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# Wattle Flat Alluvial Diggings and Water Race, Stuart Mill district, STUART MILL



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## Location

STUART MILL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7524-0031

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 30, 2004

Mining occurred here in the 1870s. Remains include a narrow band of sinkings along the sides of an eroded channel and water race leading to a small dam. The race features dry stone walling in places.

The Wattle Flat alluvial diggings and water race are 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 Wattle Flat alluvial diggings and water race are 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

Site 65.0. Wattle Flat Diggings (Wattle Flat was the scene of Stuart Mill's last alluvial rush in 1873).

Shallow alluvial workings. Narrow band of sinkings (shaft depressions and small mounds) along both sides of eroding channel. The sinkings are denser on the west side of the channel; on the east side they are quite dispersed and relatively deep.

**INTEGRITY/CONDITION:** Both sites are in good condition.

**CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

Sites 65.0 and 65.1 have:

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

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