## Why Do People Build Bridges?

The invention of the bridge was an idea which changed transport forever; perhaps only rivaled by the aeroplane. This is important because: It connected towns together, it decreased the chances of delay, and goods were able to reach their destination without hindrance. While this improved the daily lives of people around the world, it saved lives in New Zealand.

Looking back when New Zealand did not have any bridges, people risked their lives by crossing the river with their horse and carriage. Their reckless actions resulted in death or severe injuries which caused major health problems. The growing rate of death by crossing the river, was a contributing factor to the movement that would later introduce bridges all around New Zealand. When the bridges were built it was the new way to get from point A to point B.

Throughout history many families have been separated and visiting their relatives were difficult as weather conditions influenced the outcome of the visit. Punts and boats were the only way of travelling to different towns. When bridges were introduced it let people visit their relatives without any delays or the weather having influence on the outcome. This was similar to how transport trucks benefited of bridges.

Trucks which had food or necessary items had the job of making sure that society is able to be fed and stay alive. The benefits of a bridge for these trucks was that, people who were waiting for aid were able to get the thing they needed faster than they did when punts and boats were the only source of transport.

The invention of the bridge was an idea which changed transport forever. People build bridges not only to connect society but to improve the arrival time of vital equipment and food. We're able to reach our destination without any delays and are able to make trip decisions without the influence of weather conditions.