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# The Tunnel - Big Peninsula

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## Location

Woods Point Road (Peninsula Road), McMahons Creek VIC 3799

## Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8022-0044, H8022-0051

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO47

## Heritage Listing

Yarra Ranges Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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A unique effort undertaken during Upper Yarra's gold rush days. One of few easily recognisable remains of the gold rush era. (Tansley, 1978)

Heritage Study/Consultant Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000;

Other Names Big Peninsula Tunnel,

Hermes Number 115881

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## Physical Description 1

A tunnel approximately 80 yards long through the narrowest point of the Big Peninsula, dug by Chinese miners during the gold rush. This extraordinary work was undertaken in order to divert the course of the Yarra to mine the large bend in the river for gold. The expectations were great but results disappointing. (Tansley, 1978)

Today the water emerges from the tunnel into a deep pool which is used as a swimming hole in summer. (Tansley, 1978)

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