

Ripley Streamside Reserve, 2505-2515 Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road, Balliang Statement of Significance

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Heritage Place:	Ripley Streamside Reserve, 2505-2515 Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road, Balliang	PS ref no:	HO2059
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What is significant?

The Ripley Weir at Ripley Streamside Reserve, Balliang, is locally significant to the City of Greater Geelong.

Significant elements onsite are:

- The 1884 bluestone weir and steel boundary posts.
- The three substantial and mature River Red Gums (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) and broader Little River environs.

Elements that are not significant to the site are:

- The 1928 bridge.
- The carpark infrastructure.
- The gazebo.
- Juvenile plantings.
- The 1930s concrete.

How is it significant?

Ripley Weir is of historical significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

Ripley Weir is of historical significance to the City of Greater Geelong as an intact and early example of a nineteenth century bluestone weir in the municipality. The Weir was constructed in 1884 at the instruction of the Corio Shire Council and is an early example of a Shire-led water infrastructure project in the northern pastoral regions of the municipality. Further, the weir offered a safe crossing place over the Little River, linking the northern townships of Geelong with Bacchus Marsh and Exford. The age of the weir is further contextualised by the two substantial River Red Gums (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*), located between the weir

and the Ripley Streamside Reserve carpark, which have the strong potential to date to the late nineteenth century. (Criterion A)

Primary sources

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