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# RIDGE ROAD WELL

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## Location

65 RIDGE ROAD WHITTLESEA, WHITTLESEA CITY

## Municipality

WHITTLESEA CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7922-0479

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site	The site appears to have been utilised for domestic purposes in the past - likely construction date of mid to late C19th
Archaeological Significance	The site is of moderate archaeological significance, as it is in good condition and is an excellent example of a common site type across Victoria. The site has potential to contain archaeological deposits inside the well
Hermes Number	162357
Property Number	

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## History

In 1836, a member of the Port Phillip Association, Joseph Gellibrand, crossed and named the Plenty River, and reported favourable grazing land. Soon after, squatters established large sheep runs in the Plenty Valley. By the end of 1838, Robert Hoddle, Chief Surveyor for Port Phillip, had completed the survey of the Parishes of Toorourrong and Yan Yean. The current property (65 Ridge Road) formed part of Section V in the Toorourrong

Parish, which was purchased in 1839 by Thomas Wills. Wills' land surrounded what would later become the Whittlesea Village Reserve, and leased his estate to tenant farmers.

In 1853, the Whittlesea Village Reserve was surveyed by Robert Mason. Wills' land surrounding Whittlesea was sold for subdivision in 1886. Land Title Data indicates the activity area once formed a large pastoral property, which has been subdivided into the current individual properties the 1970s. The activity area has been previously used for agricultural and grazing purposes, and is currently used to graze horses

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