
SLATEY CREEK HYDRAULIC SLUICING COMPANY WATER RACE

Location

WHITE SWAN ROAD AND CLARKS ROAD GLEN PARK AND STANDARD ROAD CABBAGE TREE,
BALLARAT CITY, HEPBURN SHIRE

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7623-0335

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

This race was utilised by the Slaty Creek Hydraulic Sluicing company in the early 20th

century. However it is likely that this company did not construct the race as many miners

Interpretation of Site

appear to have been using the race throughout the 1860-1890's. Prior to the company

Wun Vee and J. Woofe utilized this race for sluicing at Mopke Gully. It is not clear if Wun

Vee was still operating concurrently with the Slaty Creek Hydraulic Company.

This site has a high level of archaeological significance.

The race is well preserved for its entirety and is a representative example of an 1860s

water race that was utilised over several decades for both mining and water supply

purposes. Archaeological features include the race alignment, negative cut features, spoil

Archaeological Significance

and sediment deposits, dams, diversions, sluice points, and potential gauges, flume

remains, pipes, and sluice lining materials.

Although water races are common on Victorian Goldfields very few races in Victoria have

been documented and mapped in detail and the integrity of remaining goldfield water

management complexes is largely under researched.

The site has a HIGH level of historical significance at a local level. Due to the excellent preservation of a large part of the Creswick goldfield, the intertwined narratives of mining, water supply, environmental consequences and rapidly evolving legislation can be read in the landscape. At a state level the site contributes to broader narratives of water supply and mining (Victorian Historical Theme 4.5 & 4.6) and informs the development of both mining and water management laws for the State of Victoria.

Historical Significance

The race system is one of many on the Creswick alluvial goldfield that together make up an important and well preserved cultural landscape of water management. Combined with Creswick's strong forestry education facilities and proximity to Melbourne and Ballarat, an increased awareness in this well preserved mining complex could provide Creswick with excellent educational and tourism opportunities illustrating mining techniques and how mining shaped Victoria's water laws.

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Property Number

History

The Mopoke mining area is listed on the Victorian Heritage Inventory as HI 7623-0245. It contains well preserved evidence of alluvial and sluicing operations by various ethnic groups and *evidence* of mining by small and large parties. The area was still being sluiced in the 1930s.

Slatey Creek Hydraulic Sluicing Company Water Race supplied water to the company in the early 20th century (Water Right No. 884), However the race continues for many kilometers toward and beyond Tavistock Hill. The relationship between this race and mining operations at Tavistock Hill has not been determined. This race may have supplied other sluicing companies in Kangaroo Gully such as the Creswick Proprietary Hydraulic Sluicing Co.

Prior to the Slaty Creek Hydraulic Sluicing Company use of the race Wun Lee utilized this race for sluicing at Mopke Gully, It is not clear if Wun Vee was still operating concurrently with the Slaty Creek Hydraulic Company.

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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