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# WELCOME STRANGER GOLD MINING PRECINCT



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1 welcome stranger moliagul  
monument

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## Location

246 MONUMENT ROAD MOLIAGUL, CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

## Municipality

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1241

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO57

## VHR Registration

November 28, 1996

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 18, 1999

The Welcome Stranger Gold Mining Precinct is good characteristic example of surface mining for alluvial gold. The site consists of the sites of puddling machines, houses and campsites at the head of black gully near Moliagul. The precinct displays evidence which is typical of the prevailing early gold mining technology of the box-ironbark forests of central and western Victoria from the 1850s. It contains a monument erected in 1897 at the place where the Welcome Stranger nugget was found in 1869. The nugget was the largest ever recorded and contained nearly 96 kilograms of gold.

The Welcome Stranger Gold Mining Precinct is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Welcome Stranger Gold Mining Precinct is historically and scientifically important as a particularly fine and essentially intact example of a site associated with the earliest forms of gold mining which, from 1851, played a pivotal role in the development of Victoria. The site is particularly important for its associations with the Welcome Stranger nugget, the largest ever found.

The Welcome Stranger Gold Mining Precinct is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts which will be able to provide significant information about the cultural history of gold mining and the gold seekers themselves.

### 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](#).

Construction dates 1850,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,  
Hermes Number 4965  
Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under Section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1241 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Welcome Stranger Gold Mining Precinct, Moliagul Historic Reserve, Moliagul, Centre Goldfields Shire Council.

Extent:

1. All of the Crown land including all of the alluvial mining relics within a 300 metre radius of the point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E147 N904 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 7523 Beaufort.
2. The stone monument erected in 1897 to commemorate the discovery of the Welcome Stranger nugget.

Dated 7 November 1996

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

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*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/>*