

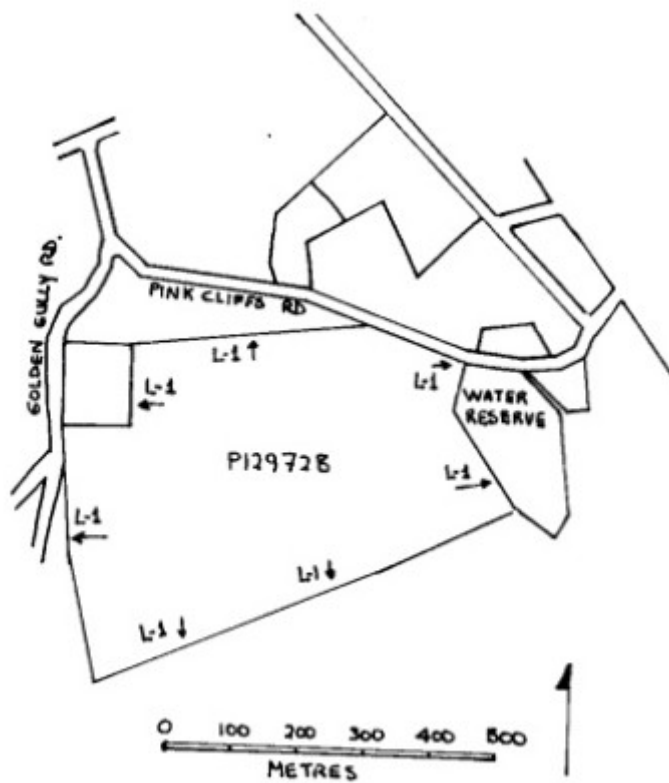
# PINK CLIFFS HYDRAULIC GOLD SLUICING SITE



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## Location

PINK CLIFFS ROAD HEATHCOTE, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1352

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO473

## **VHR Registration**

September 18, 1997

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - May 13, 1999

What is significant?

Hydraulic sluicing operations on the site were carried out under the direction of James Hedley from the late 1870s through the 1880s. Hedley's gold mining operations were finally banned because of damage wrought to grazing land. Water for the sluicing was delivered to the site by water race and high pressure pipelines and then directed at the gold-bearing deposits. The associated water race, which runs for some 26 miles, is largely intact. The gold sluicing site is dominated by one large sluice hole, which, due to the highly coloured granite bedrock exposed by the mining, presents a unique and a very dramatic scenic landscape.

How is it significant?

The Pink Cliffs Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Site is of historical and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Pink Cliffs Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Site is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of a redundant form of gold mining. Hydraulic sluicing was an important late nineteenth century development in mining technology, which enabled the continued and more efficacious exploitation of Victoria's dwindling alluvial gold deposits. Gold mining sites are of crucial importance for the pivotal role they have played since 1851 in the development of Victoria. The Pink Cliffs Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Site is also significant because of its association with Thomas Hedley, who, as a pioneer in the development of sluicing and dredging in Victoria, was a prominent figure in the State's late nineteenth century gold mining industry.

## **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	1870,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	HEDLEY'S SLUICING WORKS,
Hermes Number	5248
Property Number	

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### **Extent of Registration**

1. All the land known as the Pink Cliffs Geological Reserve marked L1 on Diagram 608050 held by the Executive Director and including the sluicing faces, tailings dumps and tailraces, and any other gold mining relics..

*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/>*