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# MORNING STAR GOLD BATTERY SITE



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site morning star creek baw  
baw waterwheel

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## Location

MORNING STAR CREEK YANGOURA, WELLINGTON SHIRE

## Municipality

WELLINGTON SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1265

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO112

## VHR Registration

December 19, 1996

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

What is significant?

The Morning Star Gold Battery Site consists of a metal pitchback waterwheel. The waterwheel is a remnant of a ore a crushing battery which was installed during the period 1904-10 and was one of a number of mills put in to serve mines working along Morning Star Creek. The site is badly obscured by blackberry bushes.

How is it significant?

The Morning Star Gold Battery Site is of historical and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Morning Star Gold Battery Site is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of an important form of gold mining. The waterwheel is the only recorded one of its type surviving in Victoria. Gold mining sites are of crucial importance for the pivotal role they have played since 1851 in the development of Victoria. As well as being a significant producer of Victoria's nineteenth century wealth, with its intensive use of machinery, played an important role in the development of Victorian manufacturing industry. The abandoned mining machinery at the Morning Star battery site is historically important for its evocation of the adventurousness, hardship, and isolation that was part of mining life in the high country areas of the State.

The Morning Star Gold Battery Site is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts and evidence which will be able to provide significant information about the technological history of gold mining.

## 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](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

#### EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:

(Classes of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit under

Part 4 of the Heritage Act 1995)

No permits are required for the following classes of works provided they are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Conservation Plan For Historic Mining Sites prepared by David Bannear in 1996.

Mineral Exploration  
Fire suppression duties  
Timber production  
Weed and vermin control  
Public safety  
Rehabilitation

Construction dates 1904,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,  
Hermes Number 5093  
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 1265 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Morning Star Gold Battery Site, Morning Star Creek, Donelley's Creek Goldfield, Baw Baw Shire Council.

### EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown land including the metal pitchback waterwheel and remains of any other quartz mining artefacts within a 100 metre radius with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E564 N223 on 1:100,000 Map Sheet No. 8122 Matlock.

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/>*