

# ROWDY FLAT TOWNSHIP SITE

## Location

OSBORNES FLAT ROAD YACKANDANDAH, INDIGO SHIRE

## Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0119

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	The 19 <sup>th</sup> Century settlement of the flat is poorly documented. Despite latter sluicing and dredging activities, parts of Rowdy Flat remain relatively undeveloped and are now forested, while the rest is occupied by small farming allotments. However, the survival of extant features such as the slab hut at Mangan's Lane (HO785) and exotic vegetation suggests that there is continuing potential for archaeological remains of settlements associated with 19 <sup>th</sup> century mining.
Archaeological Significance	Rowdy Flat is archaeologically significant as one of the best preserved mining era settlements around Yackandandah that remain relatively undeveloped in parts, and unsurveyed; and thereby continue to be sensitive for the remnants of 19th Century mining settlements.
Historical Significance	Rowdy Flat is significant as the location of one of several 19th Century mining settlement associated with Yackandandah.
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## History

The main source of history is the heritage study YAKR029 (Freeman 1999:40).

According to [http://www.uniqueyackandandah.com.au/index.php?page\\_id=3](http://www.uniqueyackandandah.com.au/index.php?page_id=3):

*European settlement followed the trails of Hume and Hovel from 1824. James Osborne settled in Osborne's Flat in 1844, and there followed a succession of squatters in the area, who established or took over pastoral runs.*

The discovery of gold late in 1852 began the rush of alluvial miners. They were a multinational mixture, who lived in small communities along the Yackandandah Creek - from Staghorn, Allan's, Osborne's and Rowdy Flats, along through present Yackandandah up to the Junction and through to Hillsborough.

Schools, churches, medical facilities, hotels and shops were set up by early arrivals to service the miners and the families on many of the mining sites. The resultant small communities were busy, if not permanent. Many of them persisted well into the 20th century.

Yackandandah, however, became the main focus. A survey of the town was made in 1856 and land sales there began in early 1857. Substantial buildings were erected, serving the variety of needs. Businessmen of the time held title to many of these sites.

For Rowdy Flat, Nobblers and Lushington's lists several hotels during the mining era, including the Miner's Arms (1855), the National Hotel (1858) and the Sydney Arms Hotel (1856).

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