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# Stony Creek School Site

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## Location

Nuggetty Gully Track, TALBOT VIC 3371 - Property No G13036

## Municipality

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

## Level of significance

State

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 22, 2007

Stony Creek school site, commenced in 1865, landscaped c.1905-12 and abandoned in 1916, is of significance: - as a vital reminder of the nature of rural education in a transient goldfields and timber-getting setting.

- for its retention of a rockwork garden bed in the shape of a map of Australia; an unusual reminder of the nationalistic pride displayed at the turn of the century coinciding with the federation of six colonies to form the Commonwealth of Australia;

- for the retention of contemporary photographs and documentary accounts of the garden in its mature state prior to closure of the school which enable the surviving relics to be interpreted.

Stony Creek School Site - classified 10/6/92

Other Names	Extension Of Nuggetty Gully Track, Formerly Kangaroo Gully. State Forest (Talbot Block), Parish Of Lillicur,
Hermes Number	70201
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION

This site is a cleared area of ground surrounded by forest and approached by a narrow dirt track. A post and rail fence was erected around part of the original two acre school site by the then Department of Conservation Forests & Lands and the Talbot Tourism Committee in August-September 1987. The map of Australia and other garden beds formed of quartz are still extant and some early plants (especially succulents) still grow on the site.

Although the school building has been demolished, its position is marked by remains of the brick footings.

*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.*

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