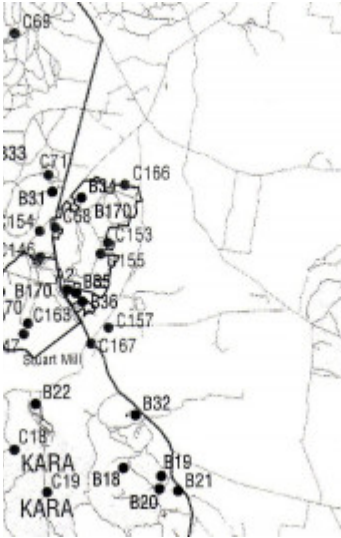


Puddler No. 1, Rostrons, St Arnaud State Forest, STUART MILL



SM 28 - Puddler No. 1,
Rostrons, St Arnaud State
Forest, STUART MILL

Location

STUART MILL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7524-0032

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 30, 2004

This turn-of-the-century puddling machine site is comparatively well preserved, with a deep trench, sections of side slabbing, a well preserved timber chute in the outlet channel, and a bank of wash.

The Puddler No. 1, Rostrons 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 No. 1, Rostrons 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;
Hermes Number	113719
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION & INTERPRETATION:

Site 66.0. Puddler No 1. (Survival of slabbing suggests late 1890s/20th century date). Puddler. On the western end of the dam's embankment is a well preserved 22 ft diameter puddling machine site. The puddling trench is deep, has sheer sides. Scattered around the puddler sections of the side slabbing. Presumably these have been pulled out by fossickers looking for gold. The pivot post has also been removed from the inner mound. The outlet channel still retains a well preserved timber shoot. Associated with the puddler is a 10 metre wide, 2 metre high bank of wash.

Shallow alluvial sinkings. The sinkings in the gully below the puddler, running to the Rostrons Road, are undisturbed and visible from Centre Road. There is a working alluvial claim in the gully above the puddler/dam.

INTEGRITY/CONDITION: All sites are in reasonable condition.

CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Sites 66.0, 66.1, 66.2 and 66.3 have:

. Scientific Significance, due to their ability to demonstrate puddling technology and shallow alluvial mining.

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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