HODGSON CREEK ALLUVIAL WORKINGS

Location

232 VOIGHTS ROAD BEECHWORTH, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0082

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site Heritage Inventory Interpretation:

Hermes Number 11629

Property Number

History

Contextual History: History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Just a couple of historical records of mining on Hodgson's Creek were found. An 1860 report referred to 'part of the lower Three-mile or Hodgson's Creek'. In 1868, a minor rush occurred to 'the Yellow Creek, below the Melbourne Road', apparently Hodgson's Creek. The creek had been tried 'a few years back', at which time it had not been considered payable; with lower labour and plant costs, it was thought that the creek might now pay. The prospectors' claim (a shaft sunk 30 ft on the lead) failed, but another paddock further down the creek gave better yields. After two years the prospectors abandoned their claim, and the mining registrar remarked, 'If a tail-race could be brought up to this ground, and it worked by sluicing, it would pay well, but it is too poor to pay for any

other system of mining.'

As part of the locality known as the Three-mile, Hodgson's Creek would have been subject to sluicing activity from the mid-1850s, intensively reworked by parties of Chinese throughout the 1860s, and possibly included in the large scale sluicing operations of Pund & Co. (1880s-17) and the GSG Co. (1918-50).

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