

# THOMAS MILL SITE



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Thomas and Wife



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Image of aqueduct - "Flour Mill" probably house

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## Location

640 BRIDGE INN ROAD MERNDA, WHITTLESEA CITY

## Municipality

WHITTLESEA CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7922-0040

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO13

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site	Flour mill constructed 1855. Converted from steam to water power. Damaged and ceased operation c.1863.
Archaeological Significance	Site has high historical significance as the largest of the Plenty River mills. Site shows European techniques failing in Australia's very different environment.
Historical Significance	Site of a 19th century flour mill
Other Names	Mernda 5, Moses Thomas Mill, Moses Thomas' Mill, Thomas Mill,
Hermes Number	10277
Property Number	

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## History

Moses Thomas built the flour mill in 1855 of locally quarried bluestone. It was the largest mill on the Plenty River. First built to be operated by steam, it was converted to water power, aided by a dam (which cost 800 pounds to build). The mill ceased operation when the dam washed away in a flood in 1863 and operations proved uneconomic.

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