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# LA MASCOTTE GOLD BATTERY SITE AND CHLORINATION WORKS



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## Location

SIPTHORPES TRACK, LITTLE DART RIVER CORRYONG, Towong Shire

## Municipality

TOWONG SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1276

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO5

## VHR Registration

December 19, 1996

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

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The La Mascotte Gold Battery and Chlorination Works has been well scavenged but still retains a 60ft long roasting furnace. The furnace is constructed of rivetted iron panels and its interior still retains some of its brickwork. Associated with the furnace are numerous buried and partly buried machinery bits, and some ground level foundations. The La Mascotte Company erected the furnace (a mechanically rabbled one) on the site in 1897. The chlorination works proved unprofitable and was eventually closed in 1903.

The La Mascotte Gold Battery and Chlorination Works is of historical, scientific and archaeological importance to the State of Victoria.

The La Mascotte Gold Battery and Chlorination Works is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of an important form of gold mining. When the greater part of the gold in some ores is contained in its pyritical contents, the gold is very difficult to extract. From the mid nineteenth century miners experimented with various metallurgical (or heat treatment) processes to unlock gold from heavily mineralised ore. Evidence of these metallurgical processes, such as the one carried out by the La Mascotte Company from 1897-1903, are extremely rare in the State of Victoria.

The La Mascotte Gold Battery and Chlorination Works is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts and evidence which will be able to provide significant information about the technological history of gold mining.

Construction dates	1897,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place, Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number	5007
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 1276 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

La Mascotte Gold Battery and Chlorination Works, Siphthorpes Track, Little Dart River, Glendart, Towong Shire Council.

### EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown Land including the crushing battery site, remains of the iron roasting furnace, and other quartz mining artefacts within a 150 metre radius with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E690 N577 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 8424 Benambra.

Dated 7 November 1996

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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.*

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