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Location

CA 9B Wilson's Hill Road and CA 2C Bendigo-St Arnaud Road WILSONS HILL, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO687

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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The site is associated with the discovery of gold in the Marong area in 1867 and also with the small-scale re-treatment of tailings by the cyanide process, representing the last phase of mining on Wilson's Hill (criterion A). The site is representative of the smaller cyaniding sites in the study area (criterion D) and has the potential for education and interpretation about this and earlier phases of mining in the area as part of Wilson's Hill Bushland Reserve (criterion C).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Marong Heritage Study 1999, Andrew Ward and Associates, 1999;
Construction dates	1867,
Hermes Number	197451
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

All the features on this site are contained on a triangular parcel of land bounded by Wilsons Reef Road to the north and the Bendigo-St. Arnaud Road on the south east. The ground generally slopes downwards towards the south west. On the slopes at the northern end of the site there is a scatter of shallow workings with small heaps of disturbed mullock. On the flatter ground towards the south west corner there is a dam and raceway (the Wilson Hill Channel) and several features which all appear to relate to 1930s cyaniding operations. These include: a small mound containing at least four circular concrete cyanide vats; eight concrete pads for a water tank; and a large, partly quarried dump near the Bendigo-St.Arnaud road. Close to the northern boundary of the reserve there is a scatter of brick and stone rubble which may indicate a house or battery site.

The mullock heaps are very weathered and many have also been damaged by trail bikes.

The approximately triangular site is bounded on the south-east by the Bendigo-St Arnaud Road, on the north by Wilson Reef Road and on the west by private property boundaries and is identical with the area occupied by the Wilson Hill Bushland Reserve.

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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