
YORK AND MAIN STREET CHANNEL AND ARTEFACT SCATTER

Location

MAIN ROAD AND YORK STREET GOLDEN POINT, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0441

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

This site is immediately adjacent to Canadian Creek. The artefacts may have an association with mining activity, considering the history of the area and the patterns of gold prospecting around creek beds. The wooden structure is likely to have been associated with shoring up the creek as it was developed into a channel, or perhaps related to forming a diversion from the creek. A few artefacts of low significance have been collected along the length of this easement. A few artefacts relating to Chinese occupation were discovered, potentially a disturbed dump site.

Archaeological Significance

A wooden structure was uncovered between 4-4.5m, which is likely to be a timber channel dating to the mid 1800's. Certain sections appear to be remnants of a dump site. Please note that there were no identifiable historical artefacts within the context of the wooden structure.

Historical
Significance

The full extent of historical significance is not yet determined, however the site is within the context of a creek that had begun to be channelized from mid 1800s. An approximate date of one of the Chinese rice wine vessels is 18505-18605. Site is likely to demonstrate gold mining activities in the area.

Hermes Number 124216

Property
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