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# FORMER GOWAR TOWNSHIP ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

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## Location

CASTLEMAINE-MALDON ROAD MUCKLEFORD - PROPERTY NUMBER 665, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-1273

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Former Gowar Township Archaeological Site has the potential to contain early mining occupation of Muckleford North and on route from Castlemaine to Maldon. The diggings were not rich, but business established enough that land was surveyed and sold in 1859. The site is within an open paddock and site comprises European plantings and the ruin of the Half-way Hotel to the west of the site. The site is likely to contain archaeological features, subsurface deposits and artefacts associated with the occupation and development of the township.  
deposits.

### How is it significant?

The site is of archaeological and local historical significance.

### Why is it significant?

The site is of historical significance for its association with the development of the Gowar Township in the early 1850, and the wider Mount Alexander gold field. The site has the potential to contain subsurface archaeological features, deposits and artefacts associated with the occupation of the site as well as mining relics.

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