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# COAL OUTCROPS, CAPE PATERSON

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## Location

CAPE PATERSON-INVERLOCH ROAD CAPE PATERSON, BASS COAST SHIRE

## Municipality

BASS COAST SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8020-0021

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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The site is significant as the location of the first discovery of coal in Victoria (Port Phillip District of New South Wales) in 1826. The site is also significant as a physical link to the short-lived military and convict settlement at Corinella, Western Port Bay.

Interpretation of Site The exposed seams dipped back under the land, and were later mined by shaft.

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## History

Late in 1826, William Hovell, accompanied by two soldiers and two convicts was sent on an official expedition from the small military and convict settlement at Corinella on Western Port Bay to find coal. Travelling east along

the coast, he found coal outcrops on the shoreline west of Cape Paterson on 18 December 1826. The coal seams were later accessed via shaft, sunk inland of the outcrops. The outcropping seams are still visible today, and mark the first discovery of coal in Victoria.

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