

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## YACKANDANDAH CREEK HYDRAULIC GOLD SLUICING PIT



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1 yackandandah creek hydraulic gold sluicing pit near beechworth cement workings

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### Location

NUMBER ONE LINK ROAD STANLEY, INDIGO SHIRE

### Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1227

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO215

### VHR Registration

November 28, 1996

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

What is significant?

The Yackandandah Creek Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Pit consists of an excavation about 200 metres by 100 metres containing a network of pebble dumps, tail races and drainage adits. Water for sluicing would have been delivered to the site by a high pressure pipeline from higher up the creek and then directed at the gold bearing deposits. The technology was introduced into Victoria in about 1855.

How is it significant?

The Yackandandah Creek Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Pit is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Yackandandah Creek Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Pit 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. Hydraulic sluicing of alluvial gold deposits is an important key ingredient in an understanding of gold mining technology as it was employed in country where water was plentiful and perennial.

The Yackandandah Creek Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Pit 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 Conditions:

1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

No permits are required for the following classes of works provided they are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Conservation Plan For Historic Mining Sites prepared by David Bannear in 1996.

- \* Mineral Exploration
- \* Fire suppression duties
- \* Timber production
- \* Weed and vermin control
- \* Public safety
- \* Rehabilitation

Construction dates 1851,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,  
Hermes Number 5009  
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 1227 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Yackandandah Creek Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Pit, Number One Road, (10.25 kms east of Beechworth), Indigo Shire Council.

Extent:

1. All of the land including the sluicing pit, pebble dumps, and water races and any other remains of hydraulic gold workings within a radius of 200 metres of a point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E821 N769 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 8225 Albury.

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.*

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