
DART RIVER GOLD BATTERY SITE



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siphthorpes track corryong
machinery remnants

Location

SIPHTHORPE TRACK NARIEL VALLEY AND DARTMOUTH, TOWONG SHIRE

Municipality

TOWONG SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1267

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO4

VHR Registration

December 19, 1996

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

The Dart River Gold Battery Site consists of a multi-tubular steam boiler, horizontal engine and a collapsed five head timber framed stamping battery in a rugged and remote bush setting. The battery, boiler and engine are remnants of a handful of ore crushing sites which originally served the quartz mine workings of the Dart River.

The Dart River Gold Battery Site is of historical, scientific and archaeological importance to the State of Victoria.

The Dart River Gold Battery Site is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic example of an important 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. As well as being a significant producer of Victoria's nineteenth century wealth, with its intensive use of machinery, played an important role in the development of Victorian manufacturing industry. The abandoned mining machinery at the Dart River is historically important for its evocation of the adventurousness, hardship and isolation that was part of mining life in the high country areas of the State.

The Dart River Gold Battery Site 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.

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	5008
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 1267 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Dart River Gold Battery Site, Siphorpes Track, Little Dart River, Glendart, Towong Shire Council.

EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown Land including all of the gold mining relics within a 100 metre radius of the point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E693 N580 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 8424 Benambra.

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/>