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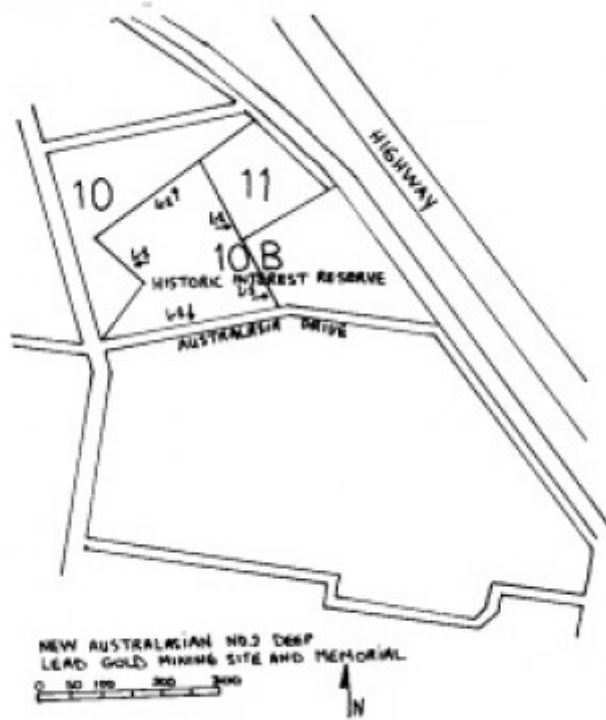
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H01302 PLAN



New Australasia No2 Deep Lead Mine Creswick plan

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## Location

95 AUSTRALASIA DRIVE CRESWICK, HEPBURN SHIRE

## Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1302

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO948

## VHR Registration

March 27, 1997

## Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 13, 1999

What is significant?

The New Australasian No. 2 Deep Lead Gold Mine was the scene of the most tragic accident in the history of Victorian gold mining. At 4:45am, Tuesday 12 December 1882, 29 miners were trapped underground by flood waters and only five of the 27 imprisoned miners were brought safely to the surface. The 22 men who perished left 17 widows and 75 dependent children. The New Australasian No. 2 Deep Lead Gold Mining Memorial was unveiled in 1982 by John Cain, the Premier of Victoria. Nearby is a small interpretation shelter providing information on the mine disaster.

How is it significant?

The New Australasian No. 2 Deep Lead Gold Mining Site and Memorial are historically, socially and scientifically important to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The New Australasian No. 2 Deep Lead Gold Mining Site and Memorial are historically and socially important for their associations with Victoria's most tragic underground mining accident. This event has had a long reaching effect, particularly on the Creswick district, and relics of the disaster, particularly the touchingly inscribed billy cans, are revered mementos

The New Australasian No. 2 Deep Lead Gold Mining 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.

## 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](#).

## Specific Exemptions:

### EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:

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 1880,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,  
Hermes Number 5050  
Property Number

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## History

Associated People:

## 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 1302 in the category described as a Heritage Place:

New Australasian No. 2 Deep Lead Gold Mining Site and Memorial, Australasian No. 2 Deep Lead Gold Mine Historic Area, Australasia Drive Creswick, Hepburn Shire Council.

### EXTENT:

1. All of the land marked L-1 (including all mining earthworks, monument and archaeological deposits) on Diagram Number 607657 held by the Executive Director and being part of Crown Allotment 10B, Section L, Parish of Creswick.

Dated 6 March 1997

RAY TONKIN  
Executive Director  
[Victoria Government Gazette No. G12 27 March 1997 p.715]

*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/>*