
Splitters Gully Historic Area - Apollo Hill Mine & Alluvial Workings and Mine & Splitter's Gully Alluvial Workings



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Location

CA 23C Kristoff Road EAGLEHAWK, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO350

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

[Apollo Hill Mine & Alluvial Workings] The site has the potential to educate and illustrate important aspects of mining on Bendigo because it displays a sequence of activities over time: small-scale quartz mining and later

sluicing (criterion C) and is one of a very small number of sites on Bendigo which contains an open adit (criterion B). It was one of a number of sites in the study area worked in the 1880s with money provided from the prospecting vote (criterion A).

[Splitter's Gully Alluvial Workings] The site has potential for education and interpretation due to the relatively undisturbed nature of the puddling site (criterion C and criterion D).

Theme

4. Transforming and managing the land

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Marong Heritage Study 1999, Andrew Ward and Associates, 1999;
Construction dates	1864,
Hermes Number	199935
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

[Apollo Hill Mine & Alluvial Workings] Along the crest of the hill there is a line of shallow surface workings which become more extensive at the northern end, where there is an area of ground hydraulically sluiced to bedrock. At the northern end of the eastern slope of the hill there is an adit and associated mullock heap. It has been driven for approximately 90 metres. The adit is accessible and the mullock heaps are well defined although weathered.

[Splitter's Gully Alluvial Workings] On the eastern end of an 80 metre long earthen embankment are the outlines of two puddling machines. Both puddling machines have a diameter of 22 feet. One of the puddling machines is in a good state of preservation - inner mound prominent and the puddling trench has sheer sides. No wooden pivot post visible, outlet channel visible. Only saplings growing in the site. The other puddling machine, located 5 metres away, survives only as a faint outline, but its inner mound does retain fragments of the wooden pivot post. There is a large mound of washed gravel associated with the two puddling machines. In a side gully to the north of this site there are traces of shallow alluvial workings.

Physical Description 2

[Apollo Hill Mine & Alluvial Workings] The Splitters Gully Mining Heritage Area is bounded on the south by Simpsons Road, on the east by Loeser Road northwards as far as the first gully north-east of Apollo Hill, on the north by this gully as far as 100 metres east of the leftmost branch of Splitters Gully, on the east by a line 100 metres east of the leftmost branch of this gully to Splitters Gully Track, on the south by this track as far as its intersection with Loeser Road, on the east by Loeser Road northwards as far as its intersection with a cross track, on the north east by a line from this intersection to the summit of Adelaide Hill, on the west by the line of the second gully west from Adelaide Hill extended across the right branch of Splitters Gully to Splitters Gully Track and thence along a line 100 metres west of the leftmost branch of Splitters Gully southwards to the head of the first gully west of Apollo Hill, and finally along a line 100 metres west of this gully to Simpsons Road. [Splitter's Gully Alluvial Workings] The Splitters Gully Mining Heritage Area is bounded on the south by Simpsons Road, on the east by Loeser Road northwards as far as the first gully north-east of Apollo Hill, on the north by this gully as far as 100 metres east of the leftmost branch of Splitters Gully, on the east by a line 100 metres east of the leftmost branch of this gully to Splitters Gully Track, on the south by this track as far as its intersection with Loeser Road, on the east by Loeser Road northwards as far as its intersection with a cross track, on the north east by a line from this intersection to the summit of Adelaide Hill, on the west by the line of the second gully west from Adelaide Hill extended across the right branch of Splitters Gully to Splitters Gully Track and thence along a

line 100 metres west of the leftmost branch of Splitters Gully southwards to the head of the first gully west of Apollo Hill, and finally along a line 100 metres west of this gully to Simpsons Road.

Physical Description 3

[Apollo Hill Mine & Alluvial Workings] Splitters Gully Track is the title given to an unnamed track which connects Loeser Road to the Eaglehawk-Neilborough Road generally in a south-westerly direction along the main left branch of Splitters Gully.

The reef on Apollo Hill was the main sources of alluvia later worked in the left branches of Splitters Gully.

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