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# LETTS FORD

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## Location

HOPKINS HIGHWAY ELLERSLIE, MOYNE SHIRE

## Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7421-0011

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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Letts Ford is one of only a dozen fords on the Heritage Inventory, and one of the only fords associated with a later bridge (see Roberson's Bridge and H7822-1044). It is an example of early rural technology and transport infrastructure.

Letts Ford is of historical significance, being associated with the development and consolidation of the Western District Road Network. In association with registered place H1029, its association with Eilerslie Bridge and the 1967 reinforced concrete bridges constitutes a complete historical record of a European-era crossing place and transport history.

Letts Ford is of archaeological significance as having the potential to increase our knowledge of the form and history of fords and other river crossings in Victoria.

The ford is of social significance as an early crossing place within the Western District and initially gave the town its name (later changed to Eilerslie in 1867).

Interpretation of Site      Construction of a timber and stone ford across the Hopkins River. The ford was abandoned during the building of the Ellerslie Bridge.

Hermes Number      55250

Property Number

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