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Location

FLU TRACK BENDOC, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8623-0007

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11100

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Alluvial ground at Back Creek was worked during from the late 1850s onwards, with many Chinese among the diggers. From 1881-7, at least one substantial puddling claim was worked at Back Creek. The ground was puddled as the clay in the vicinity was too dense for working by sluice and much gold was lost in the tailings. In 1889, two companies commenced sluicing at Back Creek on a large scale: one by ground-sluicing, the other by hydraulic power. Dredging was carried on (with meagre results) in the Bendoc area during 1906-8; it is possible that sections of Back Creek were tried. Miller and Sons' Back Creek Sluicing Co. worked the area on a large-scale from the 1930s, stopping work during WW2, recommencing in 1946, and continuing until at least 1952 (floods in 1951 damaged their operations). In 1946, the Millers bulldozed a road in to their workings and constructed a second penstock dam. New settling and storage dams were built during 1947-8, and a new hydraulic sluicing plant installed in 1959. Their operations consistently paid well, yielding 150 oz during 1950.

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