



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**

OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 16178
2. **NAME** *Canning Bridge* (1937; 1958; 1965; 1976; 1984; 1996; 1997; 1998/99)
OTHER NAME(S) Eastbound Downstream, Ref 913; Westbound Upstream, Ref 912
3. **LOCATION** Canning Highway, Applecross and Como
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Portion of Canning Highway road reserve;
 2. Part of Reserve 33804 being portion of Lot 12508 on Deposited Plan 219118 being and being part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3119 Folio 153;
 3. Portions of Un-numbered Unallocated Crown Land on the east and west banks of Canning River;
 4. Portion of Kwinana Freeway road reserve;
 5. Part of Reserve 48327 being portion of Lot 310 on Deposited Plan 47439 and being part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3151 Folio 540 and also being part of the Canning River to High Water Mark;

together as defined on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 16178 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS** City of Melville, City of South Perth
6. **OWNER**
 1. State of WA (Responsible Agencies: City of Melville & Main Roads Western Australia)
 2. State of WA (Management Order: City of South Perth)
 3. State of WA (Responsible Agency: Department of Regional Development and Lands – State Land Services)
 4. State of WA (Responsible Agencies: City of South Perth & Main Roads Western Australia)
 5. State of WA (Responsible Agency: Swan River Trust)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 07/09/2006
Permanent Entry 02/03/2012
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----

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| • Municipal Inventory: | City of South Perth | 25/03/2003 |
| | City of Melville | ----- |
| • Register of the National Estate: | | ----- |

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Canning Bridge, comprising two almost identical timber bridges, Canning Bridge eastbound (1937) and Canning Bridge westbound (1958), over the Canning River between Applecross and Como, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is rare as an intact, substantial timber bridge comprising two adjacent structures built at different times;

the site represents changing transport systems in Perth since 1829, from its origins as a ferry crossing, construction of the original Canning Bridge (1849), its role as part of the first road link between the city of Perth and the port of Fremantle through to construction of the current structures;

the fishing platform underneath the 1958 structure is one of the few remaining of its kind;

the place is valued as a site of recreational activities in the past to the present day, including organised sporting events, and as a venue for informal recreational activities. It achieved prominence in 1962, as the end point for rowing at the VII British Empire and Commonwealth Games;

the place is an important landmark when viewed from the Swan and Canning Rivers, and the river foreshores. It contributes to the cultural landscape of the Applecross commercial precinct which includes *Raffles Hotel* (1937) and the distinctive façade of *Applecross District Hall* (1934); and,

the place is a good example of a large timber bridge with cross braced driven piles, and demonstrates evidence of the innovative techniques of bridge conservation developed by the Main Roads Department in the 1970s.

The signage on the bridges and the metal railings in the centre of the bridge have little significance.