NUGGETTY GULLY ALLUVIAL MINING LANDSCAPE

Location

SOUTH OF CREBBINS LANE AND HAWK TRACK, ARARAT HILLS BLOCK, ARARAT REGIONAL PARK. ARARAT, ARARAT RURAL CITY

Municipality

ARARAT RURAL CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7423-0088

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?
The site is an alluvial mining landscape. Gold was first discovered in the Ararat Region in 1854, with the first workings consisting of alluvial gold sites. After the initial Ararat Rush, shallow alluvial mining in the area slowed and the majority of gold resources were coming from reworked gullies and creek beds by sluicing or puddling parties, or alternatively by shallow shafts. Mining in the area continued into the early 20th century. The stream bed of Nuggety Gully was mined during the gold rush period by shallow shafts and through the use of sluices and puddling machines.

Most of the extant mining features are shafts, filled or open, associated with extracting gold from the cement beds contained in elevated terraces. The stream beds of Nuggety Gully and its tributaries were most likely worked by sluice or puddling machines; however, no evidence of these mining methods was found. At the head of the gully is a possible hut site, consisting of mounds and a scatter of building stone.

The site contains archaeological remains that relate to the activities of the Ararat Goldfields during the Victorian Gold Rush era.

The site is historically significant as one of the shallow alluvial mining localities for the Ararat Goldfield, illustrating the technology and consequences of different forms/periods of alluvial gold mining.

How is it significant?
Why is it significant?

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