
HERITAGE PERMIT

Permit No: P39122

Applicant: 


GRANTED UNDER SECTION 102 OF THE
HERITAGE ACT 2017

NAME OF PLACE/OBJECT: CHINAMANS BRIDGE

HERITAGE REGISTER NUMBER: H1449

LOCATION OF PLACE/OBJECT: NAGAMBIE-HEATHCOTE ROAD NAGAMBIE,
STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

THE PERMIT ALLOWS: Demolition of the bridge in full, removing all existing timber and associated infrastructure; retain and restore land-based elements of the bridge; make good all other parts of the bank and river; and implementation of an interpretation strategy, generally in accordance with the following document:

- Chinamans Bridge Heritage Impact Statement (Final) prepared by Extent, dated October 2024

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY TO THIS PERMIT:

General

1. The permission granted for this permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies: the permitted works have not commenced within two (2) years of the original date of issue of this permit or are not completed within four (4) years of the original date of issue of this permit. Commencement of the permit begins with onsite physical works.
2. The Executive Director, Heritage Victoria (**Executive Director**) is to be given five working days' notice of the intention to commence the approved works.
3. Should further minor changes in accordance with the intent and approach of the endorsed documentation become necessary, correspondence and supporting documentation must be prepared and lodged in accordance with the permit condition for endorsement by the Executive Director. If the Executive Director considers that the changes are not minor, an amendment to the permit or a new application will be required.
4. Approved works or activities are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the registered place/object. However, if other previously hidden original or inaccessible details of the object or place are uncovered, any works that may affect such items must immediately cease. The Executive Director must be notified of the details immediately to enable Heritage Victoria representatives to inspect and record the items, and for discussion to take place on the possible retention of the items, or the issue of a modified approval.
5. All works must cease and Heritage Victoria must be contacted if historical archaeological artefacts or deposits are discovered during any excavation or subsurface works.
6. The Executive Director must be informed when the approved works have been completed.

7. The works approved by this permit must be carried out in their entirety unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Executive Director.

Engagement of consultants

8. Prior to the commencement of any of the works approved by this permit, a suitably qualified and experienced **Heritage Consultant** approved in writing by the Executive Director Heritage Victoria must be engaged to advise and assist as necessary with the preparation of the documentation where any intervention to heritage fabric within the extent of registration is involved and to provide relevant conservation advice to the permit holder during the carrying out of those works. In particular the heritage consultant must help fulfil conditions 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 16 of this permit.
9. Prior to the commencement of any of the works approved by this permit, a suitably qualified and experienced **Structural Engineer** approved in writing by the Executive Director must be engaged to advise and assist as necessary with the preparation of the documentation where any structural intervention to heritage fabric is required and to provide relevant advice to the permit holder during the carrying out of those works. In particular the structural engineer must help fulfil conditions 11, 12, and 14 of this permit.

Pre-start

10. Prior to commencement of any of the works approved by this permit an **archival quality photographic survey** is to be prepared to record all components of Chinamans Bridge. The survey must record the existing condition of the place including but not limited to:
 - a. Views of the place within its broader context.
 - b. Views from key vantage points from each side of the river.
 - c. Aerial views.
 - d. Details of the bridge structure.
 - e. Measured drawings or three-dimensional archival recording using aerial and ground-based LiDAR scanning and aerial and ground-based photogrammetry where appropriate.

The surveys are to be prepared in accordance with the Heritage Council/Heritage Victoria Technical Note entitled "Specification for the submission of archival photographic records" (available on the Heritage Council website or from Heritage Victoria on request).

Two copies of the completed photographic survey, measured drawings or three-dimensional archival recording are to be produced with one copy submitted to the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria for approval in writing prior to commencement of any of the works approved by this permit.

On approval of the first copy the second copy is to be lodged with the State Library of Victoria. Delivery must be made either in person or by proxy to the Library's despatch facility: 174 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne 3000. Deliveries can be accepted between 7.30am and 4.30pm. A receipt will be issued within 2 business days. If a receipt is required on the same day, then an advance appointment must be made with the Collection Curation & Engagement team by telephone – 03 8664 7000. Two business days notice is required for an appointment. Material will not be accepted at the information desks in the Library.

11. Prior to the commencement of any of the works approved by this permit, a **Staging Plan** (if required) which provides the order in which the approved works will be commenced and completed must be submitted to the Executive Director for approval. Once approved, the Staging Plan will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The Executive Director is to be given five working days' notice of the intention to commence each stage of the approved works. The Staging Plan must reference all the works required in condition 12, 15 and 16.
12. Prior to the commencement of any stage of works identified in the Staging Plan referred to in condition 11 **documentation outlining the methodology for the works** must be submitted to the Executive Director for approval. Once approved, the documentation will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. Documentation must include but not be limited to:
 - a. Methodology and final construction ready drawing for dismantling and demolition.
 - b. Clarification of elements to be retained insitu.
 - c. Heritage Protection Plan for the retained elements.
 - d. Conservation works for the elements to be retained insitu.
 - e. Assessment of which elements of the structure can be retained for reuse for interpretation purposes or by other community groups.
 - f. Notification requirements in the case of unexpected or emergency conditions which may affect the structure feature or archaeology of heritage significance at the place.
13. At the time of submission of the documentation required at condition 12, a **report by the Heritage Consultant** endorsed at condition 8 must be submitted for the written approval of the Executive Director. The report must review the relevant documentation for compliance with conservation works to the retained elements.
14. At the time of submission of the construction ready drawings at condition 12, a **report prepared by the Structural Engineer** endorsed at condition 9 must be submitted for the written approval of the Executive Director. The report must review the relevant documentation for compliance with any necessary structural works.

Interpretation

15. Within 12 months of the commencement of works approved by this permit (in accordance with condition 2), a **Heritage Interpretation Strategy** must be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced practitioner and be submitted to the Executive Director for approval. Once approved, it will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The Heritage Interpretation Strategy must include proposals for the appropriate interpretation of the history and significance of Chinamans Bridge including didactic and site-specific responses incorporating historic images.

The Interpretation Strategy must include interpretative devices relevant to the various stages of the project including signage to communicate why demolition is taking place.

The Interpretation Strategy should also give consideration to suggestions raised in submissions about interpretation devices at other locations, for example outside the Historical Society Museum.

16. Prior to the implementation of the on-site interpretation, a construction ready (marked as such) **set of interpretation drawings** documenting the works generally in accordance with the Heritage Interpretation Plan approved at condition 15 must be submitted to the Executive Director for approval. Once approved, the drawings will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. After its approval the interpretation works are to be implemented on site prior to the expiration of the permit.

NOTE THAT PERMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR INSPECTIONS OF THE PLACE OR OBJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN DURING THE CARRYING OUT OF WORKS, AND WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS OF NOTIFICATION OF THEIR COMPLETION.

TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY NATURAL PERSON WHO CARRIES OUT WORKS OR ACTIVITIES NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERMIT OR CONDITIONS IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF 120 PENALTY UNITS (\$23,710.80 FROM 1 JULY 2024) OR IN THE CASE OF A BODY CORPORATE 600 PENALTY UNITS (\$118,554 FROM 1 JULY 2024) UNDER s104 THE HERITAGE ACT 2017.

WORKS UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT A PERMIT OR PERMIT EXEMPTION CAN INCUR A FINE OF UP TO 4800 PENALTY UNITS (\$948,432 FROM 1 JULY 2024) FOR A NATURAL PERSON OR 5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH AND UP TO 9600 PENALTY UNITS (\$1,896,864 FROM 1 JULY 2024) IN THE CASE OF A BODY CORPORATE UNDER SECTION 87 OF THE HERITAGE ACT 2017.

THE ATTENTION OF THE OWNER AND/OR APPLICANT IS DRAWN TO THE NEED TO OBTAIN ALL OTHER RELEVANT PERMITS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORKS.

Date Issued:

21 February
2025

**Signed by the Executive Director, Heritage
Victoria**



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Avery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Steven Avery
Executive Director
Heritage Victoria