
HERMON'S MILLS AND TRAMWAY

Location

BETWEEN IRRUKA ROAD AND BURNS ROAD WARBURTON, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8022-0137

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The site is of historical and archaeological significance as rare evidence of the logging and saw milling activity in the Yarra Ranges in the early twentieth century. The site demonstrates the characteristic form of tramways, mills and sawdust heaps.

The site is of archaeological significance for its potential to reveal more detailed evidence of structures such as the tramway formation, mill site and associated structures. There is also potential for occupational deposits from the workers who would have once been employed at the mill site.

Interpretation of Site

The site was first utilised in 1901 when Hermon established a small sawmill at the headwaters of Four Mill Creek. The site was connected by a tramway and by 1909 another small mill was constructed near La La Falls . Both mills were closed by 1916 and the tramway abandoned at this time. The tramway ran alongside four mile creek, with the old tramway route becoming a walking track for the majority of the formation.

Hermes Number

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Property
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History

Henry Hermon established a number of mills in the Warburton area, progressively moving his operations further towards the east as the forests were cut out. Hermon erected two or three separate mills on Four Mile Creek near La La Falls and near the summit of Mount Bride and R. Platt and Co had a mill on Mount Bride Road (Padula B. , 2018). In 1901 he erected a sawmill at the headwaters of Four Mill Creek near Mt Bride, which was connected by a tramway and in 1909 he built another small mill near the La La Falls known as the "No 6 Mill". The No 6 mill closed down in 1916 and the Mt Bride mill closed in 1910. A log tramway alongside the Four Mile Creek carried timber to the La La sidings on the Warburton railway

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