
NEW ADA MILL



1 new ada mill ada valley piedmont foundations aug1998

Location

WALK INTO HISTORY TRACK ADA, BAW BAW SHIRE

Municipality

BAW BAW SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1820

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO245

VHR Registration

June 17, 1999

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is significant?

The New Ada Mill was operated by the Victorian Hardwood Company from 1931-1942, to exploit the virgin stands of mountain ash on the ridges north of the Ada River. Although the machinery has been removed, most of the structure of the mill has survived, including the wall and roof beams, and substantial concrete foundations. The remnants of at least ten wooden huts lie south-west of the mill shed, while numerous large tree stumps around the site indicate the size of trees originally logged.

How is it significant?

The New Ada Mill is of archaeological significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The New Ada Mill is archaeologically significant as a comparatively well preserved example of a typical steam-powered sawmill, which operated in Victoria's premier logging region of the early twentieth century. The site has the potential to provide physical evidence relating to the technological history of the timber industry, and the cultural history of sawmilling settlements.

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.

 Exemptions:
 * fire suppression
 * public safety
 * land care maintenance
 * erosion and salinity control
 * weed and vermin control

Construction dates 1931,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,

Hermes Number 5577

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 1820 in the category described as a Heritage Place, Archaeological Place:

New Ada Mill, Ada Valley, Baw Baw Shire.

EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown land including concrete machinery foundations, collapsed structures, surface artefacts and any other remains of sawmilling and associated residential activity within a 100 metre radius of the point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E980 N135 on 1:25,000 Map Sheet No. 8022-2-4 Ada River.

Dated 3 June 1999.

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/>