

Sluicing Dam, Victoria Gully, Kara Kara State Park, STUART MILL



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Location

Victoria Gully, Kara Kara State Park STUART MILL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7524-0021

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 30, 2004

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The Sluicing Dam , Victoria Gully 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 Sluicing Dam , Victoria Gully is of **LOCAL** significance.

RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL

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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Physical Description 1

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DESCRIPTION & INTERPRETATION:

Victoria and associated gullies. There are patches and bands of shallow alluvial sinkings in most of the gullies that drain into the west side of Cherry Tree Creek. The following sites are only a sample of what exists in the area.

Site 59.2. Sluicing dam (probably dates to the mid to late nineteenth century). **Sluicing dam.** At the head of Victoria Gully, in the most southerly arm of the gully, is a large silted dam. The dam's embankment is approximately 90 metres long and two metres high. At both ends of the embankment are large excavated paddocks, presumably associated with the construction of the dam. The embankment has been breached. In the gully above the dam are patches of shallow alluvial sinkings.

INTEGRITY/CONDITION: All the sites have good integrity.

CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Sites 59.0 to 59.3 have :

. Accumulative Scientific Significance-not only are the sites relatively undisturbed, but together they demonstrate different types of shallow alluvial mining. The significance of this group of alluvial sites is increased by the inclusion of the nearby cemented lead workings (Site 58.1) into the network.

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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