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## Location

MONGAN LANE OSBORNES FLAT, INDIGO SHIRE

## Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0020

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 10934

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Osborne's Flat was one of the first areas mined at Yackandandah, rich alluvial gold being discovered there in 1852. It formed part of what the mining surveyors called Lower Yackandandah. Initially the ground was worked by sinking, then by paddocking, wholesale stripping away of the non-auriferous topsoil to reveal the gold-bearing washdirt beneath. By 1859, the main method of alluvial working on the Yackandandah field was sluicing. The mining surveyor remarked upon several deep tailraces and tunnels in progress, designed to divert the course of the creek and act as channels for sluice boxes. Among them was the tailrace of Carlo Re and party '(foreigners)', cut through hard slate in the creek bank at Hayes Point, taking two years to complete and costing £1,200. The tailrace at Osborne's Flat is likely from, say, the late 1850s - 1870.

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