
HO97 - Early crossing Place associated with the Djerriwarrh Bridge



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Location

old Ballarat Road (disused route), across Djerriwarrh Creek, MELTON WEST, Melton Shire

Municipality

MELTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO97

Heritage Listing

Melton City

Statement of Significance

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The old Ballarat Road crossing place over the Djerriwarrh Creek west of Melton, is significant as a rare and highly intact example of a crossing built to accommodate gold-rush traffic. It is also part of a pre gold-rush era crossing place of which evidence of gold-rush era development remains, including a sandstone quarry, tracks, fords, and archaeological evidence that could relate to gold-era shanties and hotels, or a later toll house or school.

The Djerriwarrh crossing place is historically significant at a Local Level (AHC A4, B2, D2) for its association with the internationally significant Victorian goldrush, and as a rare surviving example of a place built to accommodate 1850s gold-rush traffic. Its context of earlier tracks and fords associated with the original Portland Road has significance as rare evidence of pre gold-era transport in Victoria.

The Djerriwarrh Bridge(1858-9) and its cultural landscape context is scientifically significant at a STATE Level (AHC C2). The bridge retains tool marks associated with its quarrying. The related quarry, below the present bridge, early fords and tracks, and archaeological evidence of nearby wayside places also have high potential to provide information relating to the ephemeral gold-era transport, construction practices, and the way of life.

The Djerriwarrh Bridge and its cultural landscape context is socially significant at a STATE Level (AHC G1). The bridge quarry, early fords, wagon ruts, tracks, cut and fill of an early road, and archaeological evidence of wayside places have special educational value through their potential to interpret the bridge and the era.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Melton - Shire of Melton Heritage Study phase 2, David Maloney, David Rowe, Pamela Jellie, Sera Jane Peters, 2007; |
| Construction dates | 1858, |
| Other Names | On old Ballarat Road (disused route), across Djerriwarrh Creek, north of the present crossing of the Western Freeway, Deep Creek Bridge, |
| Hermes Number | 30217 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

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The early crossing place consists of a quarry for the 1858 bridge, an early ford, remains of wagon ruts and archaeological evidence of wayside places retained around the 1858 Djerriwarrh bridge, and below the new bridge which now spans the creek.

Historical Australian Themes

Melton Historical Themes: Transport.

Integrity

Integrity - Substantially Intact

Physical Conditions

Physical Condition - Good/Fair

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