



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 4027
2. **NAME** *Fremantle Traffic Bridge (1939) & Ferry Capstan Base (date unknown)*
3. **LOCATION** Queen Victoria Street and Beach Street, Fremantle
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
  1. Lot 300 on Deposited Plan 49594 being portion of the Queen Victoria Street and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3140 Folio 595, Lot 301 on Deposited Plan 49594 being portions of Beach Street and Canning Highway Road Reserves and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3140 Folio 596 and Lot 302 on Deposited Plan 49597 being the whole of Fremantle Traffic Bridge (Main Roads of Western Australia Bridge No. 916) and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3140 Folio 594.
  2. Portion of Lot 4565 on Deposited Plan 220793 and being part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3117 Folio 615.
  3. Lot 406 on Deposited Plan 91139 being part of Reserve 33710 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3137 Folio 945
  4. Portion of Lot 2114 on Deposited Plan 192891 being part of Reserve 29675 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3108 Folio 28
  5. Portion of Lot 1941 on Deposited Plan 213981 being part of Reserve 4720 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3037 Folio 561 and portion of Lot 2010 on Deposited Plan 185898 being part of Reserve 37088 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3140 Folio 592.
  6. Portion of the Swan River riverbedtogether as are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No 4027 prepared by Cadgraphics WA.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Fremantle
6. **OWNER**

State of Western Australia

As to 1.	Responsible Agency:	Main Roads Western Australia
As to 2.	Responsible Agency:	Fremantle Port Authority
As to 3.	Responsible Agency:	Public Transport Authority
As to 4.	Management Order:	Fremantle Port Authority
As to 5.	Management Order:	City of Fremantle
As to 6.	Responsible Agency:	Dep't for Planning & Infrastructure

**7. HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	26/05/2006
	Permanent Entry	30/03/2007
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	14/1/2000
• Register of the National Estate:		-----

**8. CONSERVATION ORDER**

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**9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

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**10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Fremantle Traffic Bridge (1939) & Ferry Capstan Base*, comprising a four lane vehicular and pedestrian, traffic bridge (1939), constructed of timber, concrete and steel, and a limestone capstan base (date unknown), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a distinctive landmark, which collectively marks the crossing of the Swan River between Fremantle and North Fremantle and the transition from the Swan River to Fremantle Harbour;

the Fremantle Traffic Bridge (1939) is located at a site which has been a river crossing point since 1866, when an earlier bridge was built during the convict era,

the Fremantle Traffic Bridge (1939) is at the site of an 1898 bridge, associated with the development of Fremantle Harbour and the expansion of public works in Western Australia in the Gold Boom of the 1890s;

the capstan base is rare as an uncommon structure demonstrating the function of hauling river vessels, which is no longer practised;

the Fremantle Traffic Bridge (1939) demonstrates the continued use of timber in bridge building in Western Australia into the 1930s, when its cost was low, relative to other materials, and its qualities well understood; and,

the Fremantle Traffic Bridge (1939) was designed by engineer E.W. (Ernie) Godfrey, who was in charge of the Bridge Section of Main Roads from 1928 until his retirement in 1957, and was responsible for the design of all the bridges built in Western Australia in this period, and construction of the major ones.

The light fixtures to the vehicular deck are of little significance. The 1991-92 safety rails, although designed to be sympathetic with the original bridge design, are in themselves of little significance.