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# SOLOMAN'S FORD



soloman's ford looking east



soloman's ford looking west

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## Location

55 CLARENDON STREET (END CANNING STREET), AVONDALE HEIGHTS

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO113

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 15, 2010

### What is significant?

What is referred to as Soloman's Ford is situated off the western end of Canning Street, Avondale Heights within the Maribyrnong River valley. The ford comprises a natural stone outcrop across the Maribyrnong River to which has been added large weathered basalt boulders. The natural, rural setting of the ford with little evidence of modern development contributes to the significance of the place.

### **Why is it significant?**

Soloman's Ford is of local historic and scientific (archaeological) significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

### **How is it significant?**

Soloman's Ford is historically significant as a place that is associated with the very early exploration and settlement of Melbourne prior to the Gold Rush of the 1850s. It is a rare surviving example of an early ford that provides tangible evidence of the routes used by early settlers and explorers and the means used to traverse watercourses prior to the construction of bridges. (Criteria A & B)

Soloman's Ford is scientifically significant for the potential to contain artefacts associated with its early use as a crossing place during the mid nineteenth century. (Criterion C)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Gap Heritage Study, Heritage Alliance, 2005;
Construction dates	1835,
Hermes Number	124767
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

Soloman's Ford is situated within the Maribyrnong River valley off the western end of Canning Street, Avondale Heights. The ford comprises a natural stone outcrop across the Maribyrnong River to which has been added large weathered basalt boulders. The ford is situated within the open space network along the Maribyrnong River valley and the location of the ford deep within the valley means that the ford retains a natural, rural setting with little visual evidence of modern development. The ford is connected to the pathway systems along the river. Otherwise there are few modern intrusions.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Moonee Valley Gap Study Thematic History

### *2.1 The land the First People*

### *2.2 Negotiating the landscape: Routes and survey patterns*

#### *2.2.1 Waterways*

#### *2.2.2 Stock routes*

#### *2.2.3 Soloman's Ford*

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