

**Place name** St Patricks College footbridge

**Survey Date:** 4/07/2004

**Other name** Macalister Street footbridge

**Id:** 1032

**Street** (end) Macalister Street

**Last Update** 9/07/2007

**Locality** Sale

**Postcode**

**Official Locality**

**Property No** HO155

**Local Government Area** Wellington Shire

**Property Info**

**Precinct:** Not in precinct

**Easting**

**Northing**

**Map**

**Workshop number**

**Workshop votes**

**Field survey number**

**Community priority**

**Designer**

**Builder** Mr Hourigan

**Ownership** Not known

**Built Date** 1953 **Change Date**

**Description** A simple timber footbridge on a trestle base which is designed for a wider decking. The footbridge appears to be intact and is in fair condition - it is now closed .

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
Bridge	Other	Not applicable	Not applicable

**Condition** Fair

**Integrity** Intact

Deterioration

Public

Bridge

National Themes	Local Themes
	7. BUILDING SETTLEMENTS & TOW 7.1 Ports

**History**

The present St Patrick's College footbridge dates from 1953 and replaced the first bridge, which was erected in 1926 to provide access between the College and the sports ground, which is situated on the west side of Flooding Creek.

Cr. G Valentine opened the bridge in the presence of several hundred people on Saturday. 18 October 1953. The cost of the new bridge was met by donations from business people, parents and friends of the old Collegians Association. Mr Hourigan built the bridge (1). The Hourigan Brothers (J C & D) were well known Traralgon bridge and road contractors in Gippsland, and also built the pipe bridge near Cunninghame Street (refer to separate citation in this Study).

Reverend Father Allman commented that the old bridge had "borne the tramp of many a great footballer, cricketer, and athletes feet" and that the new bridge would be more useful and of greater duration than its predecessor (1).

After a meeting of the St Patrick's Day Committee on a Saturday evening in 1926, Brother Paulins (Director of St Patrick's College) honoured the gentlemen who had completed the timber footbridge across Flooding Creek leading to the sports ground. Messrs J Ronchi, Carroll, O'Malley, and Hanan were builders with assistance from others. Mr Brewer and Treloar donated the timber piles for the bridge from their property. The bridge cost £30/5/8. St Patrick's College students Dureau, J Daly, and Ditchburn had raised over £2 towards the expense of the bridge. The students were given the honour of planting of trees at the two guards erected on each side of the bridge at the oval end (2).

**SOURCES**

- (1) St Patrick's College Magazine 1953
- (2) St Patrick's College Magazine 1926, pp. 60-1.

Period	Associations
	St Patrick's College

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	HO155		Recommended

**National Estate**

**Research Required**

**Recommendations**

**Fieldwork priority?**

**Stage 1 Ranking** Assessed: Sale Heritage Stu **Stage 2 priority** Planning Scheme: Individua

**Final Ranking** Local significance **Final Recommendation** Amendment C26

**Statement of significance** St Patrick's College footbridge, constructed in 1953 by Mr Hourigan, over the Flooding Creek at Macalister Street, Sale is of local historic and social significance to Wellington Shire. One of several timber bridges crossing Flooding Creek, it has long historical associations with St. Patrick's College and is an expression of community endeavour to provide a needed facility. (RNE criteria G.1, H.1)

**Extent of designation**

**Informant**

**Notes**

**Follow up**

<b>Bibliography</b>	Context Pty Ltd, (1994), City of Sale Heritage Study Context Pty Ltd, (2004), Wellington Heritage Study: Sale Review
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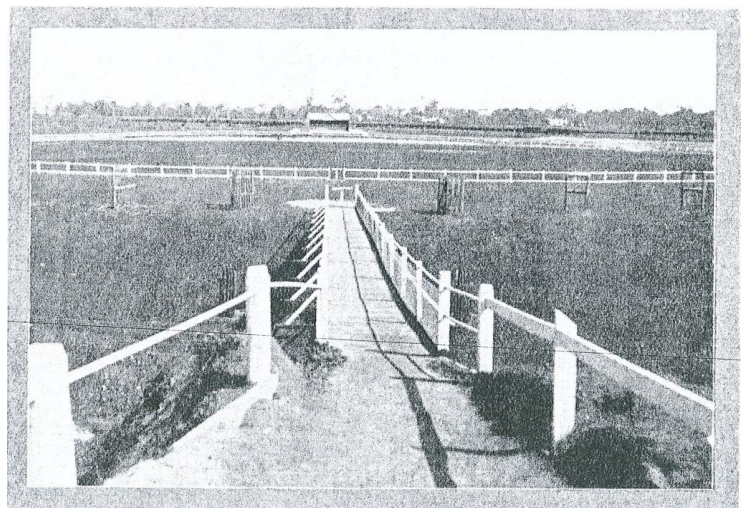
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St Patricks College Magazine 1926

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