

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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SAWPIT GULLY GOLD PUDDLING SITE



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Location

MUD HUT TRACK HEATHCOTE, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1246

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO462

VHR Registration

December 19, 1996

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 10, 1997

The Sawpit Gully Gold Puddling Site consists of the remnants of two puddling machines complete with dumps of washed gravels, and patches of ground surfacing and shallow sinkings. These workings comprise a good characteristic example of the puddling technology developed in Victoria from 1854 in response to the need to process enormous amounts of clayey soil which needed to be broken up to get at the gold. Horses were used to drag harrows around a circular ditch in which the soil and water were mixed.

The Sawpit Gully Gold Puddling Site is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Sawpit Gully Gold Puddling Site is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of a site associated with the earliest forms of gold mining which, from 1851, played a pivotal role in the development of Victoria. Puddling machine technology is particularly important in the history of Victorian gold mining as the only technology or method developed entirely on Victorian goldfields.

The Sawpit Gully Gold Mining Precinct is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts which will be able to provide significant information about the cultural history of gold mining and the gold seekers themselves.

Construction dates 1854,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number 4970
Property Number

Extent of Registration

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under Section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1246 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Sawpit Gully Gold Puddling Site, (4.5 kms north-west of Heathcote), Greater Bendigo Shire Council.

EXTENT:

1. All of the land including two puddlers and other gold mining relics within a 100 metre radius of the point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E922 N136 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 7824 Heathcote.

Dated 7 November 1996

RAY TONKIN
Executive Director
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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 data owner.

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