

# COBBLEDICK'S FORD

## Location

1200 COBBLEDICKS FORD ROAD MOUNT COTTRELL, WYNDHAM CITY

## Municipality

WYNDHAM CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0830

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO42

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

## Statement of Significance

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1862 ford paving, important river crossings between Melbourne and Werribee plains. Surrounding reserve has also been an important public recreation reserve since the 1860s. High local significance.

Interpretation of Site	Paved bluestone ford showing maintenance and modifications over time including the addition of tarmaac at the east and west ends covering degraded cobbling and filling in the gaps. Round cobbles line the north edge and timber supports the south edge for reinforcement of the ford.
Archaeological Significance	The Cobbledick Ford has a high level of archaeological potential for its ability to provide further information about the use of the area, early transport routes and construction methods associated with them. The ford is the best, most intact example of a river ford in the Wyndham and Melton region and maintains a high degree of integrity and intactness.

Historical Significance	The ford is an important part of the local historical landscape and is related to early farming practices in the area. The ford is an excellent example of early road making in the region and has important links to early transport networks showing the movement of goods and people across the landscape.
Other Names	COBBLEDICKS FORD,
Hermes Number	14142
Property Number	

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## History

The ford is likely to date to the 1860s and coincides with the early phase of farming in the area. In 1872 a 61 acre reserve was gazetted for Watering Purposes and Public Recreation, located on the east side of the river. From the 1900s - 1930s part of the reserve river flats were leased to local farmers for grazing.

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