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## Neale Road Ford



1928 - Brimbank City Council  
Post-contact Cultural  
Heritage Study 2000



Site 082 - Neale Road  
ford.jpg

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### Location

Neale Road, DEER PARK VIC 3023 - Property No 82

### Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO88

### Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2000

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The Neale Road ford, approach roads and water reserve landscape is of local historical significance as a representation of the first wave of pastoral settlement and road communications in the Colony of Victoria. The Telford roadways are technologically significant as examples of nineteenth century road making while the ford and roads demonstrate adaptation to the local landscape in the use of locally quarried bluestone and basalt

fieldstone.

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	1850,
Hermes Number	106263
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## Physical Description 1

### Description

Remnants of the bluestone ford across Kororoit Creek which once linked Neale Road and Rockbank Middle Road. The Neale Road approach remains relatively intact, following the contours of the gently sloping bank through a triangular Water Reserve. This area retains some indigenous vegetation, and the roadway has remnants of original Telford cobble construction. The Rockbank side follows a steep route up the creek bank turning sharply to the north and then to the west, with the roadway heavily-eroded. The Telford paving only starts from here on. A poorly defined track runs along the east bank to the north, ending at a small rocky outcrop, which appears to have been quarried. This outcrop possibly provided the stone for the base of the ford.

## Physical Conditions

### Condition/integrity

The area is relatively intact, considering the suburban development around it. However, the submerged part of the ford has been bulldozed.

## Intactness

Substantially intact.

## Historical Australian Themes

- 3 Developing local, regional and national economies
- 3.8 Moving goods and people

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