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# BLIND CREEK OCHRE MINE & PROCESSING SITE



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processing site kooyoora state park view  
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## Location

OFF KINGOWER-ARNOLD ROAD KINGOWER, LODDON SHIRE

## Municipality

LODDON SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1757

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO142

## VHR Registration

November 26, 1998

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 31, 1999

The site has a number of features which, according to local information, belong to a turn-of-the-century commercial operation to mine and process ochre. No primary historical information has so far been found for this site. The archaeological remains - burnt clay lumps, Chilean mill, drains, pits, dumps of ground ochre, and ochre mines (six shafts) - support the local interpretation for the site. The lack of diagnostic 1930s artefacts also helps place the site around the suggested date.

The Blind Creek Ochre Mine and Processing Site is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Blind Creek Ochre Mine and Processing Site is historically and scientifically important as the State's only known example of a rare type of mining. The mineral processing plant is also a very rare artefact, being only one of small number of surviving example of Chilean mills in the State – three quarters of the others being at a historic gold mine at Costerfield and at the site of an early brickworks near Rushworth.

The Blind Creek Ochre Mine and Processing Site is archaeologically important for its integrity and potential to yield artefacts on a hitherto unknown aspect of the State's post-settlement mining industry.

## Permit Exemptions

EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS: (Classes of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit under Part 4 of the Heritage Act 1995) No permits are required for the following classes of works provided they are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Conservation-Management Plan For Historic Mining Sites \* Mineral Exploration \* Fire suppression duties \* Timber production \* Weed and vermin control \* Public safety \* Rehabilitation

Construction dates 1900,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,

Hermes Number 5511

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 1757 in the category described as a Heritage place, Archaeological place:

Blind Creek Ochre Mine and Processing Site, Junction of Parsons and Old Kingower Roads, Kooyoora State Park, Loddon Shire Council.

### EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown land including the remnants of Ochre mines, Chilian mill, channels, pits, dumps and any archaeological objects and deposits within a radius of 250 metres of a point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E436 N480 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 7624 Dunolly. The land is part of Crown land parcel P123107.

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/>*