

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

Place Details **Place Number:** 047 **Category:** 4 **HCWA No:** 11826
Assessment Date: 16/10/1996 **Last Revision Date:** 20/08/2004

Name: Site of the Dongara Bridge
Former Name:
Type of Place: Site
Address: Point Leander Drive
Map Reference: HUNT 1:2000 BE42/35.03
Locality Name: Dongara **Area of Site:**
GPS Northing: **GPS Easting:**

Photograph

Date of Photograph: 12/07/1889 **Source:** IDHS/IRME0445



Dongara Bridge, Edward Clarkson's house seen in background

Ownership

Owner: Mains Road WA **Owner Phone/Fax:**
Address: Eastward Rd, Geraldton, 6530

Site Details

Lot/Locn:	(Road Res)	Diagram/Plan:	Vol/Folio:
Reserve:		Purpose:	
Assess No:		Vesting:	
Occupied:	No	Occupier:	
PubAccess:	Yes	Lease:	

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Uses of the Place

Original Use: Bridge

Current Use: Not in Use

Description

Walls: N/A

Roof: N/A

Condition: N/A

Integrity: N/A

Orig'l Fabric:

Modifications

Some evidence of the original structure is visible to the west of the present bridge.

History

Const'n Date: 1889

Source:

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Mr Grosse

The original bridge was built in 1889 by Mr Grosse and Matthew Price Snr. It was a long timber structure with no infill from the river banks. The original bridge was demolished and a new bridge was built using concrete piers in 1964. Sir David Brand, Premier of Western Australia, officially opened the new bridge on 14/11/1964. The bridge approaches were washed away in the 1971 and 1972 floods and major repairs were undertaken. The structure suffered from concrete cancer and was closed for some time in 1975. The deck was upgraded in 1996.

(Source: IDHS Records)

Chronology Entries

1889 The bridge between Dongara and Denison was built. The road to Port Denison from Dongara was known as Beach Road.

Bunney, R & Ellery, K, Dongara 1839 - 198-, Geraldton Newspapers Print, 1975

Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

203 Road transport

3.8.1 Shipping to and from Australian ports

112 Technology and technological change

3.8.5 Moving goods and people on land

3.8.7 Building and maintaining roads

Statement of Significance

The site of the first Dongara Bridge has historic significance for its connection to the development of transport routes in the district.

Management Category: 4

HISTORIC SITE OR SIGNIFICANT VEGETATION.

Historic site without built features or with association to an historic personage. Recognise the site with a plaque, place name, paving stone or appropriate marker.

Other Listings

No other heritage listings.

Supporting Information

IDHS Records

Heydon, P R, "They're Racing at Landor"

HCWA Database No.11826
