
SANDY CREEK/COLIBAN RIVER GOLD WORKINGS

Location

CALDER FREEWAY ELPHINSTONE, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0521

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site Heritage Inventory Interpretation: Standard gold working region.

Hermes Number 8169

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: There is no specific mention of this area of gold working to be found in the available sources. However, the Mining Surveyor's report of April 1860 reported that, "The Coliban River itself... From its junction with the Campaspe up to the town of Taradale has been searched nearly through the whole length of its channel for gold, and many a good yield has its pools afforded when emptied during the summer months. ... The small alluvial flats along the river's banks in many places have been wrought out and yielded well, yet no breadth of country on either side has been worked. Many Chinese and also Europeans are still busily employed in these flats." While not specifically of this site, the description is an appropriate one. The river flats along the Coliban were mostly worked during the early days of gold exploration at Taradale and this site is probably to be dated to the late 1850s or early 1860s.

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.

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