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# NEW BALLARAT LEAD ALLUVIAL WORKINGS - PUDDLER 1

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## Location

BALLARAT ROAD CHILTERN, INDIGO SHIRE

## Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0088

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO415

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site    Heritage Inventory Interpretation:

Hermes Number        11624

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The New Ballarat Lead was discovered in December 1858, and the following year the lead was one of the focal

points of the new Chiltern field. By 1861, only the upper, dry part of the lead was still called the New Ballarat; for most of its extent it was known as the Chiltern Lead and was worked by deep shaft. From about that time, the shallow alluvial ('dry') ground was principally the domain of Chinese miners. In 1871, they were reworking sluice tailings using water pumped from the deep workings, which they conserved in small dams and reservoirs. By the end of the seventies, few Chinese miners were returning to the dry leads after the first winter rains, 'a sure sign [wrote the mining registrar] that the old workings are no longer remunerative'. Canavan says that, 'Highly payable gold yields were obtained from the dry workings of the upper part of the Chiltern Lead.'

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