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bend mildura front view dec1990



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bend mildura rear view



psyche bend pumping station psyche
bend mildura detail entrance



psyche bend pumping station psyche
bend mildura interior with machinery



h00548 psyche bend pumping station
psyche bend mildura engine room close
up she project 2003



h00548 psyche bend pumping station
psyche bend mildura smoke box and
chimney base she project 2003

Location

PSYCHE BEND ROAD IRYMPLE, MILDURA RURAL CITY

Municipality

MILDURA RURAL CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0548

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO301

VHR Registration

October 26, 1983

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 22, 1999

The various pumping stations were constructed by the Chaffey brothers as part of their vast irrigation scheme built after 1887. The brothers had come from North America, with the support of Alfred Deakin, where they had gained experience in California and around the great lakes.

The pumping stations were the beginning of an extensive system of irrigation channels. Psyche bend was the first, pumping the water out of the river. King's billabong was the main pumping station where four centrifugal pumps were capable of raising 32,000 gallons per minute together. The Ninety Foot and Nichol's Point pumping stations were further along the main channel and served most of surrounding land, the highest in the settlement. The Lock Nine Pumping Station is independent of the main system and was built later.

Several buildings at Psyche Bend have been demolished but the pump house remains intact with its engines. The design is very similar to the brick pump houses at billabong and Nichol's Point where the engines have been removed. Nichol's Point has been substantially altered. The Lock Nine Pumping Station is the most complete with the original boiler surviving as well as the pumps and channelling. This building is constructed of corrugated iron. The pumping stations are considered to be of national significance for their historical associations and as examples of industrial architecture.

Construction dates 1887,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,
Hermes Number 845
Property Number

History

Associated People: Assoc.People ALFRED DEAKIN

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 548, Psyche Bend Pumping Station, Psyche Bend, Shire of Mildura (to the extent of the Pumping Station Building, its associated works and the whole of the reserve).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No.109 26 October 1983 p. 3493]

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