
Ford



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Heritage Study 1997



Site 073 - Canning Street ford
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Location

Burke Road; Canning Street, BRAYBROOK VIC 3034 - Property No 73

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO79

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

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The Canning Street ford is of local historical significance as one of the first crossing places of the Maribyrnong River for European settlers from 1835 on. It is recorded in the first accounts of exploration (Grimes' 1803 journey) and in subsequent accounts of the difficulties of traversing the western plains. Although greatly modified, the immediate environs of the ford have remained undeveloped and so reflect the character of the area during the

pioneering phase.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000; Brimbank - Melbourne Western Region Industrial Heritage Study, G. Vines & A. Ward, 1989;
Construction dates	1835,
Hermes Number	105984
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Physical Description 1

Description

A stone reef outcrops in the bed of the Maribyrnong River banking up the waters in a wide bend and providing a shallow crossing of the river. Gravels and sand have accumulated here, and flood deposits of silt have accumulated on the banks. The MMBW reconstructed the river banks and added stepping stones formed from large weathered basalt boulders. Dry stone walls and the secluded river reach gives a sense of the historical environment of the area.

Physical Conditions

Condition/integrity

Integrity is low due to the artificial crossing created by the MMBW. However, the immediate banks and river channel are not so extensively modified.

Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.8 Moving goods and people

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