
Gowar and Sally's Gully Mines, off L.Brays Road & Chandlers Road, ST ARNAUD



SD 094 - Gowar and Sally's
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& Chandlers Road, ST
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Location

L.Brays Road and Chandlers Road ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7524-0069, H7524-0068

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 30, 2004

The Gowar and Sally's Gully area contains a well preserved puddler and dam, two other less well preserved puddlers associated with a 80 m long low embankment, and cement workings (surfacing, collapsed adit, shafts

and a small open cut). On adjoining freehold land, the features include a narrow band of very intense, relatively undisturbed shallow alluvial sinkings.

All these sites are in reasonable condition, and have scientific significance through being able to demonstrate the relationship between cement lead and alluvial mining. The Gowar and Sally's Gully area is **historically** and **scientifically** important at a **LOCAL** level as a substantially intact example of an important gold mining technique. Gold mining sites are of crucial importance for the pivotal role they have played since 1851 in the development of Victoria.

Overall the Gowar and Sally's Gully area is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;

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Property Number

Physical Description 1

Site 84.0. Puddler and dam (Difficult to date, but state of preservation suggest a 20th century operation date). Puddler. Relatively well preserved 18 ft diameter puddling machine site. The puddler's inner mound is well defined and the puddling trench is deep with sheer sides. No pivot post or tench slabbing present. The puddler lies below the embankment of a small dam. There is little wash with the puddler.

Physical Description 2

Site 84.1. Sally's Gully puddlers (Difficult to date, but the state of preservation and isolated location suggests a nineteenth century operation date). Adjoining puddlers. Both puddlers are in a poor state of preservation and there is very little wash. The eastern puddler has a diameter of 20 ft and has a very eroded inner mound. This erosion has exposed part of the central pivot post and largely filled the puddling trench.

The western puddler is in slightly better condition (well defined inner mound and deep puddling trench), is slightly smaller (17 ft diameter) and encroaches onto its neighbour. In fact, its outlet channel appears to drain into the puddling trench of the eastern puddler. The puddlers are associated with an 80 metre long low embankment. Well defined alluvial sinkings occur below and above the puddlers.

Physical Description 3

Site 84.2. Sally's Gully alluvial/cement workings (Continuation of Erivan Lead workings). Shallow alluvial sinkings. Narrow band of very intense, relatively undisturbed, shallow alluvial sinkings (shafts, small mounds, some trenching and dams) running up the gully and terminating at the base of a low hill. Some of the shafts still retain their original rectangular shape. The adjoining puddlers (Site 84.1) are situated near the head of Sally's gully. Cement workings. On the slope of the hill above the alluvial sinkings are some cement workings, including some surfacing, a collapsed adit, some shafts and a small open cut. The working on top of the hill have been obliterated by gravel quarrying.

Physical Description 4

INTEGRITY/CONDITION: All sites are in a reasonable condition Site 84.0 has:

Scientific Significance, because of the intactness of the puddler.

Sites 84.1 and 84.2 have:

Cumulative Scientific Significance, because together they demonstrate the relationship between cement and alluvial mining.

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