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Location

YACKANDANDAH TRACK and COHNS TRACK STANLEY, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1755

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO799

VHR Registration

November 26, 1998

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 31, 1999

What is significant?

The Yackandandah Creek Gold Hydraulic Sluicing Works is the most intact site of its type in Victoria. The substantial remains, including water race, delivery pipelines, jet elevator, sluice box and mine workings would belong to gold mining operations undertaken during the 1940s.

How is it significant?

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

Why is it significant?

The Yackandandah Creek Gold Hydraulic Sluicing Works is historically and scientifically 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. Mining of high terrace alluvial deposits was a major contributor to the continuation of gold mining after the great Victorian rushes of the 1850s. The technological requirements hydraulic sluicing from the 1860s onwards played an important role in the development of Victorian manufacturing industry. The Yackandandah Creek Gold Hydraulic Sluicing Works is an important manifestation of these facets of gold mining and is the most intact example of a gravity sluice mine in the State.

The Yackandandah Creek Gold Hydraulic Sluicing 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.

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 1940,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,

Hermes Number 5509

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 1755 in the category described as a Heritage place Archaeological place:

Yackandandah Creek Gold Hydraulic Sluicing Works, Junction of Yackandandah and Cohns Track,
Yackandandah, Indigo Shire

Council.

EXTENT:

1. All the Crown land including above ground features (jet elevator, sluice box, and delivery pipelines), water races, sluice hole, earthworks and pebble dumps, and all archaeological relics and deposits in a 250 metre radius with Australian Grid Co-ordinates E833 N783 (position of sluice box) on 1:100,000 map sheet number 8225 Albury.

Dated 5 November 1998.

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/>