

## Bunjil Creek Bridge & Channel Statement of Significance, April 2020

<b>Heritage place:</b> Bunjil Creek Bridge & Channel, Hamilton Street, Gisborne	<b>PS ref no.:</b> HO351
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### ***What is significant?***

The Bunjil Creek Bridge and Channel, Hamilton Street, Gisborne, constructed in 1874.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- The bridge and channel's form, materials and detailing from the 1874 phase of construction
- The bridge and channel's high level of integrity to its original design.

Later alterations and additions, including the concrete bridge deck and modifications made to the substructure, are not significant.

### ***How is it significant?***

The Bunjil Creek Bridge and Channel is of local historical, representative and aesthetic significance to the Shire of Macedon Ranges.

### ***Why is it significant?***

Bunjil Creek Bridge and Channel is illustrative of essential nineteenth century drainage infrastructure in a rural township. Situated on the route to the Victorian goldfields, a crossing was first established at this location in the 1850s, and the present bridge and associated channel provided a safer and more permanent

crossing in 1874. The bridge and channel have served as an essential part of the local drainage network from the 1870s (Criterion A).

Bunjil Creek Bridge and Channel is a fine and representative example of late nineteenth century infrastructure in a rural township. It displays typical features of a road bridge and channel from this period in Gisborne and across Victoria more broadly, including coursed bluestone side abutments and central pier, and coursed bluestone retaining walls and pitching to the creek bed for a distance upstream (south) of the bridge. Despite alterations made to the bridge superstructure, the Bunjil Creek Bridge and Channel clearly demonstrate the principal characteristics of late nineteenth century rural drainage infrastructure (Criterion D).

The bluestone substructure of the Bunjil Creek Bridge and the extensive bluestone retaining walls and pitched creek bed of the associated channel present a picturesque setting in close proximity to the centre of the Gisborne township (Criterion E).

**Primary source:**

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