

NAME: Bridge Abutments, Almond Grove Road, WHITES VALLEY

PLACE NO.: Local, HID 5555

CURRENT USE:	Bridge abutments
FORMER USE:	Bridge
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:	C.mid-19 th century with later additions and alterations
LOCATION:	Almond Grove Road, WHITES VALLEY
LAND DESCRIPTION:	n/a
OWNER:	City of Onkaparinga
REGISTER STATUS:	Local, HID 5555



Almond Grove Road, Whites Valley (GGA, 2021)

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DESCRIPTION:

C. mid-19th century bridge abutments, constructed of slate masonry. Later modifications include the removal of original timber bridge structure with replacement concrete slab overlay with aluminium guard rails and balustrading. Large painted metal pipe to the eastern side of the bridge structure. The site of the former brickworks is entirely cleared, with a small depression now surrounded by vegetation.

It is recommended that the slate masonry bridge abutments be retained on the SA Heritage Register as a Local Heritage place.

The former brickworks site is recommended for delisting as a Local Heritage place on the SA Heritage Register.

A delineation of significant fabric is provided in the Extent of Listing.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

Formerly associated with the nearby brickworks site, the slate bridge abutments of Almond Grove Road, Whites Valley are of significance as a mid-19th century example of local bridge construction; being entirely constructed of slate, a notable local building material for the Southern Vales region.

RELEVANT CRITERIA (As defined in Section 67(1) of the PDI Act 2016):

(a) it displays historical, economic or social themes that are of importance to the local area as a local river crossing dating back to the mid-19th century, constructed of locally-sourced materials (ie. slate).

(d) it displays aesthetic merit, design characteristics or construction techniques of significance to the local area; being mid-19th century bridge abutments entirely constructed of local slate; an identifiable and notable building material for the Southern Vales region.

RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES:

Theme 8: Transportation and Human Movement

8.4 Early road and drainage infrastructure

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The 1997 Willunga District Heritage Survey identified the heritage significance of the slate bridge abutments in association with the now vacant site of a nearby brickworks founded by builder Harry Richards of Willunga in the mid-19th century. The site continued to be used as brickworks until

closure in the 1930s. Today no fabric relating to this brickworks site remains, aside from a noted depression on the site and remnants of bricks to be found along the nearby creek banks.

The 1997 survey also noted the construction of the bridge as comprising 'stone with brick edging.' A current inspection did not identify the existence of any bricks within the primarily-slate masonry construction of the bridge. There appears to be little evident heritage fabric relating to the significance of the bridge in association with the former nearby brickworks, though it is entirely possible the bridge was constructed to facilitate movement to and from this site.

This survey finds little current heritage significance in the association of the slate-masonry bridge abutments with the now cleared former brickworks site, though the slate abutments themselves are a relatively rare example of surviving mid-19th century bridge infrastructure constructed using local materials (ie. slate) within the local area.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

The form and materials of the mid-19th century abutments, including all original slate constructed elements. Later additions, including the mid-20th century concrete bridge slab with aluminium guard rails and balustrading are not included in the listing.

REFERENCES:

McDougall & Vines, 1997, *Willunga District Heritage Survey*, p.40.
 Historical CTs 252/88-89; 1653/77; 2954/92; 3063/169; 3631/20; etc.

SITE MAPPING:



Site of bridge abutments near 20 Almond Grove Road, Whites Valley (Planning SA SAPPA)

OTHER IMAGES:



Southern slate abutment at Almond Grove Road, Whites Valley (GGA, 2021).



Northern slate abutment at Almond Grove Road, Whites Valley (GGA, 2021).