridge over Youl's Creek on the Warrnambool-Caramut Road was constructed to meet the demands of heavy traffic carrying fresh produce from the south-western agricultural districts around Port Fairy and Warrnambool to the goldfields in the 1850s. This traffic to the goldfields was mainly in fresh vegetables (grain was severely affected by wheat rust in 1864). Woolsthorpe was a small town and coaching stop situated roughly midway between the south-west seaboard and the town of Caramut. The road north continued from Caramut to Ararat, Stawell and the western goldfields. The bridge would have also assisted the heavy and frequent movement of stock through what was a predominantly pastoral district in the 1850s.

Any development of the land on which the bridge 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 1457 encompassing part of the road reserve for the Warrnambool-Caramut road 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.