
LONG GULLY WORKINGS

Location

TULLAROOP TRACK MARYBOROUGH, CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

Municipality

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7624-0076

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Archaeological Significance

The site contains the last surviving evidence of the mining of the gully. The visible archaeological features document a sequence of different activities from gold rush digging through puddling to ground sluicing. These features provide an understanding of the mining history of the Moliagul Historic Area, which was created by the Victorian Government in the early 1980s to protect a major historic goldfield which was predominately important for shallow alluvial gold, and that was made world famous by the discovery of the Welcome Stranger nugget in 1869.

Long Gully was opened in 1853 and the alluvial ground in the gully was first worked by shallow shafts (gold rush mining) and then later re-worked by puddling machines and ground sluicing. The site (See map 1) has archaeological features that include:

. A band of shallow alluvial workings (digger holes and mounds). There are some deeper shafts (Photo 4) located at the northern end of the lead, to the west of the remains of a mud brick hut

Interpretation of Site

. Three dams - Dam 00 1 (Photo 1) is associated with clear evidence of puddling operations in the form of an eroded puddling machine and tailings; the other two dams (Photos 2 & 3) were also most probably used for puddling as they are associated with dumps of tailings, but there is no surviving evidence of the machine sites

. Ground sluicing - to the east of the hut is an area of ground sluicing (Photo 6) and there are large dumps of tailings (Photo 5) located downhill near the fence marking the beginning of private land

. Mystery Reef hut - partial remains of two-roomed mud brick hut and associated quartz mining features (Photo 7)

. Three camp sites - stone fireplaces located along the western side of the alluvial diggings (Photos 8 to 10)

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