

BUCKLAND CHINESE CEMETERY

Location

1628 BUCKLAND ROAD BUCKLAND, ALPINE SHIRE

Municipality

ALPINE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8224-0068

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The site is significant as evidence of the occupation of the Buckland by large numbers of Chinese miners, and their association with the 1857 Buckland riots.

Interpretation of Site	The site appears to have been used as an unofficial Chinese cemetery. As Chinese people left the area it fell into disuse and was largely forgotten. Any grave markers were destroyed in bushfires or removed by souvenir hunters.
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History

LITTLE IS KNOWN OF THE HISTORY OF THE SITE. THE ONLY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF IT IS A NOTE ON AN 1882 LANDS DEPT. MAP REFERRING TO 'CHINESE GRAVES'. THE CEMETERY HAD APPARENTLY ALREADY FALLEN INTO DISUSE BY THAT TIME, AND PROBABLY DATES TO THE 1850S AND 1860S WHEN THE GOLD RUSH WAS AT ITS HEIGHT IN THE BUCKLAND. LOCAL RESIDENTS STATE THAT THERE WERE ONCE CHINESE BURIAL MARKERS ON THE SITE, BUT THESE WERE REMOVED IN THE 1960S.

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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