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# FORMER LINCOLN GULLY SERVICE RESERVOIR

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## Location

CRESWICK-BUNGAREE ROAD CRESWICK, HEPBURN SHIRE

## Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7623-0337

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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The service reservoir was constructed in 1864 to increase water pressure in order for

water to reach White Hills Reservoir. Although the water flowed into the reservoir from

Dean (Bullarook) reservoir via flumes, pipes and races, the amount was often not sufficient

and the service reservoir needed to be kept topped up by water diverted from Bragg's race

(Council Minutes 1/11/1864). In 1869 J. Roycraft leased surplus water from Bullarook from

#### Interpretation of Site

the Council, over and above the water needed for domestic supply in Creswick. Roycraft

maintained all the pipes, races, flumes and reservoirs at Bullarook, Lincoln Gully and

White Hills and also the fencing at the latter (Lease document between J. Roycraft and

Borough Council 1869 CRC). Ironically, in 1870 the council needed to purchase water back

from Roycraft (Creswick Advertiser 15/8/1870). Water was diverted from Russells race into

the service reservoir.

The reservoir is no longer in use.

The Lincoln Gully Service Reservoir has a high level of archaeological significance. The

#### Archaeological Significance

site is well preserved, with extant features relating to the diversion of water into the reservoir. The site is also unusual for having been built on the side of a gentle slope. It has

the potential to reveal important information about 19th-century earthworks, dam construction and water management.

Historical Significance	The site has a HIGH level of historical significance at a local level. The site is associated
	with the construction of the Creswick water supply and the struggle to bring water to
	Creswick.
	Due to the excellent preservation of a large part of the Creswick goldfield, the intertwined
	narratives of mining, water supply, environmental consequences and rapidly evolving
	legislation can be read in the landscape. At a state level the site contributes to broader
	narratives of water supply and mining (Victorian Historical Theme 4.5 & 4.6) and informs
	the development of both mining and water management laws for the State of Victoria.
	The reservoir and associated race systems is one of many on the Creswick alluvial goldfield that together make up an important and well preserved cultural landscape of
	water management.
Combined with Creswick's strong education facilities and proximity to Melbourne and	
Ballarat, an increased awareness in water management complexes could provide	
Creswick with excellent educational and tourism opportunities illustrating the story of	
bringing water to Creswick.	
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## History

Much of the physical infrastructure of the original Creswick Municipal Water Supply scheme remains intact, although many elements were upgraded and added in the years following the system's completion. The main elements still to be found include the Bullarook (Dean) Reservoir, parts of the race along Creswick (Back) Creek, the Lincoln Gully Service Reservoir, and the small dam on the White Hills Water Reserve. In addition, features such as Bragg's Dam and Russell's Dam and the associated water races, which were acquired by the Council to augment the town water supply, are also intact.

Perhaps the most striking extant feature of the Creswick water supply scheme is the Lincoln Gully Service Reservoir, which was completed by 1864 (Figure 53). It is located on the eastern side of Lincoln Gully about 25 metres south of the Creswick-Melbourne Road. The reservoir is approximately 150 metres in length and up to 25 metres in width, with a maximum wall height of 3 metres. The reservoir is not built within a gully or depression but

on the side of a gentle slope. It functioned as service reservoir within the system, maintaining water flow to the White Hills. It appears to have held approximately 7.5 ML of water, which was only a fraction of that contained, for example, in Bragg's Dam.

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