
MELBOURNE ROAD CHINESE CAMP

Location

300 MELBOURNE ROAD CRESWICK, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7623-0348

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Chinese miners were the second largest mining community on central Victoria goldfields. Many left Victorian Goldfields for rushes elsewhere. Those that stayed continued to mine for alluvial gold and became market gardeners. One of the last Chinese market gardeners in Victoria was Georgie Ah Ling at Donald. (VHR site H0873).

Given the paucity of historical information on Chinese mining, an occupation site like this, despite ground disturbance, possess considerable archaeological potential.

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

Site of a Chinese Camp that was occupied through the late 19th-century. An aerial photo taken in 2004 shows the area was clear of vegetation. Today the Chinese Camp Site is a pine plantation with a scattering of native trees. The site has been significantly modified by works for the pine plantation. Despite this, there still survives a dam and some scattered artefacts (bottle bases and metal pieces). To the west of the Chinese Camp is an extensive area containing mine shafts (both round and rectangular), low banks and races.

Interpretation of Site

Hermes Number 208349

Property Number

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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