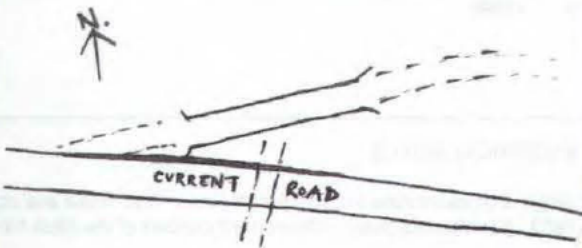

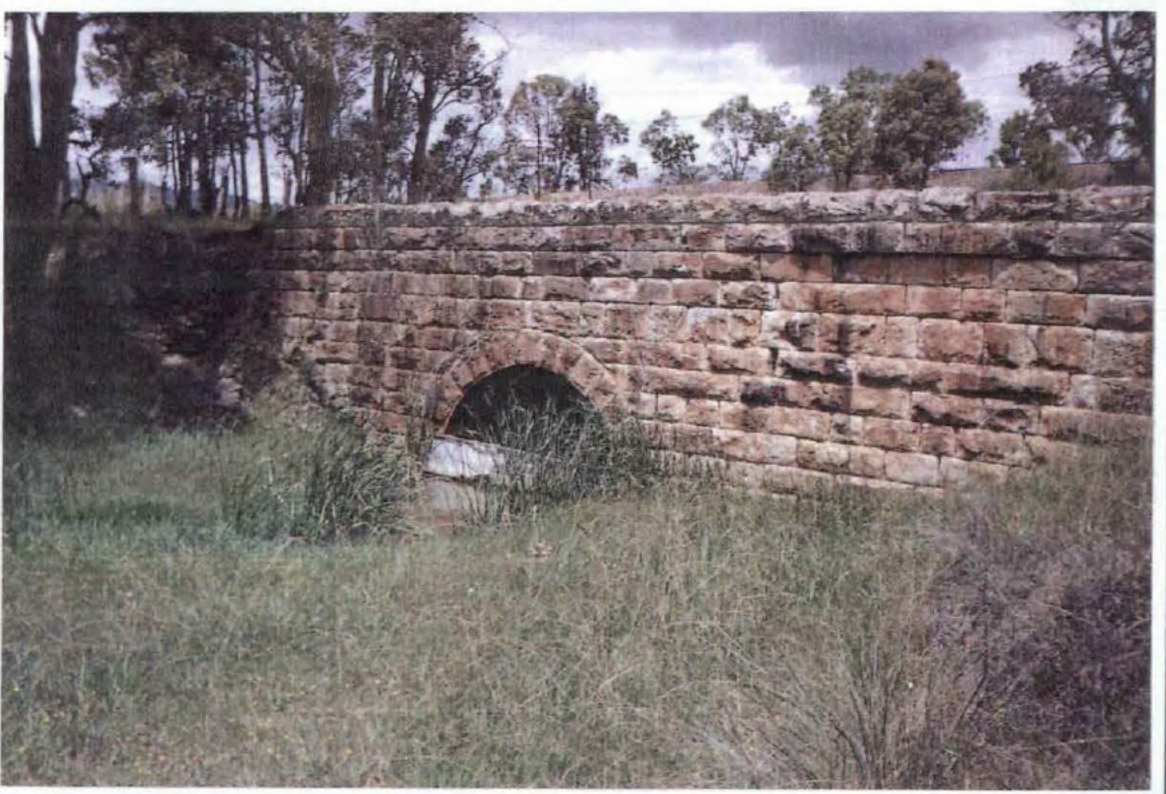


MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY

Inventory 1996

STONE BRIDGE - GRASS TREE ROAD - MUSWELLBROOK

PRESENT NAME <i>Grass Tree Road Bridge</i>		REFERENCE No <i>MUSWR018</i>
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES		PREVIOUS REFERENCE No
		DATE INSPECTED <i>14th February 1996</i>
LOCATION STREET No STREET NAME <i>Grass Tree Road</i> TOWN/SUBURB <i>Muswellbrook</i> POSTCODE <i>2333</i> LOCALITY <i>Muswellbrook</i> LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i>		SITE SKETCH PLAN 
PRESENT OWNER [REDACTED]	TYPE <i>State Government</i>	PROPERTY DETAILS:
		a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION <i>Lot 1 DP437154</i>
		b SITE AREA <i>N/A</i>
		c EXISTING ZONING <i>1(a) - Rural 'A'</i>
CATEGORY <i>Other Works</i>		MAP REFERENCE <i>'56' 307860E, 6425900N AMG</i> <i>Muswellbrook 9033-II-N</i>
SUB CATEGORY <i>Bridge</i>		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>c.1869</i>		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER <i>Unknown</i>		
BUILDER <i>Unknown</i>		
PHOTOGRAPH		

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HISTORICAL NOTES

Single arch sandstone bridge now off Grass Tree Road and no longer used. Believed to have been built when the railway reached the town in 1869. It is situated close to the current position of the Main Northern Railway line.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

a ARCH. STYLE <i>Simple stone arch Railway bridge</i>	MATERIALS: <i>Exterior Stone</i>
b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE <i>Small arch in the centre of the bridge.</i>	
c MODIFICATIONS <i>Makeshift metal post and wire railings installed.</i>	
d CURRENT CONDITIONS <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTACT <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: <i>The visual heaviness of the bridge relates to its railway function.</i> </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> REPAIRS REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC </div> </div>	

INFORMATION SOURCES

WRITTEN	
ORAL	<i>Oral history</i>
GRAPHIC	

EVALUATION CRITERIA (S) = STATE (R) = REGIONAL (L) = LOCAL

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically this bridge has great significance for the opening up of Muswellbrook in the 1870's to rail transport and the sudden growth which accompanied it. Hence it has regional, not simply local, significance. The bridge is now rare of type in the region and hence also has regional aesthetic significance - its design is a direct reflection of a particular function, now gone. Scientifically the bridge provides evidence of an extinct function. It has regional scientific significance for its potential to reveal information which could contribute to an understanding of the history of the establishment of rail links between Newcastle and Muswellbrook in the 1870's.