

Queen's Bridge, Queens Park Road, Newtown and Highton Statement of Significance

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Heritage Place: Queen's Bridge, Queens Park Road, Newtown and Highton	PS ref no: HO2051
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What is significant?

Queen's Bridge on the Queen's Park Road, Newtown and Highton, is significant to the City of Greater Geelong. Significant elements are:

- The 1930 bridge, comprising the main Warren Truss steel bridge, piles and embankments.
- The pedestrian path adjoining the bridge.
- The immediate parkland context of the Barwon River to the north and south.

Non-significant elements are:

- The asphalt deck, which has been progressively maintained and replaced as required.

How is it significant?

Queen's Bridge is of historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

Queen's Bridge is historically significant to the City of Greater Geelong, representing the need to respond to the environmental impacts incurred by the Barwon River's flooding through the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The bridge as it currently stands is the fourth version, the three before it being either washed away completely during floods or damaged beyond repair. As such, both the former Newtown and Chilwell Council and the South Barwon Council lobbied the Minister of Public Works for assistance and funding in the construction of a flood-proof steel bridge above the flood line. In addition to this, a bridge in some iteration has been present at this location since the first was completed in 1861. (Criterion A)

Queen's Bridge is of aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Geelong as a substantial and picturesque Warren Truss bridge located in a river corridor context. The bridge's setting is informed substantially by the Barwon River and by the proliferation of mature Eucalyptus trees. (Criterion E)

Primary sources

Queen's Bridge, author: Benjamin Petkov, May 2025, peer reviewer: Mim Butcher, The Heritage Conservancy, May 2025.

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