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LOVE LOCKS TO BE REMOVED FROM SEA CLIFF BRIDGE

Roads and Maritime Services is asking the community for help to collect their love locks from near the Sea Cliff Bridge in the next two weeks.

Member for Heathcote Lee Evans said a recent inspection of the bridge and its approaches found around 100 love locks had been placed on the retaining structure under the footpath.

“Unfortunately, placing love locks on the bridge or any retaining structures can lead to damage,” Mr Evans said.

“The padlocks rust which cause corrosion of the iconic bridge.

“In 2014, around 150 love locks were removed from the bridge and the ones to be removed in the next few weeks have only recently been added.

“Members of the public are encouraged to come down and retrieve their love lock before they are removed in early June.

“The love locks not retrieved will be stored at a Roads and Maritime depot where they can be collected.”

Mr Evans said Roads and Maritime will concrete over the mesh near the footpath in late June to protect the structure from potential damage and warned people any future love locks placed on the bridge will be removed.

“Signs are in place to advise people not to attach love locks to the bridge and any items attached will be removed without notice,” Mr Evans said.

“While the sentiments of people placing these love locks can be appreciated, there is no place for these locks on or near the Sea Cliff Bridge, as this iconic structure must be protected.”