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# AMHERST RESERVOIR ALLUVIAL WORKINGS

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## Location

LILLICUR ROAD AMHERST, CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

## Municipality

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7623-0270

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 12166

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

April 1861: Extensive rush set in near the head of Amherst Flat, about 1¼ miles distant from Amherst township, and which owes its existence to the reservoir now being constructed there...excavation to bedrock across the flat from range to range.... The rush at present is extending down the flat towards the old lead which was lost some years ago, a little above the township of Amherst.

May 1861: Reservoir Rush is declining, at one time there was 3,000 miners on the ground, but as the lead proved to be a very narrow one there was not sufficient room, now about 1500 on the lead.

June 1869: The Amherst Reservoir was leased to the 'Mayor, Councillors and Burgesses of the Borough of Amherst' for 99 years at £1 per annum. The lease was apparently forfeited in October 1874 and the reservoir was described as 'useless' in the council minutes. It was at this stage that the council sought to purchase the Talbot

Reservoir at Evansford.

1885: The manager of the Talbot and Amherst Gold fields' Common applied for a permanent reservation of the dam as a site for water supply purposes and temporary reservation was granted on 11 May 1886. However in 1918 the purpose of 'water supply' was augmented by inclusion of 'recreation purposes' in the temporary reservation.

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