

# Puddler and Dam No. 1, Victoria Gully, Kara Kara State Park, STUART MILL



SM 07 - Puddler and Dam  
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Kara State Park, STUART  
MILL

## 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

H7524-0019

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 30, 2004

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The Puddler and Dam No. 1, 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 Puddler and Dam No. 1 , 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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**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 59.0. Puddler, dam and associated alluvial workings (surfacing and sinkings). All features probably date to the mid to late nineteenth century.

**Puddler and dam.** 400 metres up (west) the first gully along Cherry Tree Track from its junction with Mount Separation Track is a small breached dam. On the southern end of the dam's embankment is a very weathered puddler. The puddler's inner mound and puddling trench are only just distinguishable and no pivot post is visible.

There are several mounds of wash lying around the dam.

**Alluvial sinkings.** A well defined, but quite narrow band of shallow sinkings, runs west from the dam and puddler. At the head of the gully the workings become more intense and are associated with some hill slope surfacing and shallow open cutting.

**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.

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