
HUT SITE, HORSEHOE BEND

Location

COOPERS CREEK TRACK WALHALLA, BAW BAW SHIRE

Municipality

BAW BAW SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8122-0109

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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Local significance.Social & archaeological significance, associated with a residence site showing well-preserved features of a type that are commonly represented in the goldfields of Victoria.

Heritage
Study/Consultant

Heritage Victoria (Projects) - Horseshoe Bend Gold Mining Area : Historic Heritage
Survey, Rob Kaufman / LRGGM Services, 2010;

Interpretation of Site	The hut sites in the area are generally indicative of relatively short-term occupation (few artefacts beyond a light scatter of bottle glass etc) but are sufficiently incised (cut benches, stone fireplaces) to indicate that they were more than just ephemeral canvas camps. This fits well with the workings with which they are associated, which would probably have been worked over a period of several months.
Archaeological Significance	This hut site is a little unusual in that it shows considerable effort in cutting the bench into bedrock, and a stonemason's touch in the neat rockwork of the fireplace. It appears to be associated with the lead workings to the north, but its history is unknown and it may have several stories to tell.
Historical Significance	Residence site showing well-preserved features of a type that are commonly represented in the goldfields of Victoria. As the history of Horseshoe Bend diggings is little known, it has the potential to reveal more about living conditions of the miners in the area. As the area has been relatively undisturbed, there is potential for sub-surface deposits to remain.
Hermes Number	The hut site is typical of those found around early diggings throughout Victoria. Its historical significance lies in its association with the relatively undocumented mining activities at Horseshoe Bend.
Property Number	155672

History

The history of this hut site is not known. However it appears to have been associated with sluice and tunnel workings in the vicinity, carried out in the 1870s.

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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