



1. **DATA BASE No.** P3410
2. **NAME** *Chapman River Road Bridge* (1863-1864)
FORMER NAME (or OTHER NAMES) MRWA Bridge 1362
3. **LOCATION** Chapman River Road, Sunset Beach
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of Chapman Road, starting at the easternmost corner of Reserve 27553 and extending northeasterly to the southernmost corner of Reserve 28176; thence southeasterly along the northeastern side of that road to Latitude 28.4380 degrees South, thence southwesterly to the southwestern side of that road at Latitude 28.4381 degrees south and then northwesterly along that side of the road to the starting point, as defined in Heritage Council of WA Curtilage Map P3410-A
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Greater Geraldton
- 6a. **CURRENT OWNER**
State of Western Australia
City of Greater Geraldton
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: -----
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: 17/04/1998
 - Municipal Inventory: 23/06/1998
 - Register of the National Estate: rejected; no date
 - Aboriginal Sites Register crosses P30063 Chapman River
8. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION OF THE ACT**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chapman River Road Bridge, a medium sized masonry (1863-1864) road bridge with later reinforced concrete additions, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an exceptionally rare and the oldest extant example of a masonry road bridge in the State, with the convict-constructed core of the structure still functioning in its original purpose;

the place is a rare and relatively intact example of a bridge designed by the Royal Engineers, demonstrating a technical excellence in masonry construction using the blade pier technique;

the place demonstrates the work and impact of convict labour and the Royal Engineers during the Colonial period.

the place demonstrates the colonial history of the region, in particular the development of the earliest mineral fields of the colony; and,

the place is a striking visual landmark in the region.

The reinforced concrete deck and abutments, pedestrian access extension, safety guard rails and walkway underpass is fabric of little heritage significance to the place.