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Location

CA 601S1 Derwent Gully Road, WEST BENDIGO VIC 3550 - Property No 189393

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO669

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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This relatively compact site is associated with the introduction of pyrites treatment technology on Bendigo (criterion A). It is the best preserved of these early sites and has the potential to educate and illustrate an important aspect of Victoria's mining heritage and to answer timely and specific archaeological research questions because of the possibility of buried remains (criterion C).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Marong Heritage Study 1999, Andrew Ward and Associates, 1999;
Construction dates	1876,
Other Names	Liddell Brothers, R J Liddell and Company, R J Liddle and Company,
Hermes Number	197463
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Physical Description 1

The remains of a purple sand dump are visible at several points along the floor of the gully. West of the dump are a number of timber pedestals or 'horses', 1 foot square and 2 feet high and covered with a thick coating of hardened grease, indicating their use as engine supports. Nearby are two brick-lined pits. Further west are some unroofed galvanised iron vats and a linear mound of brick rubble, ash and building stone. This mound extends 56 metres south from a dam that runs along the site's northern edge. Near the dam, the mound has a more rectangular shape, being retained by stone walls, approximately 3 feet high and one foot apart. The bricks among the rubble are a mixture of hand- and machine- made types. The mound apparently represents the remains of a row of furnaces in which the tailings were roasted. The site is very disturbed and mostly overgrown with spiny rish.

Physical Description 2

The site is approximately triangular in shape along the floor of the gully, bounded on the north by Derwent Gully Road between its junction with Bice Lane and the Specimen Hill water race, on the east by a private property boundary approximately on a line between the end of Bice Lane and the western end of Liddell Street, and on the south by a curved line between the western end of Liddell Street and the Specimen Hill water race located about 100 metres south of a median line along the floor of the gully.

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