AARON SHERRITT'S HUT SITE

Location

558 WOOLSHED ROAD BEECHWORTH, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0134

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number	162323
Property Number	

History

The story of the hut and the owner, Aaron Sherrit has been widely documented as part of the Ned Kelly story, in books, pamphlets, film and on numerous web sites. According to Ned Kelly world (www.nedkellysworld.com.au/history/sherritt.htm):

Aaron Sherritt grew up with Joe Byrne in the Woolshed Valley near Beechworth and eventually fell in with the Kelly's. He had assisted with their raids at Euroa and Jerilderie, but by 1880 his involvement as a double agent became known by both sides, and with the assistance of Detective Ward, eventually led to his demise. In 1880, Aaron Sherritt married a fifteen year old girl named Ellen Barry, and they lived in a hut very close to the home of Joe Byrne's mother.

The El Dorado website (Http://www.albury.net.au/~tim/eldor1.htm) provides the following information regarding the location of the hut:

KELLY GANG

The Kelly gang were often in the Woolshed area, as one of the gang, Joe Byrne and his family lived in Byrne Gully at Sebastopol. From Sebastapol you can see the Kelly Cave where the gang often stayed. There were many Kelly simpathisers in the valley. Aarron Sherrits hut remains are approximately one kilometre towards ElDorado from the Woolshed school site.

The location appears to be well known to the local community (i. e. Stone 1980s), but hasn't been signposted. Based on a photograph of the Sherritt land, in "Kelly Country: A Photographic Journey" (Kelson and McQuilton 2008:127); the slab hut no longer stands but there are exotic trees around the front of the landholding.

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