
CAMPASPE RIVER 'ITALIAN' DIGGINGS

Location

2018 KYNETON-REDESDALE ROAD BARFOLD, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7823-0037

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site Heritage Inventory Interpretation: Italian Diggings - documented gold mining complex.

Hermes Number 10148

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The Italian prospector, Geo Antagnini, found gold in July 1860 at the foot of the gorge slope. A small rush to the Campaspe River diggings, later to be called the Italian Diggings, peaked at around 200 miners. This quickly dwindled to half when it was realised shafts would be necessary. By March 1861 only a few miners remained. More recent attempts at gold mining took place in the 1930s. the remains of tunnels into the sub-basaltic gravels on the western side of the "Italian Diggings" can still be seen (Extract NE listing 4254).

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.

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