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eldorado bucket dredge byawatha road eldorado site view



eldorado bucket dredge byawatha road eldorado side view



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eldorado bucket dredge byawatha road eldorado rear view



location plan

Location

20 ELDORADO-BYAWATHA ROAD ELDORADO, WANGARATTA RURAL CITY

Municipality

WANGARATTA RURAL CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0386

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO161

VHR Registration

March 3, 1976

Amendment to Registration

August 18, 1976

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 7, 1999

The dredge is situated south-west of the township of Eldorado, in the parish of Byawatha, 10 miles from Wangaratta in north-eastern Victoria. In mid 1935, the Thompson Engineering Company of Castlemaine, commenced construction of this, the largest dredge of its kind in Australia. The dredge was constructed in Castlemaine and assembled at the mine site. The construction was commissioned by Cocks Eldorado Gold Dredging No Liability, a Melbourne based company, and the dredge was officially opened by the Minister for Mines on 1 May 1936. The gold and tin mining dredge at Eldorado is considered of sufficient importance as a relic of Australia's industrial history to warrant it being recommended to the Minister for addition to the Register.

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](#).

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| Construction dates | 1935, |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Other Names | COCK'S EL DORADO GOLD DREDGING CO. DREDGE, COCK'S ELDORADO GOLD DREDGE, COCKS EL DORADO GOLD DREDGING CO. DREDGE, COCKS ELDORADO GOLD DREDGE, |
| Hermes Number | 423 |
| Property Number | |

Extent of Registration

No. 360A. The Eldorado Dredge, Cocks Eldorado Dredge Hole on Crown Land, Allotment 10, Section 17, Township of Eldorado, Parish of Byawatha.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No 23 March 3, 1976 p.677]

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Register Number 360A now becomes Register Number 386.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No.7718 August 1976 p. 1976]

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/>