

South
Australian
Heritage
Act
1978-80

HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION

Item Ref. No. 5

ITEM NAME: Road Bridge
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The bridge crosses the Currency Creek immediately south of the township and is closed to vehicular traffic (since 1979). An 1840 watercolour of Currency Creek held by the Art Gallery of South Australia shows a simple timber platform bridge crossing the Creek possibly at this location, but a newspaper report states that the stone bridge was opened in January 1873 by Miss Emma Sumner. It was constructed during 1872 at a cost of £1,274.

The bridge is a laminated timber structure with stone walling. The deck is supported by four laminated arches of red gum.

It is one of only two surviving such bridges of 15 built in South Australia between 1856 and 1876.

LOCATION
Address

Town Currency Creek
Postcode
Section adj. 2012
Hundred Goolwa
County
L.G.A. Port Elliot and
S.H.P. Region 5 Goolwa
A.M.G. Ref. 6627-II
54 29660 607410

SUBJECT

4.7
4.10

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1853-1880

REFERENCES

Institution of Engineers Australia, S 295
Heritage Conservation Branch, 6626-10350
Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.93
National Trust 2386
Highways Dept. of S.A., Highway, Feb. 1982

Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING ☐
STRUCTURE ☒

PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 800 Negative No. 15
Direction of view to E



STATUS

Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. ☒ Interim L ☐
Nominated ☐
National Estate
Reg. ☐ Proposed L ☐
National Trust
CL ☒ RL ☐ File ☐
Other

Inst. of Engineers

RECOMMENDATION

(A) State ☒ (B) Local ☐

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