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# KNOTT'S NO.3 MILL



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## Location

OTWAYS STATE FOREST WYELANGTA, COLAC-OTWAY SHIRE

## Municipality

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1818

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO247

## VHR Registration

June 17, 1999

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Knott's No.3 Mill was a large and technologically sophisticated sawmill, which operated in the Otway Ranges between 1922 and 1928. The region's first high lead winch system for log extraction was installed at the site in 1923. Log supply to the mill was maintained by a steam winch and petrol-powered crosscut saws in the log yard. The mill features concrete machinery foundations, a large sawdust heap, snig tracks and tramlines, concrete saw pit, log landing, and winching platform and cable.

How is it significant?

Knott's No.3 Mill is of historical, scientific and archaeological significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Knott's No.3 Mill is historically and scientifically significant for the relative intactness of its remains, which demonstrate well the entire sequence of sawmilling operations, from logging and winching, to sawmilling and tramway transport. Sawmilling sites are important to Victoria for their role in providing a vast range of timber products for use in domestic, commercial and industrial contexts. The site is also historically important for its associations with a major figure in the Victorian sawmilling industry, G. W. (Billy) Knott.

Knott's No.3 Mill is archaeologically significant for its potential to yield artefacts and evidence which will be able to provide important information about the technological history of sawmilling and timber transport.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

General Conditions:

1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or

object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.

3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.

4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.

5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

Exemptions:

- \* fire suppression
- \* public safety
- \* land care maintenance
- \* erosion and salinity control
- \* weed and vermin control

Construction dates            1922,

Heritage Act Categories    Registered place, Registered archaeological place,

Hermes Number                5581

Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1818 in the categories described as a Heritage Place, Archaeological Place:

Knott's No. 3 Mill, Wyelangta, Colac Otway Shire.

### EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown land including concrete machinery foundations, saw pit, sawdust heap, winching platform and cable, tramlines and any other remains of sawmilling activity within a 100 metre radius of the point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E152 N156 on 1:25,000 Map Sheet No. 7520-1-2 Lavers Hill.

Dated 3 June 1999.

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*