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# CAMERONS SAW MILL



H02017 camerons saw mill site



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## Location

REEDY LAKE ROAD BAILIESTON, STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

## Municipality

STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H2017

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO28

## VHR Registration

March 20, 2003

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 20, 2003

What is significant?

Cameron's Mill features the remains of a small, steam-driven sawmill located at Reedy Lake, near Nagambie. It was established by Angus Cameron in 1877 and cut mostly red gum, along with spotted gum and box, until its closure in 1889. The site features evidence of a dam to supply water to the mill, along with earthworks and archaeological habitation deposits. The sea of stumps around the site indicates the density and age of the original forest and the impact of the mill on its local environment.

How is it significant?

Cameron's Mill is of archaeological significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Cameron's Mill is archaeologically important as a rare example of an 'inland' (non Murray River) red gum sawmill which operated in the same location for a relatively long period. The site is archaeologically significant for its potential to provide evidence relating to the early technological history of sawmilling in Victoria, and the cultural history of sawmilling settlements.

## 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. General Conditions: 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. General Conditions: 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it. General Conditions: 4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. General Conditions: 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:

- \* Preliminary Mineral Exploration work
- \* Fire suppression duties
- \* Weed and vermin control
- \* Public safety
- \* Rehabilitation, protective and stabilisation works
- \* Information signage - for interpretation and prevention of public risk

Construction dates            1877,  
Heritage Act Categories    Registered archaeological place,  
Hermes Number                12629  
Property Number

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## History

Angus Cameron and James Darrock established a sawmill at Reedy Lake north-west of Nagambie in 1877. The partnership was dissolved in 1883 and thereafter Cameron operated the mill in his own name. The available timber was mostly red gum. In the winter of 1889 the lake, which had had little water in it for the previous nineteen years, flooded. Cameron was unable to move any logs to the mill. When the Lands Department refused to reduce his site rental, and with no income from the mill, Cameron abandoned the site in September 1889.

## 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 in that Heritage Register Number H2017 in the category described as Archaeological place:

Cameron's Sawmill, Reedy Lake State Forest, Nagambie, Strathbogie Shire Council.

### EXTENT:

All of the Crown Land including earthworks, chimney foundations, surface and subsurface artefacts and any other remains of sawmilling activity within a radius of 120 metres of the point with longitude 145.08675, latitude 36.70437, shown as L1 on Diagram 2017 held by the Executive Director.

Dated 20 March 2003

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/>*