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# DRUMMOND HOUSE SITE

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## Location

NORTH SIDE OF YANKEE ROAD, WOMBAT STATE FOREST

## Municipality

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-1269

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

late 19th-century house site. The benched platform is very overgrown but there is visible evidence of a fire places and a monument that was erected in 1946.

### How is it significant?

Late 19th-century house of a miner, Alex Drummond, who worked in the nearby Trojan Mine. Twelve children were born in the house.

### Why is it significant?

Rare example of a known habitation site associated with late 19th-century gold mining.

Interpretation of Site	Site of a weatherboard house that was lived in from 1876 to around the turn of the century.
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## History

Just past the Trojan Mine, north of Yankee Road, is a headstone, a memorial to the Drummond family which reads "Erected 1946 – to the memory of our loving parents, Alex and Eliza A.E.L. Drummond. This was the site of their home in 1876 and our birthplace". The monument marks the place where the Drummond family once lived in a weatherboard house. The remains of a chimney, overgrown benched platform and monument is all that is left to mark the spot. 12 children were born in the house, three of whom died in infancy. John, their eldest child, born in 1877 died, age 3 years by drowning and was buried on the 21.3.1879 in the Blackwood cemetery. The youngest children of Alex and Elizabeth were twins, Emma and Maggie who were born on 28.7.1894. Tragedy struck on the 1 December 1894 when an earth fall in the mine trapped Alexander Drummond in the mine whilst opening an adit downstream from the mine and he was killed. This would have left Elizabeth with 9 children, the youngest being the twins of nearly 5 months old. The twins both died the following year in March 1895, Emma on the 10th and Maggie on the 17 March. They are all buried in the Blackwood cemetery. Methodist section

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