

# WINCHELSEA BRIDGE



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winchelsea arch detail  
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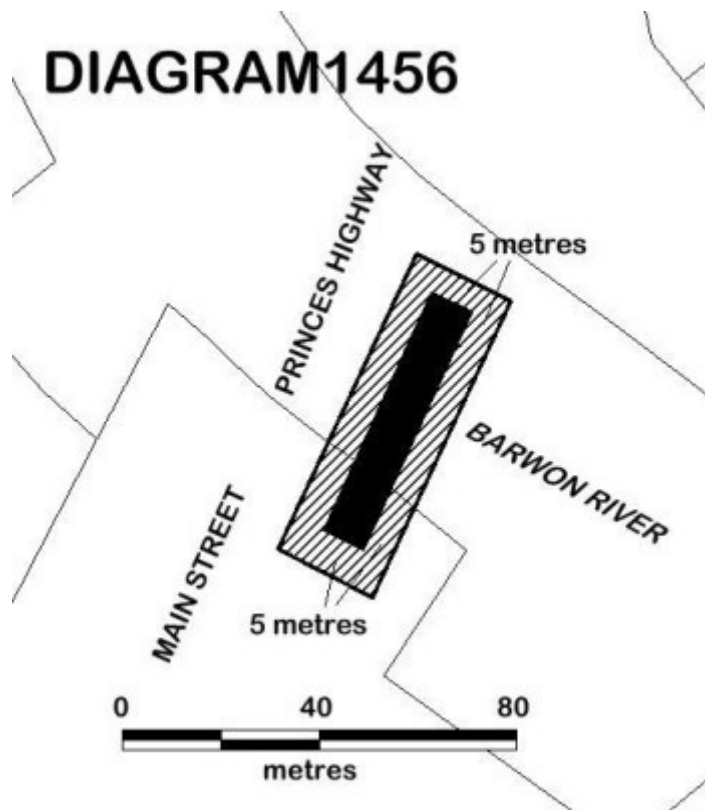


Diagram 1456.JPG

## Location

OVER BARWON RIVER, PRINCES HIGHWAY WINCHELSEA, SURF COAST SHIRE

## Municipality

SURF COAST SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1456

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO18

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## Amendment to Registration

August 10, 2017

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 19, 1999

The Barwon River Bridge at Winchelsea was erected in 1867 for the Council of the Shire of Winchelsea, replacing an earlier timber structure of 1849. The three span arch structure was built of bluestone by James Sinclair at a cost of £4,602 and officially opened by Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, on 3rd December 1867.

The Barwon River Bridge is the third structure erected at this historic crossing place and has since 1867 provided an important link with Geelong and the Western District. This finely proportioned masonry arch bridge, one of the most impressive stone structures in Victoria, has a notable association with Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, the three times royal visitor to nearby 'Barwon Park' mansion.

The Barwon River Bridge is no longer used for vehicular traffic having been replaced by a modern concrete bridge.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or

activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### **Specific Exemptions:**

It should be noted that Permit Exemptions can be granted at the time of registration (under s.42(4) of the Heritage Act). Permit Exemptions can also be applied for and granted after registration (under s.66 of the Heritage Act)

#### General Condition 1

All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.

#### General Condition 2

Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of works that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such works shall cease and Heritage Victoria shall be notified as soon as possible.

#### General Condition 3

All works should be informed by Conservation Management Plans prepared for the place. The Executive Director is not bound by any Conservation Management Plan, and permits still must be obtained for works suggested in any Conservation Management Plan.

#### General Condition 4

Nothing in this determination prevents the Heritage Council from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.

#### General Condition 5

Nothing in this determination exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the relevant responsible authority, where applicable.

### Specific Permit Exemptions

#### Landscape Exemptions:

- . The process of gardening, including mowing, hedge clipping, disease and weed control, and maintenance to care for existing plants.
- . Pruning, lopping or removal of trees and vegetation.
- . Planting of trees and vegetation.
- . Subsurface works involving the installation, removal or replacement of watering and drainage systems or services on the condition that works do not impact on archaeological features or deposits

. Removal of plants listed as noxious weeds in the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994.

. Vegetation protection and management of possums and vermin.

#### Specific Exemptions:

. Emergency and safety works to secure the site and prevent damage and injury to property and the public. Urgent or emergency site works are to be undertaken by an appropriately qualified specialist such as a structural engineer, or other heritage professional.

. Emergency stabilisation (including propping) necessary to secure safety where a site feature has been irreparably damaged or destabilised and represents a safety risk.

. The erection of temporary security fencing, scaffolding, hoardings or surveillance systems to prevent unauthorised access or secure public safety which will not adversely affect significant fabric of the place.

. Inspection, repair and maintenance of all structural elements, including bridge abutments and piers, by the Managing Authority in a manner that does not have a negative impact on the cultural heritage significance of the place.

. Inspection, repair, operation and maintenance of the road and public transport infrastructure, and pathways beneath the bridge, in a manner that does not have a negative impact on the cultural heritage significance of the place.

. Inspection, repair and maintenance of fixtures, including handrails, chairs, drainage, lighting and signage, in a manner that does not have a negative impact on the cultural heritage significance of the place.

. Inspection, repair, operation and maintenance of services, including electricity, lighting, telecommunications, drainage, sewerage and water in a manner that does not have a negative impact on the cultural heritage significance of the place.

. Temporary works that do not affect the cultural heritage significance of the place, such as the placement of traffic management signage, in a manner that does not have a negative impact on the cultural heritage significance of the place.

Construction dates	1867,
Architect/Designer	Moran, AT,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	BRIDGE, BARWON RIVER BRIDGE,
Hermes Number	1232
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People: Assoc.People PRINCE ALFRED DUKE OF EDINBURGH

## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the **Heritage Act 1995**, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by modifying the following places in the Heritage Register:

Number: H1456  
Category: Heritage Place  
Name: Winchelsea Bridge  
Location: Over Barwon River, Princes Highway,  
Winchelsea  
Surf Coast Shire

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 1456 encompassing part of Crown Allotment 2002, Township of Winchelsea, and part of the road reserve for Main Street (Princes Highway) being a curtilage of 5 metres from the bridge.

Dated 10 August 2017  
STEVEN AVERY  
Executive Director

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*