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# JIM CROW CREEK GOLD MINING DIVERSION SLUICE



1 jim crow diversion sluice  
hepburn regional park  
hepburn springs site view

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## Location

CHARLIES ROAD ELEVATED PLAINS AND SHEPHERDS FLAT, HEPBURN SHIRE

## Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1257

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO692

## VHR Registration

December 19, 1996

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

The Jim Crow Creek Gold Mining Diversion Sluice consists of a 400 metre long stone embankment which was probably built in the early 1860s when Jim Crow Creek was being extensively worked by European and Chinese miners. The embankment was used to divert the waters of Jim Crow Creek through sluice boxes, and away from its natural bed and eastern bank which were then mined for alluvial gold. On the western slope of the creek are several house sites and at least one baker's oven.

The Jim Crow Creek Gold Mining Diversion Sluice is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Jim Crow Creek Gold Mining Diversion Sluice is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of an early form of gold mining. Gold mining sites are of crucial importance for the pivotal role they have played since 1851 in the development of Victoria. Water diversion and sluicing are important key ingredients in an understanding of gold mining technology as it was employed in mountainous country where water was plentiful and perennial.

The Jim Crow Creek Gold Mining Diversion Sluice is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts and evidence which will be able to provide significant information about the cultural history of gold mining and the gold seekers themselves.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates      1851,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,

Hermes Number 4978

Property Number

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## 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 1257 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Jim Crow Creek Gold Mining Diversion Sluice, Hepburn Regional Park, Hepburn Shire Council.

#### EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown land including the 400 metre long stone diversion sluice and remains of alluvial workings within a 300 metre radius with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E446 N688 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 7723 Castlemaine.

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 source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*